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Paradise vacation gets extension when airplane doesn't return to take OTOW travelers home

By Doug Kates

What happens when you fly to an exotic island, but your airplane doesn't come back to pick you up?

Panic? Get angry? Fear you'll never get home?

According to On Top of the World residents Marilyn Whelan, Dottie Meissner and Dulce Boyce, you don't do any of the above.

Instead, you cherish every extra hour in paradise that comes your way.

Anyone who has ever traveled by airplane knows what it feels like to be stranded in an airport - maybe an hour, maybe a few hours, maybe overnight.

But for Marilyn, Dottie, Dulce and their friend Hessa Klasman, they were stranded four days without a ride home.

They flew from Tampa to Boston to the Azores, which are a series of nine islands off the coast of Portugal.

After their vacation was supposed to end, they all drove to the airport expecting to fly home, but the Azores-based airline ran into a couple of problems. One of their planes was involved in a minor accident. Their only other plane was struck by a food truck at the Boston airport.

Anyone who was in the Azores was stranded there. Anyone in Boston, waiting to get to the Azores, was stranded, too.

What did our four ladies do?

They went to a bullfight.

Seriously.

"We went to the airport fully expecting to leave," Marilyn said. "But they announced the plane would be delayed due to mechanical issues."

The plane never arrived.

However, other planes were arriving from other countries and suddenly, during the Azores biggest festival of the year, the main island had too many people and all the hotels were filled.

The airline had to find places for its stranded passengers to stay.

Marilyn, Dottie, Dulce and Hessa got very lucky. They were sent to a 16th century mansion estate, which was open to guests.

They ended up spending the next four days there and the airline paid for it all.

"You decide before you go on vacation that you're going to have a good time, and we certainly did," Marilyn said.

The four ladies were three miles from



Pictured above, Hessa Klasman, Marilyn Wheland, Dulce Boyce and Dottie Meissner take in a scenic stop at one of the Azores islands. Below, Dottie gets ready to enter the bullring for an afternoon of bullfights.

the closest town. Each day they took a cab, saw the sights, ate native cuisine and drank home-grown wine.

One day they walked down a never-ending stairwell into the depth of a dormant volcano.

On another day they went to the bullfights - something they never even imagined would be on their vacation agenda.

For Marilyn and Dottie, who have traveled everywhere together, the extra days were wonderful. For Dulce, it was a chance to spend more time in her native land. Dulce is originally from the Azores, and she was the one who convinced Marilyn and Dottie to take a trip there.

It's one thing to have an Azores Building at On Top of the World. It's another thing to experience the real Azores in person.

Dulce lived 20 years in the Azores. On this extended vacation, she had the chance to visit one island she had never seen before.

It was a thrill for everyone - but yes - the trip did eventually come to an end.

Finally, the ladies were told the Azores



airline had hired a charter plane to come and pick everyone up. At the airport, it was a mob scene, as hundreds of people were trying to get on a plane that seated only 400 people.

Our ladies, once again, got lucky. They were issued seats, but they left with mixed

emotions.

Dottie was asked what she liked most about the trip. She said the royal treatment, served with native food and drinks.

Asked how many of the native wines she was able to try, Dottie said, "All of them."



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East Activity Center Renovations

Check with the Community Service Office for status of a reserved room in the EAC



Renovations to the upper level of the East Activity Center will continue through early October.

Due to the scope of the work planned, it has become necessary to keep the activity center closed until the completion of the entire project. Closures, as a reminder, includes the pool and fitness center.

The Community Service Office will remain open during the renovations. Should you have anything scheduled for the beginning of October, and want to doublecheck the status of having a room, please stop in to the CSO and talk to Nancy Rogers.

You can also email Nancy at general_activity@otowfl.com and she will assist you in making any necessary schedule changes.

As a reminder, an EAC pool resurfacing project has been scheduled to begin Monday, Nov. 27, and will continue through Friday, Dec. 29. Notices will be posted prior to work commencing.

Emergency Call Boxes Now Available

The East and West Activity Centers now have 911 emergency call boxes installed in each pool area.

They will only dial 911 and must be used in the event of an emergency only.

The phones do not have the capability to call local/long distance numbers.

Instructions are located inside each call box, along with the address you are calling from. At a later date, an additional call box will be placed at the golf course with an exact location to be determined later.

Fitness Center Reminders

As a reminder, kindly follow our rules when using the Fitness Center.

We only allow On Top of the World residents and approved tenants to utilize the facility, with no exceptions

Guests are welcome in most areas, however, the Fitness Center is one area not open to guests, children, or non-residents.

All residents are required to show their valid activity card upon staff request and any non-compliant individuals will be asked to leave the facility.

All non-compliance issues will be forwarded to the Association to address. For



Pictured above is what remained of the Gift Shoppe as renovations began in the East Activity Center in August.

your convenience, a full list of guidelines is posted in several areas throughout the Fitness Center.

Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI)

OLLI is an education program designed to provide affordable, engaging non-credit courses and travel programs for those seniors 50 and above.

If you are interested in joining OLLI, and participating in classes here, please visit them online at www.eckerd.edu/olli/join or call them at 727-864-7600 for more information on class schedules and joining this wonderful program.

Classes are held in the West Activity Center Learning Lab at various days and times throughout the year.

Check at the Community Service Office for exact dates and times.

As a courtesy, please note that classes are for paid participants only and you may be asked to exit the area if you are not a paid student. You may return when a class is over.

For your convenience in determining when lectures are in session, signs will be posted prior to the start of each class.

Haz-to-Go Mobile Collection

On Tuesday, Oct. 17, the Haz-to-Go mobile collection unit will be at the West Activity Center parking lot from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. On Thursday, Oct. 19, they will be at the East Activity Center North parking lot area from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Haz-to-Go is a service that brings a collection trailer to communities that request to host their own mini-mobile events for the collection of hazardous electronics and chemicals.

WHAT YOU CAN BRING

CHEMICALS: Automotive fluids, batteries (household or vehicle), cleaners, cooking oil, fertilizers, fluorescent bulbs and other mercury containing devices, fuels (i.e. gasoline, kerosene), fungicides,

herbicides, insecticides, motor oil, paint (latex or oil), paint remover, paint thinner, pesticides, pool chemicals, smoke detectors, solvents, wood preservatives.

How to package & transport chemicals

(1) Do NOT mix chemicals together. (2) Keep products in original labeled containers if possible. (3) Place containers into cardboard boxes. Use crumpled newspaper in boxes to prevent breakage. (4) Place leaky containers in CLEAR plastic bags, and transport in boxes with newspaper. (5) Put boxes in the trunk or in back of vehicle away from passengers. (6) Place individual batteries in separate plastic bags, or cover terminals with heavy tape to prevent short-circuits.

ELECTRONICS: Camcorders, CD players, cell phones or smartphones, computers and/or peripherals, copiers, digital cameras, DVD players, fax machines, GPS units, marine depth finders, microwave ovens, pagers, portable players (i.e. MP3, iPod), printer or toner cartridges, radios, stereo equipment, telephones, TVs, VCRs, video game players.

WHAT NOT TO BRING

A/C units, appliances, biological or infectious waste, empty paint cans, explosives, fire extinguishers, garbage, gas cylinders larger than one pound (i.e. propane tanks), medicine, radioactive waste, tires.

Important Phone Numbers

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 service ticket, such as general building issues in the common areas only. Once the need is identified, a ticket will be generated and then submitted to the appropriate department to be addressed.

From time to time, it may become necessary for us to contact you with questions regarding your request, but generally, once the service ticket is generated, it will be addressed based on priority.

All tickets will then be addressed in the order in which they are received. As a reminder, it is not necessary to report service requests more than one time. If you have any questions regarding your request please stop into the Community Service Office for more information.

Important Reminder: 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.

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.

Also, for renewal you will need \$3 and your expiring/expired card. If you do not have your card, you will need to bring \$25 for purchasing and processing of a new card. 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. 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.



When it's 100 degrees outside, we're still doing our best to keep your grass short

Labor Day signals the end of summer with fall officially beginning on Sept. 22.

This has been a hot, humid summer with above average rainfall for our area. The additional rainfall, combined with a low unemployment rate of 3.6 percent, created a challenging summer for the Management Company's landscape crews.

The community experiences a peak demand for landscape personnel in the summer months. Unfortunately, few applicants are interested in working in an outdoor environment that typically reaches a heat index of 100 degrees.

I do want to thank the Management Company employees for their commitment in getting the job done. Not only did they cross train individuals from other departments to assist, the management staff also assisted the landscape crews.

I also want to thank the residents for your patience and understanding. While we did get a few complaints regarding the length of grass, the majority of our residents understood the temporary conditions and some even offered to assist the



crews.

I would like to say "thank you" to those residents who offered cold water bottles to the work teams during the past few weeks of August. While the gesture was not expected or encouraged, it was much appreciated!

On another note, the Association receives on average of 120 pieces of correspondence each month. A sampling of the correspondence received includes service related items, suggestions, meeting

requests to assist in resolving specific matters, as well as complaints about perceived rule violations.

The Association requests that you provide specific date, time, location and specific description of what you observed. This is especially important when you write regarding possible rule violations.

One of the duties of the Board is enforcement of the provisions of the Declaration, By-laws and Association rules. Enforcement action may only occur on valid Association matters reinforced by factual information.

If you are witness to a violation, I encourage you to write the Association. If a violation is brought to you by a "well meaning" neighbor, please encourage them to document the facts and send the information to the Association.

The Association does not act based on hearsay or rumors. Matters that require action must be documented for legal follow-up.

During the next few months, my columns will feature a review of the OTOW Condo Association Amended

and Restated Rules. You may view and/or print a copy of the rules by visiting the On Top of the World website at - www.otowclearwaterinfo.com under the Community Information tab. Copies of the rules are also available at the Community Service Office at the East Activity Center.

And finally, there are many projects that will commence in the upcoming months. The East Activity outdoor recreation area has been submitted for final review by Pinellas County. We anticipate demolition to commence in October 2017. Construction fencing will be installed prior to demolition around the construction zones. Please adhere to all informational and safety signage when posted. Your patience during this time will be rewarded by a beautiful pavilion, picnic tables, dock and new recreational courts.

As a reminder, use of common areas for parties and/or events whether private or open to all residents, must have the advance approval of the Association. Please visit the Community Service Office to request space or obtain approval for your event.

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Improve cell signals, WiFi, in your condo

By Joe Wisinski

Cell phone owners at On Top Of the World know that wireless Internet reception inside our condos isn't always great.

This is because we're inside large buildings that interfere with signal strength. That may result in a poor connection, dropped calls, or a weak connection to the Internet.

Fortunately, there's a solution for this issue, and the OTOW Computer Club learned about it at a recent meeting.

The club discussed a device called a "cellspot," which is available from wireless carrier T-Mobile. The device boosts wi-fi signal strength, providing more dependable voice calls and more consistent data speeds.

Technically, a cellspot doesn't boost signal strength, it creates a new signal. But the result is the same -- improved coverage.

T-Mobile provides the cellspot at no charge to any of its customer who request it, al-



though a \$25 refundable fee may apply. There are no monthly or other ongoing fees for the device.

Installation is simple and fast. The device plugs into the modem/router and a standard wall socket.

In one OTOW condo, the installation of a cellspot increased the number of bars on a phone, which are a message of



Pictured above is a typical cellspot, which enhances wi-fi signals.

signal strength, from one to five.

The devices, which are sometimes called mini-towers, also help tablets communicate with the Internet more consis-

tently.

Other carriers may provide similar devices to their customers. Check with your cell phone provider for availability.

The Computer Club meets every Saturday morning at 8:30 a.m. in the Learning Lab at the West Activity Center. Visitors are welcome. Club members may come to the Learning Lab from 8:30 a.m. to 10 a.m. Monday through Friday for free assistance with computer issues.

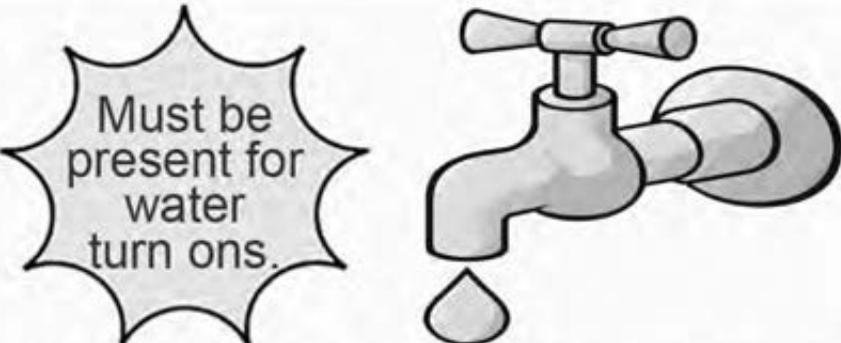
For more information about the Computer Club, go to www.otowcc.com. We are also on the Box Office.

Have you ever visited the On Top of the World Box Office?

Currently, it is the best place to receive renovation updates, scheduling information, entertainment schedules, learn about various clubs, check out the book club, look up library books, check out the Good Karma Cafe, play games and read the newspaper online.

Curious to learn more?

As a Computer Club advisor how you can browse the Box Office.



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

- (1) CALL: 727-799-3417 (Option 6)
Messages are retrieved Mon-Fri, 7-5 p.m.
- (2) Visit the East Activity Center Community Service Desk from 8:30-3, Monday-Friday.
- (3) Go Online to otowclearwaterinfo.com and fill out a service request.
- (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

Service Policy

Residents must provide a date and time for service. A minimum 2-hour service window exists. Field personnel answer requests from 7:30 a.m.-5:15 p.m. weekdays and 7:30-11:30 a.m. weekends. There is no charge during normal business hours. You must be present in all circumstances for your water to be turned on. Your signature is required.

EAC Renovation Updates

- visit the Community Service Office
- view your online OTOW newspaper
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What is a Ground Fault Interrupter

To this end, the Management Company was directed by your Board the task of surveying and contacting residents who have a *unit owner installed electrical outlet* in the common element, such as the common walkway or on an exterior outdoor back porch.

If the outlet is not currently protected by a ground fault circuit interruption receptacle (GFCI or GFI) and a weather proof, or in-use service cover, residents are being notified by means of a compliance letter.

In these particular situations, the electrical outlet was a resident addition and the electrical outlets are controlled by the resident's inside electrical service. Thus, the resident is solely responsible for the maintenance, regardless if a previous owner installed them.

So what is a GFCI or GFI?

When I want a concise definition of something, I turn to Wikipedia, which describes a GFCI as follows: A GFCI is an automatic device that offers personal protection against lethal electrical shock or electrocution.

Three types of GFCIs are commonly used in homes – the GFCI outlet, the GFI circuit breaker and the portable GFCI.

A GFCI works by measuring the current leaving one side of a power source (the so-called “live” or “hot wire”), and comparing it to current returning on the other (“neutral”) side.

If the currents are not equal, then some of the current must be leaking in an unwanted way and the GFCI shuts the power off.

After the problem is fixed, the device must be reset manually by pushing a reset button (the button in the image shown at right).

If the problem is not fixed, the GFCI will keep shutting off.

There is also a test button next to the reset button, which shows that the GFCI works properly.

GFCI outlets should be tested at least once a month.

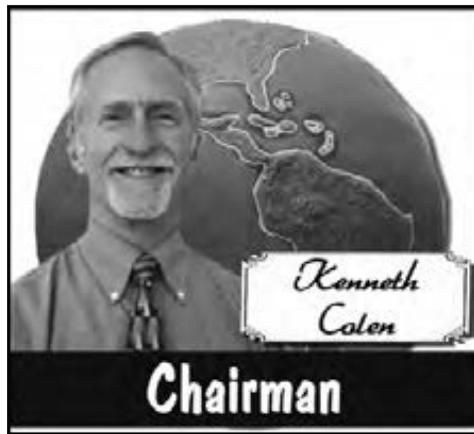
The problem with circuit overloads can be a serious issue. Witness the Dec. 26, 2015, catastrophic fire in a single condo. The sole cause was an overloaded circuit breaker that eventually erupted into flame igniting combustibles (clothing and closet contents) within the condo. The one-off from that is overloading a circuit and causing a very dangerous situation of either shock, combustion or both.

So yes, the Board tends to be very attentive to such potential safety hazards.

Electrical code requires the use of GFCI outlets in all areas exposed to the elements (exterior) or any wet area. GFCI is required in kitchen and bathroom locations for all new construction or remodel work. GFCI technology is part of the current electrical code.

To this point, the large majority of resident responses have been positive and receptive to the management company's requests and have already made the proper corrections.

In keeping with providing a safe, electrical environment, throughout the com-



munity, the management company is in the process of retrofitting all center core outlets with GFCI receptacles to keep both residents and floor maintenance team employees safe.

Brownout

During the weekend of Aug. 12, portions of Pinellas County experienced a “brownout” of electrical power, presumably due to very high demand in the hot weather.

While unusual, it is not unheard of.

For most residents, this kind of event is an annoyance when your AC stops running. For your Association, it was a really big deal because low voltage for a sustained period of a few minutes can cause three-phase motors, such as large pumps and elevator motors, to burn up in a big hurry.

While the elevators have low voltage interruption devices, these safety devices may save the elevator, but they take the unit out of service until manually reset.

Fortunately for this community, the Management Company has a service staff on call for such emergencies. They spent a very busy afternoon setting and resetting elevators affected in the low voltage interruption. I'm pleased to report that only one elevator was badly damaged and unable to be returned to service. It was back in service a few days later.

Insurance Update

Tropical storm season is a reminder to each resident to check in with your insurance agent and make sure the insurance coverage on your unit and contents is adequate.

If you feel “lucky” and go without insurance, or believe you can self-insure any loss, please reconsider because the cost of repair or reconstruction may well exceed the market value of your condominium at the time of the event.

It is the obligation of every owner to insure the contents of their unit.

Contents coverage may vary greatly depending on what you own. As a basic point though, you need adequate limits to cover furnishings, personal items, floor coverings, appliances and cabinetry.

All carriers write an HO6 rider that provides for loss assessment coverage in the event of a special assessment from the Association to cover unforeseen shortfalls or losses.

In the On Top of the World Condominium Association, buildings are insured

under a master policy in the name of the Association. The deductible is \$10,000 for any event per occurrence including wind/hail related damage. Named storm events carry a separate deductible of 5 percent of the total value at the time of loss, at each location involved in the loss, subject to a minimum (community wide) deductible of \$250,000 for any one occurrence.

With respect to flood (rising water), earthquake, and flood resulting from a named storm, all loss, damage, and/or expense arising out of any one occurrence shall be adjusted as one loss, and from an amount of each such adjusted loss there is a \$100,000 deductible.

For more information, please visit www.otowclearwaterinfo.com then click “Community” and download the pdf document entitled: Insurance Responsibility of the Individual Unit Owner.

Water Heaters

The Community Service Office has handled numerous major leaks from improperly maintained water heaters.

The replacement and maintenance of water heaters is the responsibility of the unit owner.

In all cases, the owner found out how important having insurance is when faced with paying for the extensive damage to their unit, the adjoining units and the Association property between the units. The Association will seek reimbursement from the unit owner for its repair work in every instance.

Painting/Waterproofing

September will see a painting contractor relocate their crews and equipment back to the east side of property with Building 21 being the first in line to have its front façade repainted.

This involves pressure washing of the structure, proper sealing of any hairline cracks and then completing the process with the application of a high quality paint coating.

As always, please keep in mind that the painting contractor will be operating in close proximity to parking areas and front/rear porches which may require the temporary displacement of vehicles or property.

Thank you for your cooperation in advance and keep in mind that inclement weather can affect start and completion dates.

Address Numbers

The installation of new unit address numbers is yet another community improvement project that residents will see the management company performing this year.

As the painting contractor moves throughout the property this improvement cycle, management company crews will be installing new life-safety compliant, reflective unit numbers.

Bulletins will be posted in advance of the work advising residents of the process and what they can expect. While any unit numbers attached to the common element wall will be removed by the paint-

ing contractor, numbers installed on front unit doors will need to be removed by the unit owner. If a unit owner wishes, they may contract the management company for the removal of any old numbers for a nominal fee.

Construction, Roofing and large scope projects

A walkway light fixture project is scheduled to begin again in the month of September with buildings 64, 65, 67, 68, 69 and 70.

These improvements require that work crews perform the work in close proximity to condo unit entrances, so please be mindful and exercise caution in and around these areas. As always, we appreciate your cooperation.

Reoccurring reminders for all community residents

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

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

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

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

Walkway 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.

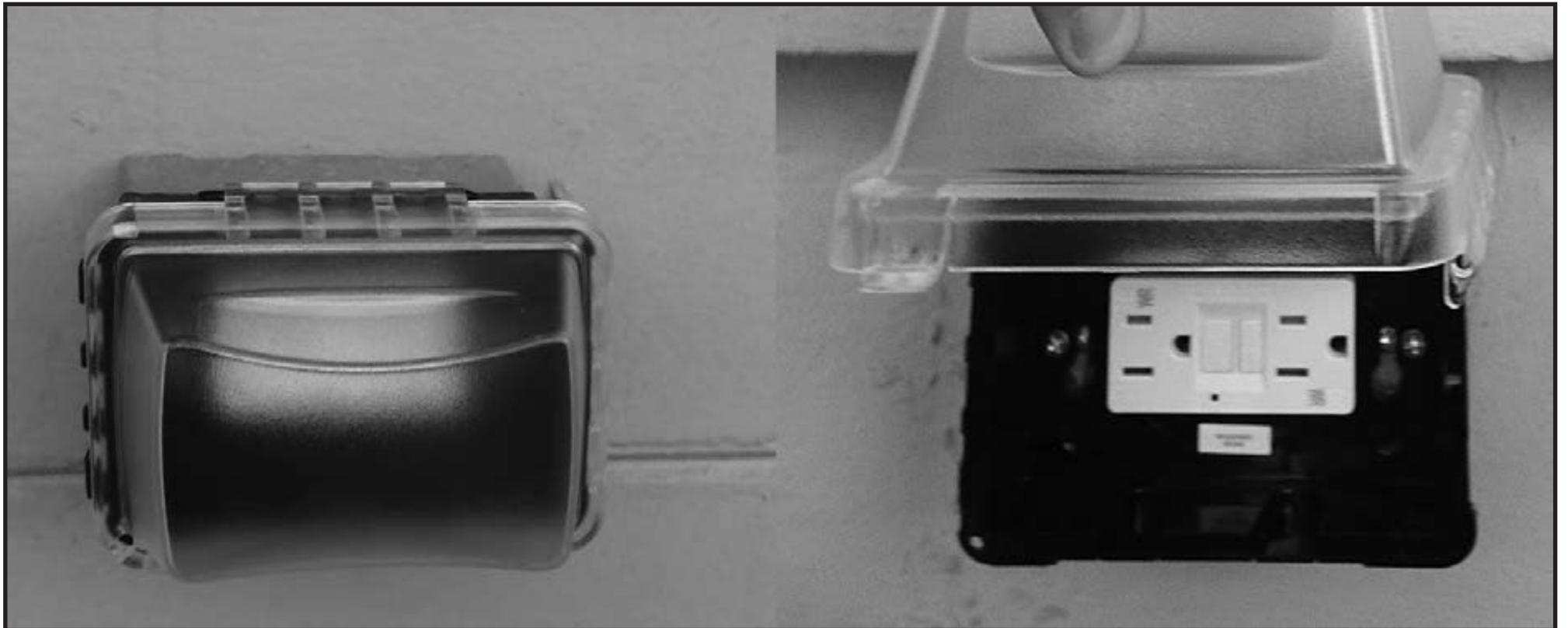
The Inspection Services team, in conjunction with the Parkway construction department, will continue prepping buildings scheduled for new paint coatings in the current improvement cycle.

This has been an ongoing endeavor throughout the community over the last few years and encompasses the removal of all association unapproved plant hanger 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

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(GFI) and why do residents need it?



Pictured above is a GFI unit in the closed position and in the open position. This device is a safer way to control current.

anything to the common element in the future.

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

The purpose of their contact will be to advise residents that the painting vendor will be color matching all external doors to the majority building color as is required by the condominium association rules.

This will usually require no action by the unit owner other than to allow access to the entire door surface for the coating to be applied.

If for some reason you were not at home when this work takes place, you may contact the Community Service Office and schedule a follow-up visit by the coatings vendor.

We appreciate your cooperation in making this project a success across the community.

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 East.

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. Thanks for your advance cooperation.

Many first floor unit owners will be receiving notification from the Inspection Services department over the

coming months as the management company works towards the removal of all unapproved decorative stones throughout the community. The stones are not only an unapproved item for use in landscaping, but have the 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 requiring action on your part, please remove the stone at the earliest convenience.

The Inspection Services division is continuing to find many awnings with compromised connection points to the common element. In response, they 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.

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

The management company is asking that all residents comply and not replant the areas.

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

Please keep in mind that the condominium association requires a modification request for any landscape alterations. Many times decorative rocks or landscaping is installed without the advance ap-

proval 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. These efforts make for an overall safer community in which to live. If you receive notification that an item is out of compliance, please correct the issue immediately. If you have a question and were not able to speak with a compliance representative at the time of the notification, please stop by the Community Service Office and request an appointment. Someone will be glad to contact you.

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

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Ingredients

2 Cornish Hens
 Kosher salt
 Freshly ground black pepper
 1 tbs extra-virgin olive oil
 1 onion chopped
 2 ribs celery chopped
 1 orange bell pepper, seeded and chopped
 1 red bell pepper, seeded and chopped
 1 yellow bell pepper, seeded and chopped
 1 cup carrots, diced
 3 cloves garlic, chopped
 2 tablespoons thyme
 4 slices bacon, chopped
 1 tablespoon all-purpose flour
 1 can (14 oz) stewed tomatoes
 1 bottle (12oz) lager beer
 1 cup chicken stock
 2 tablespoons hot sauce

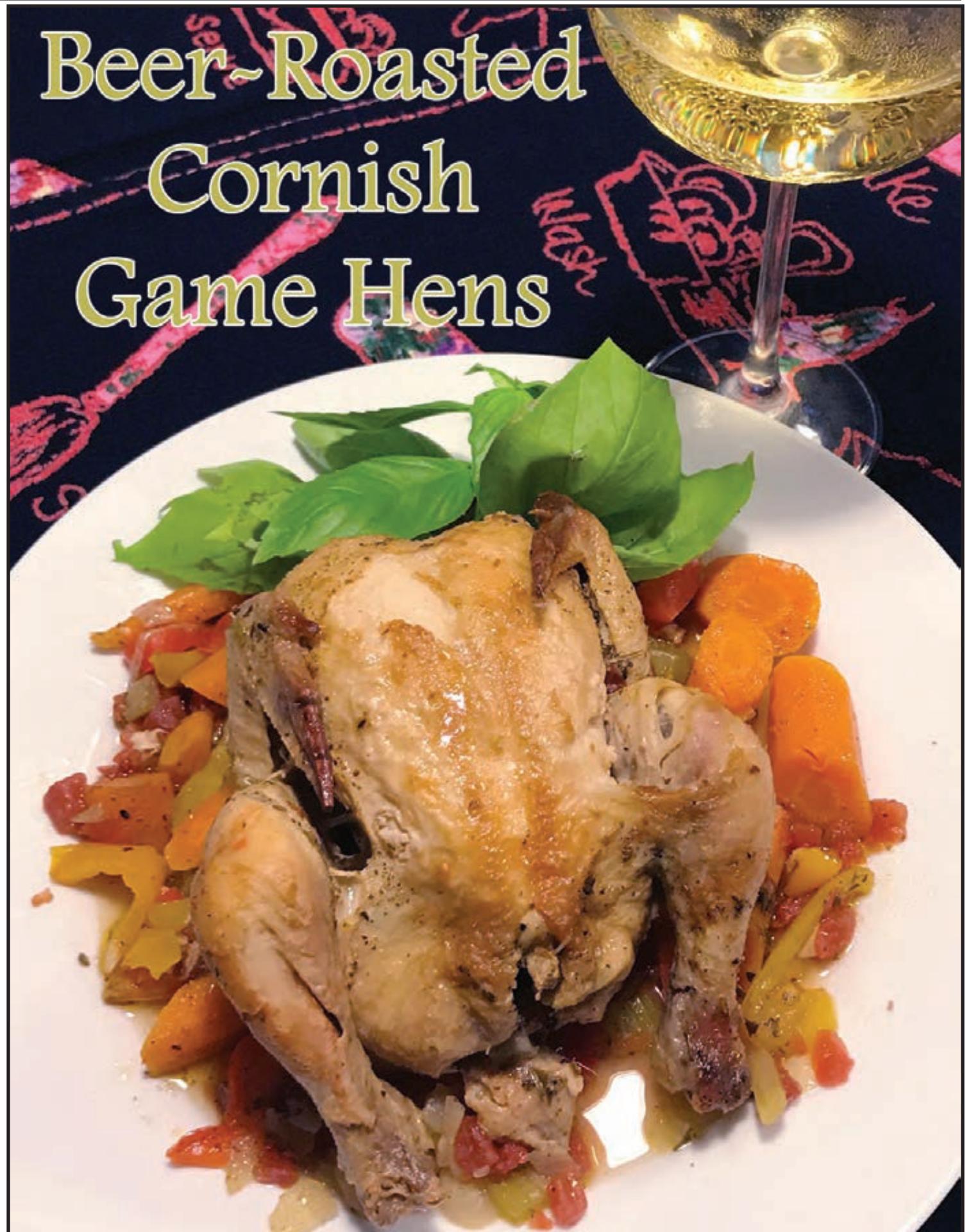
The Perfect Beverage

Domaine Guenault Touraie - from the Loire Valley, France, is 100% Sauvignon Blanc, crisp and refreshing, with rich, ripe lime and grapefruit aromas and flavors.

Tip Of The Month

To keep brown sugar from hardening, throw a few marshmallows into the bag. They'll keep the sugar moist.

This recipe is online at OnTopOfTheWorldNews.com click the Box Office link



Directions

Preheat oven to 350 degree.
 Pat the Cornish Hens dry. Season with salt and pepper
 Heat 1 tablespoon extra-virgin olive oil in a Dutch oven over medium-high heat.
 Add the Cornish Hens one at a time and brown on all sides.
 Remove the hens to a plate and spoon out half of the drippings.
 Add the bacon.
 Brown for two minutes and then add the onion, celery, garlic, thyme, pepper, carrots.
 Cook to soften, for about 10 minutes over medium heat.
 Add the flour, stir 1 to 2 minutes, and then pour in the beer and let the foam subside.
 Stir in the tomatoes, stock and hot sauce. Let the sauce thicken a bit.
 Then add the Cornish Hens to the pot, cover and bake for 1 1/2 hours.
 Remove the hens from the pot plate and pour the sauce over each hens. Serve warm crusty bread.

If you can act, sing, dance, sew, lift props or create background art, join the Jesters 2018 show

By Sue Calinski

The Jesters have news for you!

If you thought last year's show was great, just wait until you see the one we have coming up in 2018!

We listened to your feedback and have designed the show with you in mind. This year's title is "Oh, What a Night!" and we have jam-packed it with plenty of humor, music and dancing, all focused on the period from 1960 to 1979.

Many surprises are in store!

This year's Cast Call will be on Oct. 3, from 3-5 p.m. in the East Activity Center Starlite Room, pending completion of renovations. Other notices will be posted if a change of location is required.

If you are interested in being in the Jesters show this year, you will need to be at the Cast Call to audition.

If you, or someone you know, is planning to be in the show, and will not be able to attend the auditions, please notify Lee Catalfomo to make alternate arrangements. Contact him at lee61951@gmail.com.

Remember, all parts will be assigned based on auditions. Don't miss out!

We also have plenty of room for those who prefer to not be on stage. There is always a need for backstage help during the show, help gathering and creating props and costumes, as well as backgrounds.

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You could be on stage for the Jesters 2018 show 'Oh, What a Night!' Auditions may begin Oct. 3.

To become a Jester, the cost is just \$5 for the year. Not only will this expand your horizons by learning more about theater, but also will give you a whole new circle of friends.

Jesters also hold special dinners for members throughout the year.

Our first monthly meeting will be on Wednesday, Sept. 13, at 7 p.m. in the West Activity Center Sunrise Room. More details regarding this year's show will be announced at this time.

We look forward to welcoming new members as well as our regular "old faith-

fuls," so be sure to be there!

Watch OTOW-TV channels 89.1 and 732 for more information. We are on the Box Office at OnTopOfTheWorldNews.com. We will post notices on your building bulletin board.

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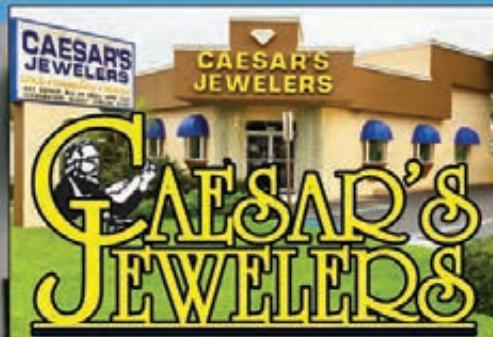
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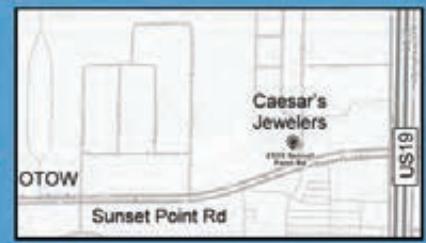
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September

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DAILY/WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

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

BILLIARDS

8-Ball, Mondays, 6:30 pm, Billiards Room
 10-Ball, Tuesdays, 6:30 pm, Billiards Room
 9-Ball, Tuesdays, Fridays, 12:30 pm, Billiards Room
 Doubles, Thursdays, 6:30 pm, Billiards Room
 QT, Wednesdays, 6 pm, Billiards Room

BONESAVERS

M,W,F, 8 am, Rainbow Room

CHESS

Tuesdays, Thursdays, 2 pm, Rainbow Room

CHINESE PAINT BRUSH

Tuesdays, 12:30 pm, Learning Lab

COMPUTER CLUB- All in Learning Lab

M,T,W,H,F, 8:30 am, Gen. Assistance, T'shooting
 Saturdays, 8:30 am, General Meeting/Presentations
 Saturdays, 8:30 am, Help with Windows 10
 Saturdays, 8:30 am, Help with I-Pads and Tablets

CONTRACT BRIDGE

Thursdays, noon, Learning Lab

CRIBBAGE

Wednesdays, 10 am, Rainbow Room

DANCING WITH NOLAND

Mondays, 1 pm, Sunrise Room

DOUBLE PINOCHLE

Sundays, Wednesdays, 12:30 pm, Rainbow Room

EXERCISES CO-ED

M,W,F, 10 am, Learning Lab

LADIES EXERCISES

M,T,W,F, 8 am, Sunrise Room (no Thursdays)

MAHJONGG

M, W, F 1 pm, Rainbow Room

Mondays, 4:45 pm, Sunrise Room

PRACTICING DANCE STEPS

Tuesdays, 6 pm, Sunrise Room

PING PONG

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

PINOCHLE

(Tuesday & Thursday groups will meet one day)

Thursdays, 6:30 pm, Sunrise Room

SCOPA

Mondays, Wednesdays, 6:30 pm, Learning Lab

SOCIAL DANCE LESSONS

Thursdays, 1 pm, Sunrise Room

SLIMNASTICS

M,T,W,F, 9 am, Sunrise Room (no Thursdays)

TAI CHI

W,F, 2 pm, Sunrise Room

M,W, 2:45 pm, Beginners, Sunrise Room

T, H, 5:15 pm, Intermediate, Sunrise Room

TEXAS CARD CLUBS

Bob: Tuesdays, 6:30 pm, Rainbow Room

Tom: Tuesdays, 6:30 pm, Rainbow Room

Carol: Wednesdays, Fridays, 6 pm, Sunrise/Rainbow

Mike: Wednesdays, Fridays, 5:30 pm, Rainbow

Ron: Mondays, Thursdays, 6 pm, Rainbow Room

WATER AEROBICS

M,T,W,H,F, 9 am, WAC Swimming Pool

YOGA with MARILYN

Tuesdays only, 10:15 am, WAC Learning Lab

ZUMBA

Mondays, Fridays, 9 am, Rainbow Room

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25	26 Line Dancing 1:00 PM - Su Bible Study M 7:00 PM - Lea Philosophy C 10:00 AM - R

*If an activity is not listed during the renovation period,
that group is taking time off instead of relocating.*

CLOSED IN SEPTEMBER

(should reopen in early October)

- Good Karma Café
- Fitness Center
- Library
- Wood Shop
- Jewelry Making
- EAC Swimming Pool
- Coffee Corner
- Auditorium
- Newspaper office has been relocated to first floor of EAC.

The East
Watch the Box Of

TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			01 Travel Club Meeting 12:00 PM - Sunrise Room	02 Line Dancing 8:30 AM - Sunrise Room Pray For America Meeting 10:00 AM - Rainbow Room
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Activity Center is expected to reopen in early October.
 Office, OTOW-TV and the online October newspaper for updates

Good Karma Book Club continues to meet while library closes during renovations

By Katy Gerritt

The Good Karma Book Club has become an official On Top of the World Club!

We meet on the first and third Thursday of each month at 10:30 a.m. in the West Activity Center Learning Lab.

Our first meeting of each month is a discussion of the book chosen by the group.

We pick books by a variety of authors, but have also focused on Florida authors for most of this year.

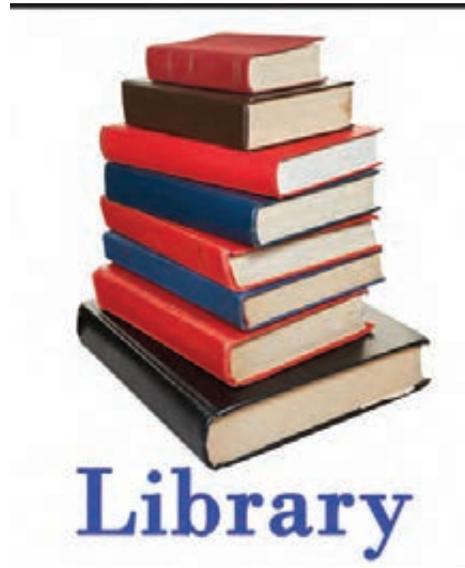
Books have been short stories, thrillers and even novels based in Florida.

We have made some great choices that should appeal to most readers.

Our meeting on the third Thursday of each month is a book-sharing conversation, where members talk about what they are reading now, favorite authors and reading activities in the community.

You can also order lunch from the Good Karma to eat during the meetings.

A special book shelf will be in the



library dedicated to the book club. The shelf will be filled with copies of the books we have already read in case others want to enjoy them.

The On Top of the World library will

be closed in September due to renovations in the East Activity Center.

A projected reopening date would be early October.

Check out OTOW-TV channels 98_1 and 732 for the latest updates. You can also check the Box Office at OnTopOfTheWorldNews.com.

When we do reopen, our Monday hours will be 10 a.m. to noon.

Wednesday and Friday hours will be 1-3 p.m.

We will have quite a few new books to add by October, so be sure to come see us when we reopen. Our new books are also listed on the Box Office.

The library drop box will also remain closed throughout September, so please hang on to returns or donations until we reopen.

If you took out books in July or August, the due date is the first week we reopen in October.

If you are cleaning out and need to

get rid of books during September, bring them to a public library branch or the Salvation Army.

Also, nursing homes and assisted living facilities often appreciate these donations.

We are tentatively planning a trip Saturday, Nov. 11, to the 2017 Festival of Reading in St. Petersburg sponsored by the Tampa Bay Times.

Several very popular authors will be speaking. This event is free.

More information about the festival is available online at tampabay.com.

If you want more information on the Good Karma Book Club, check in at the East Activity Center Community Service Office, which will remain open in September.

You can also visit the library page on the Box Office or stop in when we reopen in October.

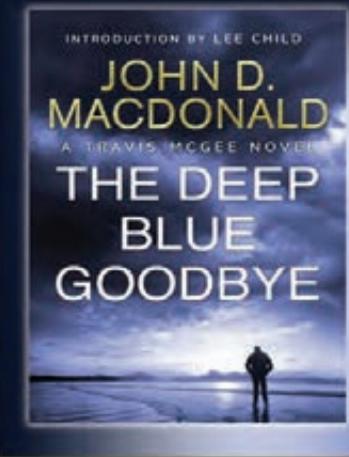
Have a great month of reading and come see us at the book club or library soon!



**On Thursday, September 7,
from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.,
the Good Karma Book Club will meet in the
West Activity Center Learning Lab to discuss
"Their Eyes Were Watching God"
by Zora Neale Hurston.**

**The book club meets on the first and third Thursdays of each month.
The first meeting is a discussion of the monthly book selection
and the third Thursday is for book share and book-related discussions."**

In the month of September, register for the book club in the Community Service Office. When the EAC reopens, begin registering in the library.



**Coming In
October**

The Good Karma Book Club will discuss "The Deep Blue Goodbye" on Oct. 5, 10:30 a.m., in the WAC Learning Lab. Register for the club by visiting the Community Service Office. The club also will meet on Oct. 19.

For more information, visit our Web page on the Box Office.
OnTopOfTheWorldNews.com - click Box Office, Enter and look for our link.

The Good Karma Book Club and library are both online.

You can also view new and current books at the library online.

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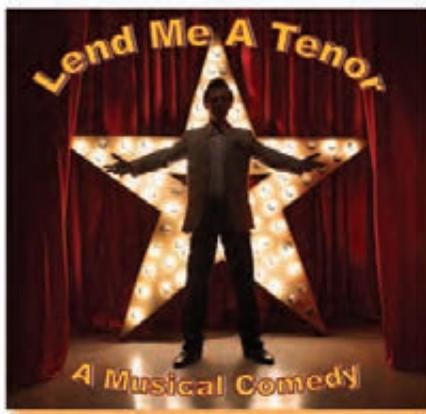
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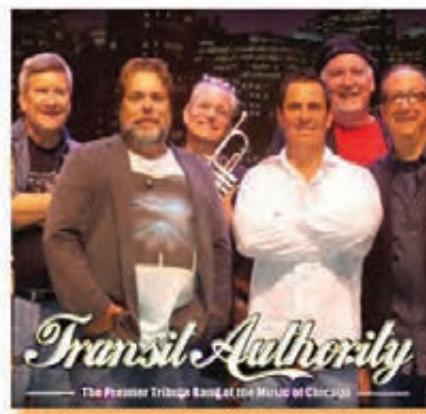
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Amendments can be added to a Will

Q. My Will leaves an amount of money to someone who recently passed away. What should I do about it?

A. Of course, what you need to do is meet with your attorney, explain the situation and ask for advice.

Having said that, you have a few options. I'll give you a couple of them, but keep in mind that your situation may not be covered here.

First, you could do nothing. If you did nothing then when you pass the closest blood heirs of the deceased will take his/her share.

Second, you can add a codicil to your Will, which addresses the death and you can say where that money shall then go. A codicil to a Will is simply an amendment to it. As I just wrote, you should discuss this with your attorney.

Q. I was told that since I own leasehold property, I cannot put it in my living trust. Is that true? I'm asking this because some of my friends told me that it's NOT true and they have their property in trust.

A. Your friends are correct. Whoever told you that you cannot put your property in your trust is wrong.

Now, whether you SHOULD put it in your living trust is a separate question entirely and the answer to that depends on your specific estate planning needs, which are best discussed with your attorney.

But you certainly can put leasehold property in trust, with no problem at all in doing so.



Q. Do you have any suggestions on how to avoid being "hacked?"

A. Here are just a few.

(1) Have a good anti-virus program on your computer and keep it up to date.

(2) Don't click on any attachments that might come with an email. If you get an email with attachments from friends or family, make sure you are expecting the attachment or call the sender and verify they sent it to you.

(3) If you do click on an email, or any "link," and suddenly you get some kind of program that APPEARS to be scanning your computer for viruses, try to disconnect from it immediately, but without "X-ing" out on the program itself.

If you can't leave without hitting the red X, then go to task manager and force a shut down of your computer at once. Wait about 30 minutes and try turning on your computer. Hopefully, that program will be gone. If not, call someone who understands computers and ask them to take a look at yours.

(4) Try to avoid keeping highly personal and private information, or passwords, on your computer. If you do, then

make sure where you keep them is secure.

(5) If you have to wire transfer funds, CALL the company to whom you are wiring funds and check to make sure you have the correct wire transfer information.

Once you get the correct information, do not —DO NOT— accept any email that says the information has been changed. Always call on a number you already know for verification.

SCAM ALERT

Be aware that an IRS scam has a slightly new twist.

Most folks know, or certainly should know, that the IRS won't call you and say you owe them money and then demand that you pay immediately or you'll be arrested, blah, blah, etc., etc.

The new twist is, now people are getting phone calls from alleged IRS agents and they claim they are calling you because you did not respond to two letters previously sent to you.

As a result of "ignoring" their letters, the scammers are now demanding immediate payment.

Folks, the IRS will NEVER call you and demand immediate payment.

You MUST hang up the phone at once. However, to be precise, if your caller ID shows it's from the IRS, don't answer it.

If they leave a message, don't call back.

If they give you an IRS badge number, it's fraudulent.

From time to time, you should also check the IRS' Website at www.irs.gov to see if there's a new scam you should be aware about.

I'm aware that many folks do not

have a computer or don't use one if they have it.

Q. On a recent singles cruise, I met a very nice gentleman, who now wants to come and visit me and stay with me in my apartment. I'd like you to give me your thoughts as a lawyer.

A. Gulp. My thoughts are that you should learn a lot more about him before inviting him into your home.

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Product Recall: Flushmate III Pressure-Assisted Toilet Flushing System

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More than 453,000 toilets have this system. Most were installed in toilets from July 2009-April 2011. Units are rectangular, black, two-piece vessels made of molded plastic. Vessels can be found in American Standard, Copperfit, Crane, Ecotech, Eljer, Gerber, Kohler, Lamosa, Mancesa, Mansfield, Orion, St. Thomas, Universal Rundle, Vitra, Vitromex, Vortens and Western Pottery toilets. The recall was issued in 2012 and again in 2014.

If you believe you have one of these systems, stop using immediately. Turn off water supply to your unit, flush the toilet to release internal pressure and contact the company for a free repair kit.

For more information online, go to <https://www.cpsc.gov/Recalls/2016/flushmate-expands-recall-of-flushmate-iii-pressure-assisted-flushing-systems>. Please contact a licensed and insured plumber if you believe you may have one of these units installed in your unit.



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The manufacturer is Sycom Surge Inc. Labels on the device include "SUPCO," "SCM150," "SYCOM" and more.

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Your favorite music has not disappeared completely

If you are 55 or older, you may have noticed a while ago that you no longer hear your generation's music on radio stations.

But the good news is, there is a radio station in the Tampa Bay area that plays music from the '50s, '60s and '70s. That station is WTAN-1340 on your AM dial.

As the Big Band Era was coming to an end and Rock & Roll was taking over, Al Ham, a former musician with the Glenn Miller Orchestra, saw the need for a way to keep the music of your life alive.

The "Music of your Life" format was formed and has been syndicated on multiple radio stations around the country for more than 35 years.

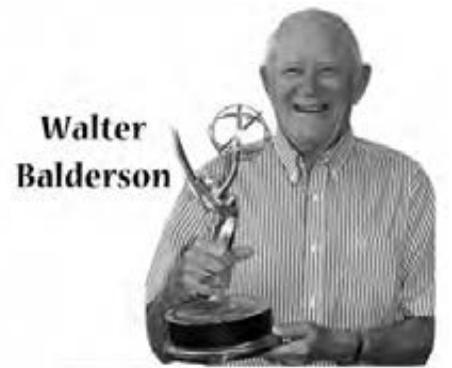
When the program began, music artists, such as Tony Bennett, Eddie Fisher, Rosemary Clooney, Patti Page and Dean Martin, joined the program and were used to introduce the songs. Later came Elvis Presley, Petula Clark and Michael Bubl .

WTAN is also referred to as "talk radio" and alternates between music and news.

"Imus in the Morning" can be heard at 6 a.m. The rest of the day is talk and a lot of your favorite music.

If you are a night person, you can hear your music from midnight to 6 a.m., bringing back old memories and reminding you of your youth when you used to listen to your favorite artists right through the night.

WTAN is located on Myrtle Avenue in Clearwater. If you are in the area, stop in and tell them how much you appreciate the oldies music. They would be delighted to see you.



Walter Balderson

Inside Showbiz

NEWCOMERS

Photos by Mary Lou Wall



David Fiste
of Georgia



Helen Holt
of Illinois



Kathy Cartwright
of Illinois



Lynn Kislin
of Florida



Peggy and Cesar Puertas
of Peru



Stan and Joy Swanson
of Colorado



Good Neighbors Get Acquainted Thursday is the second Thursday of each month in the EAC auditorium. There will not be one in September.

Donuts and coffee are free and served 9-10 a.m.

Meet new residents to On Top of the World. Say hello to old friends or neighbors you have not seen in a while.

There is also entertainment, vendors and raffles.

The next Get Acquainted Coffee is Oct. 12.

There will be no Good Neighbors Get Acquainted Coffee in September.

If you are a veteran, and have never received the Honor Flight treatment, please inquire today

By Cecile Sangiamo

If you find yourself driving past the St Petersburg-Clearwater Airport the morning of Sept. 13, you may notice a large gathering taking over the entire airport.

The crowd will consist of Boy Scouts and Cadets pushing more than 70 wheelchairs from an air bus to an arrival gate.

More than 700 citizens and volunteers will be cheering home "Honor Flight" veterans, who are coming back from a rewarding trip to Washington, D.C.

The veterans will be from all of the Armed Forces, including the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines and Coast Guard.

The moment also will be rewarding for every Honor Flight volunteer, who helped make the adventure possible.

Honor Flight provides veterans with an all expense paid tour, and a welcome home reception, like they have never received before.

The trips are always to Washington, D.C., to view the memorials for each division of the Armed Forces.

Now, you can be a part of the next one.

The top priority for Honor Flight of West Central Florida is to give World War II, and terminally ill veterans, the pleasure of this special salute.

Honor Flight also recognizes veterans of the Korean War, Vietnam War, Gulf wars and other battlefields.

Each veteran is accompanied by a "guardian," who can be a family member, other than spouse or significant other, or a good friend, or simply a dedicated companion assigned to them.

The veteran does not have to provide his or her own guardian. More than 80 percent of our guardians simply volunteer and meet their veteran for the first time at our pre-flight orientation.

There is one guardian for each veteran and they are with them throughout the day.

Honor Flight of West Central Florida charters an entire air bus that holds about 166 passengers.

Within the Capitol, they are shuttled by three chartered buses from one memorial to another. About half

There are 570,000 World War II veterans still alive today and most have never seen the memorials in Washington, D.C.

of the veterans have never been to Washington, so this is a treat in itself.

The cost is covered by donations.

Guardians pay \$400 for the privilege.

"Our mission is to find veterans to get on Honor Flights before we lose them," said Mark Welsh of Honor Flight.

Among comments made by returning Honor Flight veterans, or participating Honor Flight veterans, include, "We didn't know so many people cared."

For those veterans who cannot make such a trip, they were invited to attend a similar ceremony last July at the Roosevelt Avenue Hospice facilities in Largo.

Waiting to greet them was their service mascot, an injured bald eagle, named Sarge.

A team from Knights of Columbus, in full, formal regalia, lined up at the entrance raising swords in a salute. Each participant was guided into the hall.

More than 16,000,000 men and women served in World War II. Fewer than 570,000 remain today and 372 are promoted each day.

If you are a veteran and would like to be a guest of Honor Flight, you can download, print, complete and return a "Veteran Application" to Honor Flight of West Central Florida,

Go to this Website: www.honorflightwcf.org

If you want to help financially or volunteer, you can follow us on Facebook: "Honor Flight of West Central Florida."

You don't have to be a veteran to volunteer. Call 727-498-6079 for information or email: info@honorflightwcf.org.

If your club or group wants more information about Honor Flight, please email Mark Welsh at mwelshblessed@yahoo.com or call 727-204-1754.



Many years after World War II, volunteers are still trying to find ways to thank veterans for their sacrifices. Honor Flight is one of those options. It brings veterans together, takes them to memorials and says thank you when a lot of people forget what they did for our country. Pictured above are two heroes from two battlefronts.

(Photo courtesy of Mark Fosket)

Knitting Club will keep meeting during renovations, but not in either activity center

By Cheryl Butcher

Along with all of the other activities and clubs in the East Activity Center, the Knitting Group is losing its happy home for the next two months.

But not to be deterred from our mission and passion, we have decided to meet in members' homes.

Four of our members have volunteered their place for a meeting every other week. If you have considered joining us, and would like to go to a meeting, call Cheryl Butcher at 636-346-9645 or Anna Georgiadis at 727-648-2228 and we will direct you to the right place.

And if you want to donate yarn to the group, call either of us and we can make arrangements to get it.

Getting ready for the temporary move was not easy either. All of our yarn supply and completed projects had to find a new home, too. The members were able to split the yarn between them, which gave each of them a good supply to work with during this period.

Helen Duranti, our esteemed leader, was busy the last two weeks gathering all of the completed lap robes, walker cadies and shrugs, and bagging them up. Her time over the next several weeks

will be spent distributing them to various nursing homes and hospitals to which she regularly contributes.

Many of the completed projects are larger lap robes that we donate to the chemotherapy patients at Morton Plant Hospital for them to use during their treatments to keep them warm.

If you knit or crochet, we would love to have you join us. While we do not teach, we do help each other with patterns and/or problems. The Good Neighbors Knitting Group operates under the auspices of Good Neighbors and receives financial support from them as well as the Coffee Corner.



Knitting

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Good Neighbors Get Acquainted Coffee



Ralph Rogers goes up and down each aisle singing to On Top of the World residents in August. He also inspired dancing and even joined the ladies on the dance floor while keeping a tune. (Photos by Doug Kates)

Ralph Rogers proves you don't need a stage to entertain

There was a very energetic crowd for the final Good Neighbors Get Acquainted Coffee in the former East Activity Center auditorium.

Entertainer Ralph Rogers had full access to the newly renovated stage, but never stepped foot on it.

Instead, Ralph entertained about 150 residents by singing classic hits on the floor alongside them. He sang, walking down the aisles. He sang, while dancing with the young ladies. He serenaded Entertainment Committee members while they sat at their ticket table.

Ralph didn't actually line dance, but his music did inspire many residents to form lines and dance together in unison.

Most Get Acquainted Coffee entertainment hours aren't performed this way. They are normally stage shows.

Maybe the spirit of mid-summer got everyone excited?

Maybe Ralph's crowd interaction added a little fun?

Or maybe, most residents realized there was not going to be a Get Acquainted Coffee in September, so they were all letting it hang out?

Due to renovations taking place in the auditorium all September long, there is no entertainment by Good Neighbors or the Entertainment Committee taking place until October.

Preliminary plans call for the auditorium to reopen in early October, but no dates are set in stone. It is hopeful the auditorium will be reopened in time for the next Get Acquainted Coffee with Al Foreman and his saxophone on Thursday, Oct. 12, from 8:30-10:30 a.m.

Watch the Box Office for the most accurate and timely updates. The On Top of the World online newspaper is also very accurate. Visit both by going to OnTopOfTheWorldNews.com.

No Get Acquainted Coffee in September

If you are a fan of the singing, music and entertainment, which takes place during Good Neighbors Get Acquainted Coffee, you will want to write down this important reminder.

There will be no Get Acquainted Coffee in September due to renovations taking place in the East Activity Center auditorium and surrounding rooms.

Get Acquainted Coffee will return on Thursday, Oct. 12, from 8:30-10:30 a.m., with musician Al Foreman providing the entertainment.

Get Acquainted Coffee will also take place at its normal time on Thursday, Nov. 9.

In December, due to an On Top of the World annual meeting, Get Acquainted Coffee has been moved up one week. Free coffee and donuts will take place from 9-10:30 a.m. on Dec. 7 in the auditorium, not Dec. 14.

Clubs and groups will be selling their event tickets starting at 8:30 a.m. and vendors will be on hand, too.

Remember, one week early in December.

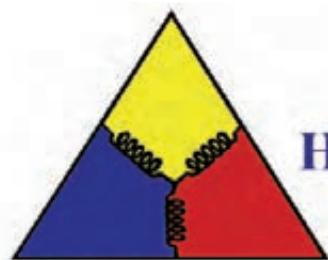
Upcoming Get Acquainted Coffee Dates

September
No Get Acquainted Coffee

October 12
8:30-10:30 am
Al Foreman
EAC Auditorium

November 9
8:30-10:30 am
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Clubs will not have to reschedule activities when the East Activity Center reopens

During renovations, your clubs and activities will remain at the West Activity Center, or in recess, until the East Activity Center is open again.

When the East Activity Center reopens in early October, all regularly scheduled activities should return to their former room reservations through December. It will not be necessary for you to stop in the Community Service Office to renew unless you are seeking to cancel your activity all together or place an additional stand-alone event on the calendar.

We will resume our quarterly room reservation schedule in December. However, seasonal clubs that were not here in June, please see me in the CSO upon your return to make your room reservations.

Fall Festival/Senior Expo

The Fall Festival/Senior Expo will be



held on Saturday, Nov. 4, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

We are planning a wonderful day of fun and festivities.

Outside we will have food trucks,

food vendors, arts and crafts, and many On Top of the World clubs will have tables this year.

A prize will be awarded to the best decorated table.

Last year everyone loved the live Caribbean-style music and so we were able to get Glen Edmead back for the entire day!

Inside, we have more vendors of every variety, plus door prizes, raffles and CVS will be here with plenty of flu shots.

We love coordinating this event for the community and want it to become a fun festival we can all look forward to each year. In order to get the food trucks and vendors to return each year, we need ALL of you to come out and show your support. Many of our great vendors will have food to sell. Please come hungry!

Take a moment right now to mark

your calendar and plan to stay for all the indoor and outdoor festivities that day.

Thank you and I look forward to seeing every resident this year!

OLLI Fall Program

We are pleased to announce the Eckerd College - Osher Life Long Learning Institute - fall classes to commence in October.

The full class schedule will be published in the October On Top of the World newspaper and posted soon at both activity centers, as well as the On Top of the World TV station and Box Office.

Below is the schedule for October only.

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West Activity Center Learning Lab

'Florida in the Civil War'
 Tuesday, Oct. 10
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'Record Man'
 Wednesday, Oct. 18
 6-7:30 PM

'Mostly True Stories'
 Monday, Oct. 23
 10:30 AM-Noon

More information will appear in your October newspaper

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ACTIVITY REPORTS



Pictured above is Team Ireland on photo day. In the front row are Mike Cooper and Jim Smyth from On Top of the World.

Ireland sends a softball team to Clearwater - guess which OTOW club was there to help?

When On Top of the World Irish Club President Mike Cooper heard there was a softball tournament taking place in Clearwater this summer, there really wasn't anything to get over-excited about.

When Mike heard that one of the teams was flying in from Ireland, he suddenly got interested.

And when Mike was asked if he would help host the Irish girls, and make them feel at home in Clearwater, well ... Mike never hesitated to volunteer.

In fact, he got a few club members to help out, too.

The City of Clearwater played host to the World Baseball and Softball Confederation (WBSC) 2017 Junior Women's Under-19 World Championship this past

July.

There were 26 teams competing from all over the world.

Michelle Turner and Natalie Lamb, from the Clearwater Parks Department, contacted OTOW's Nancy Rogers in the Community Service Office and asked if anyone in our community would be interested in being ambassadors to Team Ireland for the tournament.

When Nancy told Mike about the invitation, he immediately accepted.

Mike then recruited residents Jim Smyth and Ray Willis to help out and a welcoming committee was formed.

Mike, Jim and Ray received special ambassador shirts, were given free access to many areas around the tournament, and

of course, enjoyed spending time with our Irish guests.

Mike and Jim attended the opening ceremonies at Sand Key Beach and were involved in team introductions and team pictures.

All three OTOW residents attended every Team Ireland game and cheered green for a week.

Win or lose, there were plenty of Irish songs. Ray even wore a kilt and played Irish songs on his bagpipe.

"He was a big hit," Mike said.

Team Ireland was only created three years ago and was established in the city of Dublin. The team roster included eight true Irish natives, eight Irish-American girls and one Irish-South African player.

This tournament was the first time they had all played together as a team.

In the end, the United States took the gold medal, with Japan finishing silver and Puerto Rico finishing bronze.

Ireland finished 3-5 with wins over Korea, Israel and Peru. The Irish lost to China, Canada, Great Britain, Mexico and Korea in a rematch.

Blount Claire of Ireland completed the tournament with the highest batting average. She had nine hits in 12 at bats, including a home run.

While in Pinellas County, teams were free to visit the beaches, enjoy the tourist sites and enjoy a variety of cuisines.

Maybe they'll come back and march in our parade?

OTOW News

Pet of the Month

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Walgreens



Maddy

Hello On Top Of The World pet lovers.
 My name is Maddy and I live with Ruth Ann Blake in the Mediterranean building, where I greet everyone who walks through the core.
 I am a lover, and if you offer me a pat, I will gladly roll onto my back and lay there submitting to you, as long as you are willing to pat me.
 I am originally from New Hampshire, and I am enjoying the weather down here in Clearwater.
 I do miss romping in the snow, but romping in the rain can be as much fun.

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 otow.newsroom@gmail.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. If the age is not included, your pet will not be eligible. Only one pet per household can win each year. The winner will receive (1) 8x10, (2) 5x7 and (4) 4x6 photos from Walgreens on the corner of Belcher and Sunset Point roads. You will also receive a \$10 gift card from Pet Supplies Plus on McMullen Booth Road in Clearwater. If you are the winner this month, bring the newspaper and your original color print to Walgreens to receive your prize, and stop by the newsroom to pick up your gift card. Each monthly winner becomes eligible for Pet of the Year honors in January. We are currently running low on entries, so if you've never entered your pet in the contest, now is the time to do so! Good luck!

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Snowbirds Line Dancing scheduled to resume Oct. 18



By Ed Foland

Snowbirds Line Dance Club is taking a summer break, but soon all Snowbirds will be preparing to return to their winter homes.

Snowbirds Line Dance classes will resume on Wednesday, Oct. 18, if renovations to the East Activity Center auditorium are completed on time.



World famous line dance choreographer and instructor John Robinson recently conducted a workshop for a group of line dancers in the East Activity Center auditorium. (Photo By Ed Foland)

Membership registration night and party is scheduled for Sunday, Nov. 12. Membership dues remain at \$10 for the

season.

Watch for future announcements for line dance workshops.

For additional information, contact Dolly or Ed Foland at edfoland@aol.com or call 727-417 3272.

'Broadway' auditions begin Nov. 20 and Nov. 22

By Will Peterson

A gracious good day to you all.

I hope you have been enjoying the pleasures of summer, whether you have been here in sunny Florida or in some other part of the country.

I hope you will be ready to start up a new season in the newly remodeled East Activity Center and will be ready to enjoy, or even participate in, our next Theater Workshop production in March 2018.

Our production team has been working hard over the summer to put together a show that will not only be entertaining, but as we like to say, "Our best show ever."

This year our show is going to have a Broadway theme and will be directed by Laurie Fischer who appeared in last year's show "The Hideaway."

Laurie has been involved in theater in his native Canada for many years, as not only an actor and a singer, but a director, producer and writer.

He is a man of many talents and we eagerly look forward to working with him this year.

To make our 2018 production something special, we will be holding auditions 1-4 p.m., on Nov. 20 and Nov. 22, in the EAC auditorium.

We are looking for plenty of talent and hope that you will come out and show us what you got.

Brush off those dancing shoes, exercise your vocal cords and be ready to dazzle us with your special talent.

Theater Workshop is the oldest theatrical group here at On Top of the World and consists of individuals who are all residents. These residents combine their talents putting on shows, not only for their enjoyment, but that of our 55+ community, family and friends.

For you to be a part of Theater Workshop, a yearly fee of \$5 is collected and



Theater Workshop

you must have a valid (current) activity card.

The first rehearsal for our show will be on Jan. 3, 2018, from 1-4 p.m. and then every Monday and Wednesday in the East Activity Center from 1-4 p.m.

The show this year will go up Friday and Saturday, March 9 and 10, at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, March 11, at 2 p.m.

Theater Workshop has a general meeting the first Wednesday of each month. Our first meeting will be Wednesday, Oct. 4, in the West Activity Center at 7 p.m.

You do not have to be a performer in our show to be a member, however, you should be willing to take on some task behind the scenes to help make our production a success.

No member of Theater Workshop receives any form of payment for their service to the club in any capacity. All proceeds from ads or ticket sales go directly into our productions.

Remember, our success relies on the talent and dedication of our members. Without them, we would not be able to bring our show to life and give not only our members, but the community something to enjoy and be proud of.



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Baby Boomers

By Penni Telleck

Motown music filled the air.

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Parades of war protesters lined the streets while unsung heroes battled in Vietnam.

In August of 1969, a three-day rock and roll festival brought 500,000 baby boomers together. They celebrated peace, love and music.

The Doors heated up 1963 with their hit, "Come on Baby Light My Fire."

The American civil rights movement, led by the charismatic Martin Luther King Jr., changed the country. Affirmative action was passed and our world became a little more inclusive.

Why are these events so important? Because the majority of Baby Boomers were shaped by the events of the '60s.

The rock festivals of the '60s created group dancing among friends while everyone enjoyed the music as one.

Baby Boomers is not an age ... it is a state of mind.

Which brings up the question, what



Baby Boomers love their music, whether attending concerts together or just jamming in someone's condo. All we need are a few guitars.

were the On Top of the World Baby Boomers doing in August of 2017?

Concerts.

We were at Sunset Beach listening to the group Tail Spin, and "Papa CrawDaddy and the Bronx Mafia."

Baseball games.

We saw the Tampa Bay Rays host the Boston Red Sox.

The Boomers snagged some discount coupons and saw the Clearwater Threshers, which included a costume contest, and a "Black Honkies" concert offering

25 cent hot dogs all night long!

Our ukulele band rocked on in various venues. It played with the Tampa Bay Ukulele Society. They participated in an open mic jam at the Whistlestop restaurant in Safety Harbor, and strummed at the Song Circle at Natures Food Patch community grocery store.

Fund raisers were also a Baby Boomers activity last month. One was in Dundin for Youth Group Drag Queen Bingo at Hamburger Mary's restaurant.

The Baby Boomers group is a social

group on the OTOW campus. Boomers are involved in a myriad of cool activities that support lasting friendships, healthy activities, making new connections and, best of all, smiling faces.

Boomers seek out experiences to keep them active and enjoying life.

Does this sound like you?

If you'd like to become involved, please join us.

The Baby Boomers will be meeting on Sept. 6 and 21 at 5:30 p.m. in the West Activity Center Learning Lab.

First Chorus rehearsal dependent on progress made during East Activity Center renovations

By Ilene Bargerstock

"Oh what a beautiful morning! Oh, what a beautiful day! I've got a beautiful feeling. Everything's going my way."

What?

You didn't expect a song lyric?

Well, I do write for the Chorus and I have music going on in my head most of the time.

This one popped in this morning as I walked around the west side of On Top of the World. The lovely lake and ponds are once again full of water after the summer drought. It's good to observe the peaceful co-existence of bunnies, squirrels, birds and dogs, as they share the space around them.

It is exciting to wake up here every morning, where there is never a dull moment.

This summer, in particular, has been abuzz with activity resulting in many improvements, some of which are still in the making.

The Chorus, and other performing groups, will appreciate the new stage that



Chorus

is just one part of the total East Activity Center makeover.

In preparation for the EAC renovation, the Chorus, along with other clubs and groups, were instructed to remove materials from the storage area above the stage and from their assigned rooms backstage.

Many thanks are due to Carolanne Futej, Keith Bekofske, Les Ermold, Rita Tombari, Bill and Jaye Lamoreux, Beth and Jim Kendall, and Rod Bargerstock for the difficult task of working their way through more than 40 years of Chorus

"stuff."

As for myself, I love cleaning! I find cleaning cathartic. Unfortunately, I just happened to be up north the week all that cleaning took place.

But for everyone who did participate, "job well done!"

As of writing this story, the projected date for completion of EAC renovations is early October. If all works out, the re-opening will be just in time for our first fall rehearsal scheduled for Tuesday, Oct. 3, at 7 p.m. in the auditorium.

But to be safe, please check the Box Office Website for daily schedule changes and updates. While the October newspaper will be full of news, keep in mind a lot can take place between when the newspaper goes to press and when it is actually delivered. For timely, accurate news, always check the online version of OTOW News on the Box Office.

View the Box Office at OnTopOfTheWorldNews.com.

I am looking forward to preparing for

our annual Holiday Concert in December! Soon my head will be filled with the joyous music of the season.

To my fellow choristers, I hope to see you at the first rehearsal, whenever or wherever it will be.

If you are reading this article online from your summer home elsewhere, please hurry back. We need you.

OTOW residents who enjoy singing, especially four-part harmony, are always welcome to join us.

The first rehearsal is spent previewing all of the musical pieces to be used in the upcoming concert. Thereafter, weekly rehearsals are held Monday mornings from 10-11 a.m. in the EAC Starlite Room and Tuesday evenings from 7-9 p.m. in the EAC auditorium.

For more information, you may call our President Carolanne Futej at 727-278-4410, or myself at 727-408-5759.

Chorus will also post information on our Box Office Web page.

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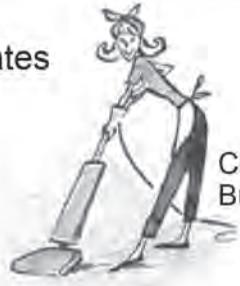
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Good Neighbors Volunteer Meeting

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Free activities relocating during renovations

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TOPS - Thursdays - 9 am

Moving To West Activity Center Learning Lab

Co-Ed Exercises - Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays - 10 am

Bible Study - Mondays - 7 pm (*Time was listed incorrectly in the August newspaper*)

* Bingo will be off until after renovations are complete. *

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If you enjoy music, and can count to eight, you can be our next line dance member

By Regina Burke

I love to dance.

Sometimes I am asked if I am a musician because people can see I easily pick up the beat in a song and use it when I am dancing.

This wasn't always the case.

When I was in my early 20s, someone, a musician, leaned over to tell me, while we were dancing, that I had no rhythm!

I had no idea and, of course, I was devastated. After all, he was a musician. He would know.

Despite that dire proclamation, I continued dancing freestyle until one day ... voila! I began to tune into the music and discovered that, yes indeed, I could hear the beat!

Dancing then became more fun.

Years later, I discovered that not only was it important to hear the beat, but it would be helpful to know some universal dance steps, such as vine, shuffle, rock step, rumba box and mambo.

Believe it or not, I learned all of that right here at the On Top of the World Line Dance Club.

I discovered that if you can learn a few basic steps, and you can count to eight, you can line dance!

Can you count to eight?

Many of our dances involve eight counts (beats of music), and under the



During a line dance afternoon in August, the theme of the day was cowboy hats and spurs.

expert guidance of our wonderful beginning dance instructors, Sheila Bolster and Ute Scheibe, you will soon learn the dance steps to three easy, beginner dances.

Our line dancing club offers two weekly half hour sessions - one on Tuesday afternoon at 1 p.m. and one on Saturday mornings at 8:30 a.m.

Once you have mastered those three dances, and you feel ready to move on, our terrific intermediate instructor, Carol Babini, is there to guide you every morning at 7 a.m.

I'll admit that 7 a.m. was a bit of a challenge for me, in that I had never been a morning person, so it took me months to just get used to the idea of getting up at

6 a.m. and actually dancing at 7 a.m.

However, I was so enamored with all the different dances by that point that, yes, I became a morning person in order to get to those classes.

Now, not only do I know all the dances, (if that 'someone musician' could only see me now), I am on the stage during our Saturday sessions cueing and demonstrating some of the steps.

My belief is, that if you love music, you can learn to dance to it. If I can do it, so can you.

Please join us in our new temporary line dance location in the West Activity Center Sunrise Room on Tuesday afternoons at 1 p.m. and Saturday mornings at 8:30 a.m.

There are many ways you can find out more about our line dancing club. Check out our official Webpage at sites.google.com/site/otowlinedancing.

We are also on the Box Office, where we have our own information page. Visit OnTopOfTheWorldNews.com.

The community TV station is now up and running again, so watch our videos when they go back on the air.

OTOW-TV is channels 98.1 and 732, and dance at home videos are on about 7 p.m., Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays.

For questions or more information about the OTOW Line Dancing Club, call Ute Scheibe at 727-735-9865.



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Pictured above are new and current members of the Good Neighbors Association. Their names are listed in the story below.

(OTOW News photo by Mary Lou Wall)

Good Neighbors has many beneficial events coming up this fall and could use a little help

The East Activity Center, as we have all known it for many, many years, is slowly evolving into something miraculous.

What? Exactly. I do not know. I have been told it's a surprise.

While the On Top of the World board, Parkway Management employees and many contractors work their magic to transform the EAC, the Good Neighbors Association will continue moving forward with plans for the upcoming fall season.

To make these events work, Good Neighbors needs volunteers – people like yourself, who have a few spare hours, to make an event work successfully with benefits for many people.

In an effort to inform residents about what we need, what's available and how they can help, Good Neighbors is holding a "Volunteers Wanted" meeting 3 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 12, in the West Activity Center Sunrise Room. We invited you all to our meeting to hear what's happening, what type of manpower and woman power we need, and how we can make each event successful.

Please bring a friend or a spouse. You can volunteer together.



There will be no Get Acquainted Coffee in September because the auditorium is closed for renovations. We hope to return for free coffee, donuts and en-

tertainment on Thursday, Oct. 12, from 8:30-10:30 a.m. Al Forman is bringing his saxophone. You can dance along on the new dance floor if you choose. There will also be an information session, raffles, door prizes, goodies and vendors.

Good Neighbors Association, like most other OTOW clubs, are still selling tickets and answering questions for upcoming events. We will have an information table from 8:30-10:30 a.m. each Thursday in the West Activity Center Sunrise Room while the auditorium is closed.

On Oct. 20 and 21, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Good Neighbors will conduct its fall clothing drive. Drive your vehicle up the EAC front entrance portico, where volunteers will help you unload your donations. We are looking for clean, gently-used clothing, for distribution to the less fortunate. We only give your donations to organizations that distribute for free. We do not give your donations to any organization that resells them. This has been our pledge for many years and we continue to stand by our promise.

Also coming up is the annual Fall Festival/Senior Expo on Saturday, Nov. 4,

and Flea Market/Craft Show on Saturday, Nov. 11. We will need many volunteers to assist with both events.

We will begin to sell tables for the Flea Market/Craft Show on the morning of Oct. 2. We will be in the auditorium if possible or relocate to another room if renovations are not finished. Watch OTOW-TV for updates. Tables are sold on a first come, first serve basis. No tables will be sold without full payment. The Flea Market is \$15 and the Craft Show is \$10. The person purchasing the table must be an OTOW resident and must show their activity card at the time of purchase.

At the Get Acquainted Coffee meeting in August, we introduced new board members who have joined the association. They are Frank Marino, Georgia Nolati, Patrick Willis, Joanne Frey and Joann Dameron.

There is still room for more residents to join the board. Many hands make light work. Please consider our group a worthwhile benefit and a great contributor to our community. Interested? See a board member for more information or stop by our table on a Thursday morning.

Volunteer Information Day
Tuesday, Sept. 12, 3:00 pm
West Activity Center Sunrise Room

New, future reporters should register their email address online

Press Association uses rare morning meeting to discuss improving publicity for OTOW events



Press Association

There was something a little different with the Press Association meeting held in August.

It was in the morning, instead of the afternoon.

It was in the Sunrise Room, instead of the Veranda Room.

And instead of lunch snacks, Ida Mae's Bakery made us unique breakfast delights, including cinnamon cake and orange-coconut muffins.

To make sure everyone knew about the schedule change and switch of rooms, the Press Association tested out its new directory system. Vice President Jackie Dooley sent email notices to every reporter who registered online. Sending out the emails proved to be a wonderful way to remind everyone of the upcoming meeting.

If you are a club or building reporter and did not get an email reminder, then you probably did not register online or have not updated your email address with the Press Association.

If you are a new reporter and need to register, go to OnTopOfTheWorldNews.com, click on the "Clearwater" link and scroll down until you see an orange box and purple pen, which states "Press Association Directory."

Registering is very simple and your email address will only be used for meeting reminders.

During the actual meeting, newspaper editor Doug Kates posed a question to the 25 members in attendance.

He said, VoicExperience was at On Top of the World on July 25 for a free concert, but out of the thousands of residents who still live here over the summer, only 40 people attended the free show.

The newspaper was partly responsible for publicizing this event. Doug wanted to know why people didn't attend and what the newspaper could do differently in the future to better improve publicity for such an event.

A majority believed the event was held so late in the month, people just forgot about it. Since the newspaper is distributed on the first of the month, some of the content can be forgotten 25 days later.

Which then poses a challenge to the



Press Association members Terri Mikszenas and Donna Lukas take advantage of Ida Mae's Bakery breakfast snacks at the August meeting. This was the first time, in a long time, the Press Association held a morning meeting, but attendance was very good. (OTOW News photo by Mary Lou Wall)

newspaper staff. What can we do to help people remember events that don't take place early in the month?

More discussion will take place at future meetings.

In a related topic, Doug asked press members for their opinions on using the Box Office Website for up-to-date news and scheduling information.

One response was the Box Office is too hard to get to and too difficult to navigate. Another response said the residents still don't know about the Box Office.

Doug said he would look into different options, but emphasized the Box Office is still full of information, and if clubs and groups took the time to update their pages, it would be a significant source of timely, accurate information.

Next, the Press Association talked about the office moving during renovations to the East Activity Center. On Aug.

16, the newsroom temporarily relocated to the southeast side of the building, on the first floor, where Attorney Gerald Colen used to have an office.

Doug said reporters can drop off their stories at the temporary office, but told proofreaders to wait for a phone call. A special date and a special room will have to be reserved for proofing the October newspaper.

The all-new newsroom should reopen in early October. Watch the Box Office for timely information.

Lastly, Doug apologized for incorrect scheduling information in the August newspaper. Changes were made to renovation dates after the newspaper went to press.

However, up-to-the-minute updates were placed on the Box Office and the online newspaper was 100 percent accurate as of Aug. 1.

Even when there are future changes in renovation dates, they will be added to the Box Office. The newspaper can only report information provided by press time.

The next Press Association meeting is scheduled for Thursday, Oct. 5, 1 p.m. in the Veranda Room. This location may change if renovation work is behind schedule. The Veranda Room will be one of the last rooms to reopen.

The annual Writers Workshop will take place 7 p.m., Thursday, Nov. 2, in the Veranda Room. This is the most important meeting of the year, especially for new reporters. Doug will go over basic writing style guidelines everyone should know. There will be snacks and adult drinks to make Doug's lessons more enjoyable. This meeting is not mandatory this year, but is recommended.



In early August, the Travel Club held its monthly meeting in the East Activity Center auditorium. The club took center stage with a presentation and display tables. At this time, the Starlite Room had already been closed as renovation work had already begun on the classrooms. (OTOW News photo by Doug Kates)

Day trips and cruises coming up

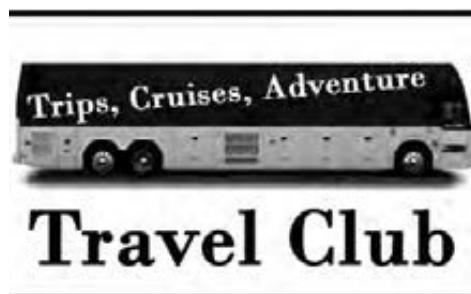
By Tom Jamrozy

Our August meeting was well attended and we were educated on the history, culture and scenery of the Azores thanks to Marilyn Whelan, Dottie Meissner and Dulce Boyle.

They presented a wonderful slide show and told us about their adventures in the Azores. They even had an unexpected extension to their trip when their plane failed to show for the flight home.

Instead, they were placed in a 16th century estate for four additional days, until a refugee plane came to transport them back to the USA.

We continue to sell tickets for various events we have available. On Aug. 16, more than 20 of us went shopping at Ikea.



Shopping there is an experience and the food court is very good.

Our August Lunch Bunch ate at the Tarpon Turtle and we had a great time.

If you want to join us for any upcoming trips, stop by the Travel Club sales table to pick up our flyers.

Our monthly meeting was held on Sept. 1 in the West Activity Center Sunrise Room.

We will have our September Lunch Bunch Sept. 20 at the Lucky Lobster in Dunedin and an overnight trip Sept. 14-15 to the Fort Myers Mystery Train.

Next month, our meeting will be held on Oct. 6, location to be determined based on the East Activity Center renovations.

We have a day trip scheduled for Oct. 20 to Mt. Dora and a future trip to Nashville is coming up, but sold out.

In November, our monthly meeting will be held Nov. 10, instead of the first week of the month, due to all the club officers traveling on the Nashville trip.

We have added a three-day, two-night trip Nov. 29-Dec. 1 to St. Augustine for the "Night of Lights" festival and Historic tour of the oldest city in the United States.

On Dec. 5, our holiday party will be held at the Island Way Grill and on Dec. 15 we will take a day trip to Bok Tower.

In January, we are sailing away for seven days on our annual cruise on the Oasis of the Seas to St. Martin, San Juan and Labadee. We now have the transportation set to Port Canaveral so stop and sign up.

Until further notice, we will be selling tickets and answering questions in the West Activity Center Sunrise Room on Thursdays from 8:30-10:30 a.m.

Come and see us.

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Fashion show to benefit Hospice

On Top of the World Water Aerobics and Suncoast Hospice will host a fashion show fundraiser on Friday, Oct. 27 at the Countryside Country Club.

From 11 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., OTOW models will be showing off fashion attire you don't want to miss.

For a \$23 ticket and donation, you receive a seat for the fashion show, plus lunch and dessert. You have two lunch choices. One is grouper with champagne dill sauce and the second

is chicken stuffed with Fontana cheese and spinach. Both lunches come with a salad, green beans, potatoes and cheesecake dessert.

Your purchased ticket also lets you in on several raffles. Prizes include clothing and jewelry.

Tickets for this event must be purchased by Thursday, Oct. 19. During the month of September, and while renovations are taking place at the East Activity Center, fashion show tickets will be sold

by the OTOW Water Aerobics Club each Thursday from 8:30-10:30 a.m., in the West Activity Center Sunrise Room. When the East Activity Center reopens, tickets will be sold in the auditorium, Thursdays, at the same time, up until deadline.

Questions?

Stop by the West Activity Center swimming pool weekday mornings this month and ask a club member. Water aerobics will be on the west side during renovations.



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During EAC renovations, TOPS will be meeting in the West Activity Center Rainbow Room at 9:30 a.m. Come check us out.

2017 Halloween Pet Costume Contest
9 a.m., Saturday, Oct. 21, OTOW Dog Park
Details in the October newspaper

Advice to Canadians: Watch the leaves turn color and then run very fast to Florida - snow is coming!



Snowbirds in Canada will have just enough time to watch the leaves turn color this fall. (Photo by John Koning)

By Brenda McLaughlan
 Labor Day weekend crosses that magical line from summer into fall. Students return to school and trees change into the incredible colors that we are blessed to enjoy each year. Be sure to get out and view the amazing landscapes that our country provides. As Snowbirds, we also need to prepare for safety in both our Canadian homes and our On Top of the World

summer season. Before leaving Canada, please complete all medical and dental check-ups, as well as making sure that you have adequate medications to last the length of your time away. Out-of-country travel medical insurance is also a necessity. It is advisable to place your tele-

phone, 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 you "can't take the call at this time." Don't leave a message that you "are away from home." Lights should be on timers, newspapers and flyers stopped, and snow remov-

al arranged to give the impression that you are home.

Turn off water. Arrange for your Canadian residence to be checked regularly in accordance with your home insurance.

The Canadian Club OTOW season starts with weekly Social Games on Thursday, Nov. 2, at 6:30 p.m. at the West Activity Center (WAC). Blackout will take place in the Sunrise Room and Bridge in the Rainbow Room.

The Senior Expo will be on Saturday, Nov. 4, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the East Activity Center parking lot.

Registration Night, also at the EAC, will be Friday, Nov. 17, starting at 6 p.m. Remember to check the club's Website at <http://otowcanadianclub.net> for activity details.

We are also on the Box Office.

Club membership is open to anyone, Canadian or not, who holds a valid OTOW Activity Card. Renters wishing to join any OTOW club or activity needs to work with their landlord to ensure that you can get an OTOW Activity Card.

Canadian Club registration for new members is encouraged at the Senior Expo, as well as our Registration Night, where new and rejoining members will enjoy a wine and cheese social.

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Dance/Costume Contest in October

Best '50s, '60s attire wins!



It's not too early to start thinking about a costume for the New York/New Jersey Club's Halloween Dance.

The event will take place Thursday, Oct. 19, at 5:30 p.m. in the East Activity Center auditorium, assuming renovations are complete.

Dress up in 1950s and 1960s attire. There will be a contest and judging for best costumes.

Dinner will be catered by Felice with the main course lasagna and meatballs, plus salad and dessert. Music will be provided by Denise with a Twist.

Bring the beverages of your choice. Coffee and ice will be provided.

All we ask is you bring a gift or donation for Kimberly Home, a non-profit assistance program for women with an unwanted pregnancy.

Cost for the evening is \$18 for club members and \$20 for non-members.

On Wednesday, Nov. 5, the New York/New Jersey Club will host a Harvest Dreams Dance, 5:30 p.m. in the auditorium.

Felice will do the catering. Dinner will be ham and turkey, stuffing, sweet potatoes and dessert.

Music will be provided by Carlo.

Bring your own beverages. Coffee, tea and ice will be provided.

Cost is \$18 for members and \$20 for non-members.

Future events include an indoor picnic on Jan. 11, 2018, and Valentine's Day Dance on Feb. 14, 2018, and a Strawberry Fling on March 22, 2018. Check out future editions of OTOW News for more details.

If you want more information about our club, visit the West Activity Center Sunrise Room between 8:30-10:30 a.m. on Thursdays in September. We will have a table set up and someone there to answer all your questions. You can buy tickets or join our club.

You don't have to be from New York or New Jersey to join our club. You can even be from Nebraska.

Check out our Web page on the Box Office for more information. Go to On-TopOfTheWorld.com., click Box Office, click Enter, click Club Pages and look for the Statue of Liberty.



Pictured above, some of the New York-New Jersey Club volunteers get in line for a buffet dinner. The club thanks 21 people who volunteered during the 2016-17 season.



By Esta-Lee Schwartz

On Aug. 9, New York-New Jersey Club volunteers were treated to a wonderful dinner catered by Felice Pork Store. It was a delicious display of Anti-pasta, Meat Lasagna and bread.

There was also a beautiful cake thanking all the volunteers for a wonderful 2016-2017 season.

Our club is a great group with good membership and people willing to help with any number of tasks needed to ensure a great event. The dinner included 21 volunteers.

Check the other story on this page for upcoming events and please ask about opportunities to volunteer. There are numerous things to do, including 50/50 drawings, decorating tables, setting up, serving meals and clean up.

Thank you to President Patrick Hayes for organizing the great evening. Until next time, enjoy the rest of summer.

We always have fun during the process.

Ceramics



Ever see a Snowman Tree? When the OTOW Ceramics Club returns after renovations, consider joining us to make your own Snowman Tree. They make great gifts for family and friends. This one even lights up. Watch for our article in October to learn when we are starting up again.

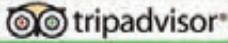
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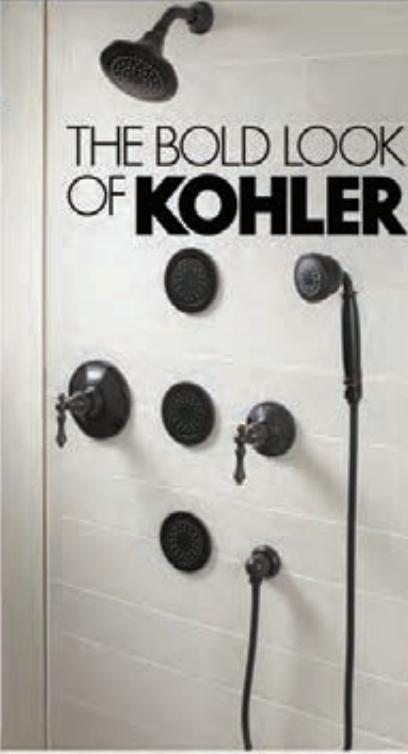
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Food was more simple in our younger years

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Senior – Your brain says stay active - your body says sleep.

Men are motivated by two things: food and hanky panky. So, the next time a guy looks at you with a glow in his eyes, make him a sandwich.

Life is like a jalapeno pepper. You can take a chance today, but tomorrow you will pay the price.

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Internet Humor

In the old days ...

- Potato chips came in one flavor - no colors, no shapes and no dips built right in.

- Bowls of fruit were only purchased for gift exchanges during holidays.

- Tea was made in a pot, boiled, with leaves.

- Sugar came in cubes, not packets.

- Chickens did not have fingers.
- If a food was edible, it was considered healthy.

- Seaweed was once found in five water groups - oceans, lakes, rivers, reservoirs and swimming pools. Today, seaweed is found in five food groups.

- Sugar consumption was never in a newspaper article.

- Prunes were used as medicine only.

- No one ever saw a real pineapple in a grocery store - it was always in a can, cut in circles.

- Whole grain wheat was only used to feed cows.

In the old days, the only number associated with food intake came from a scale in the bathroom.

Today, that number on the scale is broken down into A1C, glucose, cholesterol, hypertension and triglycerides.

In the old days, if we wanted an antibiotic we would go to the drug store. Today, if we want an antibiotic, we buy a chicken.

In the old days, we chose water out of tap because it was free. Today, we choose water out of a bottle because it's expensive.

In the old days, water was cheap and gasoline was expensive. Today, gasoline is cheap and water is expensive.

In the old days, if you wanted liquor you went to a liquor store. Today, if you want liquor, you visit the drug store.

Did you ever drink a touchdown?

September social centers on football

By Dave Beaven

Can you say September?

If not, I know you're thinking it.

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

But cooler weather is definitely on the way.

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

On Friday, Sept. 8, at 7 p.m., we are having a Tailgate Party in the West Activity Center Sunrise Room. Pull out your team shirt and wear it. We will accept all teams: Bucs, Dolphins, Gators, etc. Heck, we'll even take Yankees shirts.

Then come down and have a beer with us or sip on the cocktail of the day: the Touchdown. It will put you in the team spirit.

As usual, our Lambdians will bring some tasty tailgate food for the crowd. Of course, we'll have a football game going on in the room for all you diehard fans.



Lambda Club

Go team!

One of Lambda's recurring club events is our weekly Sunday brunch at 1 p.m. This has been going on for many years even before there was a Lambda.

The Sunday Brunch Bunch was the original core group of gay On Top of the World residents. The tradition continues today as we brunch away every Sunday

in various restaurants in the area. If you want to join us, check out our Webpage listed below in the article for the location that week.

Lambda is a social club for LGBT residents of OTOW. We are an informal group that gets together for various activities. Regular events include monthly socials, dine-outs, game nights, etc.

We look to expand our circle to all LGBT residents in the OTOW community and we also welcome participation by other OTOW residents who would like to meet their 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 official Webpage: <http://lambdaclearwater.blogspot.com>.

We are also on the Box Office at OnTopOfTheWorldNews.com.

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

Ice cream social tickets on sale

The Italian-American Club will return to ticket sales in the West Activity Center in September.

The club took a month off in August, but will be back each Thursday from 8:30 - 10:30 a.m., in the Sunrise Room.



The Italian-American Club will host an ice cream social on Tuesday, Oct. 17, in the East Activity Center auditorium if renovations are complete.

Our club will be hosting a trip to the Hudson Show Palace on Oct. 1 to see the dinner show, "Smokey Joes Café."

Tickets are now on sale.

The next AAA Driver Safety Course will be Oct. 26 and 27 in the East Activity Center Starlite Room. * A form appears on page 55 of this newspaper.

*Assuming renovations are complete.



OTOW-TV is back so look for our meeting dates and news on your community TV station

By Donna Lukas

Good news!

OTOW-TV is back on channels 98.1 and 732.

Unfortunately, channel 96 is no longer available, so some of us will not be able to get the OTOW news on our televisions.

However, you can still get our club's announcements by visiting the On Top of the World Box Office at www.ontopoftheworldnews.com.

Just click on Box Office, click on Club Pages and look for our donkey. The club updates the page whenever possible.

We had a nice crowd, on a hot summer day, for our August meeting. We had our first visit to the new West Activity Center Learning Lab and thought it was a pretty nice room.



Democratic Club

We spent time talking about the upcoming Florida Democratic Party State Convention to be held in Orlando from Oct 27-29. If you are a registered Democrat, and interested in attending, contact Donna Lukas soon at 727-460-4123 for

details.

We also spent time talking about current Florida elections in progress.

One of these was the St. Petersburg mayoral race, which had primary voting on Aug. 29. By the time you read this, you should know who won.

The other was the Florida State Senate District 40 race scheduled for Sept. 26. Annette Taddeo is our candidate for that State Senate office.

We even took the opportunity to spend some of our club money. One of our checks went to the re-election campaign for Pinellas County Commissioner Pat Gerard.

Pat was the guest speaker at our June meeting. If you missed that meeting, you can still read about her in your July issue of the OTOW newspaper.

Announcements at the meeting included various calls to action.

If you miss attending one of our meetings, remember, information from the latest meeting will be listed on our Box Office club page.

You can also send us an email through this site.

Our next meeting is scheduled for the usual time, which is the second Thursday of the month, Sept. 14, at 2 p.m. Due to ongoing renovations, we will be meeting in the West Activity Center Sunrise Room.

You can renew your club membership at our next meeting by paying your \$12 annual dues or sending a check payable to the OTOW Democratic Club to our treasurer Jack Starr at 2341 Haitian Drive, Unit 17, Clearwater, FL., 33763.



HAZ-TO-GO

Tuesday, Oct. 17
10 am - 1 pm
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Thursday, Oct. 19
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Yoga with Marilyn and Tai Chi with Ruth Pittman have both moved to the West Activity Center during East Activity Center renovations. Yoga with Marilyn will be Tuesdays only while in the WAC.

YOGA with Marilyn 

SEPTEMBER SCHEDULE

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ENTERTAINMENT COMMITTEE

Who wants to dance in the new East Activity Center Auditorium?



Entertainment Committee presents 4 Possibilities in October

MOTOWN AND MORE Thursday, Oct. 5, 7:30, \$15

OKTOBERFEST DANCE Featuring "Sequel" Saturday, Oct. 7, 8:00, \$10

"ABBA SALUTELY" Tribute show to the 1970's group 'ABBA' Thursday, Oct. 26, 7:30, \$15

HALLOWEEN DANCE Featuring "Flashback" Saturday, Oct. 28, 8:00, \$10

SUNDAY IN THE PARK

free

Nordstrom Fashion Show

Sunday Oct. 29 2 pm

First Time on our Stage Tribute to Abba

Tickets on sale Thursdays 8:30-10:30 am in the WAC. Watch the Box Office for event updates.

Your tickets for September events can be traded in for October events. No dates on this page are guaranteed due to renovations.

If October isn't enough for you ... Coming Thursday, Nov. 2, 7:30 pm BRITISH INVASION III - The ZStoneZ Tribute to The Rolling Stones (rescheduled from September)



ENTERTAINMENT COMMITTEE



Pictured above are some of the ‘visitors’ the Entertainment Committee allowed on the dance floor during its Halloween Dance last year. Who might stop by this year?

If the auditorium is done on time, we’re ready to throw welcome back parties

By Marvin Flam

For the month of September, the East Activity Center is closed to the public for renovations.

The work is tentatively scheduled to be completed in early October.

If the renovations are completed on schedule, the Entertainment Committee will be presenting several exciting events in the newly renovated auditorium in October.

Come and enjoy “Motown and More” on Thursday, Oct. 5 at 7:30 p.m. featuring Karen Kallen, Bill Castner, Richie Merritt and Denise Looney.

On Saturday, Oct. 7, at 8 p.m., come be a part of our “Oktoberfest Dance” featuring the music of “Sequel.”

On Thursday, Oct. 26, at 7:30 p.m., join us for “Abba Salutely,” an exciting tribute show to the 1970’s group, “ABBA.”

On Saturday, Oct. 28, at 8 p.m., dress up in your best costume for our annual “Halloween Dance” featuring the music of “Flashback.” You might win a prize!

Ice and coffee are provided at the shows and dances. Bring your own beverages and snacks.

Completing this exciting opening month in the newly renovated digs, on Sunday, Oct. 29, at 2 p.m., the Entertainment Committee will host a free Sunday-In-The-Park featuring “Nordstrom Rack Fashion Show.”

Both men’s and women’s fashions will be on display. Refreshments are provided, along with prizes in the drawing.

The Entertainment Committee had canceled the



“British Invasion” show originally scheduled for Sept. 14, but has rescheduled it for Thursday, Nov. 2. If you have season tickets, or purchased tickets for this show, they

will be honored for your reserved table and seat on the new date. You do not need to get new tickets.

If you have purchased tickets for any September canceled event and wish a refund or to exchange your tickets for another show or dance, please contact us at 727 449-9243 for information and refunds.

On Thursdays, only through the month of September, Entertainment Committee tickets and information will be available in the West Activity Center Sunrise Room between 8:30-10:30 a.m. Check the following sources to obtain up-to-date information regarding tickets, scheduling, access to the EAC, and closures, etc.:

(1) Call 727 449-9243 or email: entcom2014@gmail.com.

(2) Call or visit the Community Service Office in the EAC.

(3) Go to the Box Office at OnTopOfTheWorld-News.com.

(4) OTOW-TV is back on the air, but channel 96 is no longer available. You can view our community TV channel on 98_1 and 732.

(5) Ticket sales table each Thursday in September in the West Activity Center Sunrise Room.

All current 2017 season or package ticket holders will be able to renew their tickets for the 2018 shows and dances starting Thursday, Oct. 5. Previously reserved tables and seats will be held until Thursday, Nov. 2, at which time all reserved tables and seats will be made available to the public.

The fun continues...be part of it!



SPORTS

Wednesdays are for golfing and eating

Men's Golf League

The On Top of the World Men's Golf League is known for low scores, great friendships and plenty of festive occasions.

One such festive event took place in July when those playing summer golf got together for a cookout at the golf course. Jerry Watlington, who has a reputation for being able to cook anything, grilled hot dogs while everyone gathered around to talk about their birdies.

Coming up this month, the league will host a shotgun-start tournament on Wednesday, Sept. 20.

Later, there will be a Three Clubs-and-a-Putter Tournament on Oct. 18, the annual Guys and Dolls Tournament on Nov. 18 and the annual Christmas Party on Dec. 13, following a four-man scramble. The Guys and Dolls Tournament begins at 8:30 a.m. In case of rain, the tournament will be pushed back to Nov. 22.

The OTOW Men's Golf League plays every Wednesday and is open to any community resident with a valid activity card. Sign in takes place at 6:45 a.m. and play begins at 8 a.m.

To join the league, there is a \$30 annual fee, which is reduced to \$15 if you join after July 1.

Weekly winners get their names posted on the golf course bulletin board and usually get mentioned in this monthly newspaper.

Every third Wednesday, food and beverages are served when golf is finished.

Every December, the league hosts a party where each golfer can bring their wife or significant other. Food and beverages are served.

For more information about the Men's Golf League, visit the club's official Website at OTOWMensGolf.com. The league also has a general information page on the Box Office at OnTopOfTheWorldNews.com.



Members of the On Top of the World Men's Golf League celebrate their birdies and pars with a hot dog party in mid-July. These guys celebrate every third Wednesday.

Harry Barbin, Patti Cook, Dan Hayden, Mother Nature each win a weekly title

Summer golf in Florida takes some getting used to.

The dense air, wet ground, deep rough and high temperatures require much more concentration in order to score well.

In the Thursday Golf League, we do our best to concentrate and get plenty of practice with our off-season play.

The week 11 winner was Harry Barbin. Dave Pittenger took second place and Dan Hyden took third place. David Rodgers recorded the low gross round. Steve Caffey, Bruce MacPherson and Joe Wisinski collected one skin each. Clyde Hershberger won the weekly competition by having the most points on the odd numbered holes.

A three-way tiebreaker was needed to

Thursday Golf

determine a winner in week 12. Patti Cook came out on top. Ron Parham was second and CJ Messina placed third. Clyde Hershberger was the low gross winner. Don Hunter, Len Howell, Patti Cook, Roger Guyton, Bruce MacPherson and Ron Parham all had one skin each. The long drive competition winners were Patti Cook, Don Baker and Steve Caffey. Don Baker had the closest to the pin shot.

There was no play on week 13. The summer rains finally caught up to us.

Dan Hyden was the week 14 champi-

on. Bill Higgins was second and JT Norris place third. David Rodgers had the low gross round and also collected two skins. Bill Higgins had a great round and collected three skins. Clyde Hershberger had two skins and Dan Hyden collected one.

For golfers needing an additional challenge this summer, there is a game played at East Bay Golf Course every other Monday. It is open to everyone, including friends from outside On Top of the World. If you are interested in playing, please contact Harry at hvgcharry@aol.com or 215-514-1280.

Our golf league continues to play all summer. The league welcomes new members at any time and all On Top of the World residents are welcome to join the

league.

Players must sign in between 9:15-9:45 a.m. and play begins as soon as groups are selected.

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 using the USGA Stableford format. Men play from the blue tees where available. Women play from the red tees and yellow where available.

For information call Paul @ 727-474-2344 or email blackdoggolf@aol.com.

We are also on the Box Office at OnTopOfTheWorldNews.com.

SPORTS

Even if our pool sharks face other obligations, then tend to come back again



By Penny Page

New players are always welcome in the Women's Que'T Billiards Club.

There is always a table reserved in the pool room on Wednesday nights. That is where you will find prospective players shooting with one of our coaches.

Some women wonder whether or not they are up to playing right away and some want to renew old skills. Others have never held a cue stick in their hands and want to learn how to play.

The club encourages women to come to play for a few weeks before they decide to join. Most stay and some leave and come back.

Kathy Caithness is our newest guest and a promising player. She falls in the "left but came back" category.

Kathy has actually joined three times, but left because of other obligations. It's been seven years since she last played.

Kathy thinks she will stick with pool this time and has decided to become a member once more.

When asked why she decided to come back she said, "I want the opportunity to play, now that I have more time. I'm a lover of people and I knew the women



Pictured above is Kathy Caithness, who is back in the Women's Que'T Billiards Club for good ... we hope. At left is Barbara Barnhart, who took first place in the ladies' monthly tournament for July.

would be nice."

Kathy already knows some of the players, which is not surprising because she has lived at On Top of the World for 20 years.

She and her husband, Walter, play pool together occasionally and they like to play doubles with other couples. They



play bridge here at OTOW, in Dunedin and Palm Harbor.

Kathy has, for many years, been moderator for celticsblog.com. That, alone, took up to six hours of her time a day.

Kathy and Walter will celebrate their 50th anniversary next March.

We welcome Kathy and are so happy she has become a part of our club again!

In our monthly tournament for the July, Barbara Barnhart took first place. Margo Lindsay came in second place.

The billiards room is not affected by the East Activity Center renovations.

Season starts with a 'Fun' tournament

Although some club members have continued playing golf on Tuesday mornings throughout the summer, the Ladies 9-Hole Golf Association will officially kick off the new season with a "fun day" on Tuesday, Oct. 10.

New and old members should meet at the Little House at 8:30 a.m. We are looking forward to having fun golfing and to reunite with our friends who have come back home early from time spent up north.

The association will have a table at the Fall Festival/Senior Expo on Nov. 4. Members are encouraged to sign up to help at the table. Information about our

Ladies 9 Hole Golf

organization will be distributed to anyone interested in joining our group. All are welcome.

Anyone having any questions about joining our group or signing up to assist at the Senior Expo should contact Carroll Harris at 432-528-8684.

We also have a page on the Box Office Website if we could find a volunteer to update it for us.

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In OTOW softball, do not let our youthful stories intimidate you - we play to have fun

By Bob Rittner

There is a rumor that stories of our extraordinary exploits have intimidated some On Top of the World residents from joining our softball league.

Remember, traditional baseball reporting massaged facts to create legends.

We are simply senior citizens having a ball playing ball, with a bit of reporting embroidery to enhance the experience.

Think of it this way. There is an interpretation at Baseball Reference, a baseball information Website, that neutralizes

Softball

player's statistics.

In order to be able to compare players of different eras, it adjusts their career statistics by placing them all in a neutral setting, identical ball parks with identical average runs scored/game, and uses a formula to figure how that would affect their relative statistical performances.

When we talk about players "racing

in," "streaking" or "leaping," we are neutralizing those terms to reflect our age. We are using terms that make a tiptoe stretch for us equivalent to a leaping-over-the-fence-grab by a 25 year old.

And perhaps some of those looping fly balls morph into screaming line drives in the retelling. It's not prevarication. It's a reflection of our mind's eye.

So join our league. In our imaginations, we retrieve our youth while enjoying the smell of the grass, the fresh air and the camaraderie of friends.

Our play is spirited and competitive, but friendly and open to all.

We play from October to April, on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8-9:30 a.m. in Safety Harbor. Our preseason meeting is in the West Activity Center Sunrise Room on Thursday, Oct. 5, at 6 p.m. You may sign up there or simply come to the field when we start play on Oct. 12.

For more information, call either Guy Bertuzzi (723-2307) or Bob Rittner (729-7970). We will also post information on our Box Office Web page.

Whatever your shuffleboard strategy, you are welcome to play with us

By Bob Rittner

For the first time in memory, On Top of the World shuffleboard players competed throughout the summer.

To do this successfully, shufflers started at 9 a.m. to avoid the afternoon heat.

Starting Monday, Oct. 2, our group will move games back to 1:30 p.m. and play every Monday and Thursday at that time.

There are many ways to enjoy shuffleboard. Some people play entirely on the offense, seeking to place every shot inside a scoring box and running up points.

Others focus more on defense, knocking opponents out of scores, especially when they have the Hammer - the last shot of a round.

Shuffleboard

Some players are intrigued by strategy. Some shufflers sometimes set up blocks early to prepare for scoring shots later. Some people place their discs close to an opponent's disc to discourage a score from being knocked out.

Yet another eschew strategy is just having fun, trying to score or pushing an opponent into the kitchen for minus 10 points.

Whatever your approach, the game is great fun. Don't hesitate to join us either right now or once we begin our regular

season in October.

You can learn the game in a few minutes and become proficient simply by playing for a while. Win or lose, you will have a good time.

The summer diehards who won three games in one day last month were Phyllis Williams, Karen Ulmer, Wayne Litfin, Donna Smerz and Dave Purcell.

For more information, call Bob Rittner at 727-729-7970. We will also have updated information posted on our Box Office page. Go to OnTopOfTheWorldNews.com, click Box Office, click Enter and Clubs and look for the shuffleboard link.

Watch for news this winter when an outdoor renovation project begins.



Bowling registration

The On Top of the World Mixed Bowling League will be starting Friday, Oct. 6, at Dunedin Lanes.

The league meets on Fridays during the winter season and starts bowling at noon.

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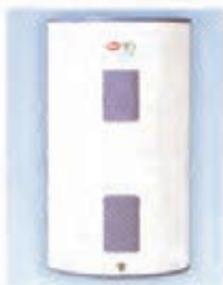
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Two birthday celebrations, across the globe from each other, will be fondly remembered

Our Englander residents sure know how to celebrate their birthdays — around the world!

We've all heard that what happens in Las Vegas stays in Las Vegas, but Dorothy Algozzina had such a great birthday celebration that she doesn't mind telling us all about it.

Fourteen friends and relatives, including son George, who also lives at On Top of the World, helped Dorothy celebrate her 90th birthday during the week-long celebration in the Las Vegas area.

There was a show at the Golden Nugget, a hamburger feast at the Heart Attack Grill (where everyone wore hospital gowns), bowling with the great-grandchildren and a bottomless Mimosa breakfast on the morning of her birthday.

All this was topped off with a beautiful champagne toast and evening dinner cruise on Lake Mead while cruising past the amazing Hoover Dam. Dorothy received a well-deserved standing ovation



during the cruise when they brought in the chocolate raspberry cake with raspberry Grenache all decorated with photos of Dorothy and her family members.

Meanwhile, on the other side of the world, Terri and Dick Mikszenas traveled to celebrate Dick's 85th birthday with his family in Krumenai, Lithuania — the village where Dick's grandparents lived before coming to America.

The birthday celebration, which lasted all weekend, reached a lifetime



Celebrating his 85th birthday in Lithuania, Dick Mikszenas stands proudly with a traditional gift of flowers in Lithuanian colors, a bouquet of balloons and the hand-made oak-leaf wreath symbolizing everlasting life.

high for Dick when more than 20 family members honored Dick with a parade.

What a surprise to see everyone marching down the country road carrying the traditional bouquets of flowers, helium-filled balloons, and many gifts of Lithuania! Some were walking, some riding on bicycles, children were in carriages and pets on leashes all forming the parade. As the patriarch of the family, he was also presented with a hand-made oak-leaf wreath symbolizing health and everlasting life.

A warm welcome is extended to our newest neighbors, Cecelia Springer and to Donna Coleman and Brian Coleman. We're looking forward to getting to know them at our upcoming "meet and greet" pizza party, and will properly introduce them in our next news column.



Dorothy Algozzina poses with her amazing dark chocolate raspberry birthday cake decorated with photographs of Dorothy and her family members. She celebrated her birthday in the Las Vegas area with family.



Shown here are family members that were on hand for Dick Mikszenas' weekend-long traditional birthday celebration in Krumenai, Lithuania.



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“Take Me Out to the Ball Game,” and he did. Gus Longo hosted a group of fans from the Valencia building who attended a baseball game at Spectrum field earlier this summer.

Smiling faces, beer, peanuts and Crackerjacks along with a home team win in extra innings, then topped off with fireworks. Can’t get much better than that!

If you recall back in my May issue, I noted that Jerry Blizin had written a book about the early history of Florida, “Moses & Son,” which, by the way, is selling very well.

I recently visited with Jerry and his wife Betty where they shared some stories of their early years.

Jerry was born in Minnesota and after graduating from the University of Minnesota, he went to work for the “St. Petersburg Times” as a cub reporter.

Jerry covered many areas of reporting including most notably the police beat. On one fateful occasion, Jerry and his photographer were listening to the police radio and heard about a shooting in the St. Petersburg area.



As it turned out, they got to the crime scene before the police and gathered many clues that helped the police department solve the murder in less than six hours.

This news story was picked up by some network TV executives and was broadcast on the old TV show “The Big Story,” which you may remember. The name of the episode was “The Hot Rod Murder Case.” As with most TV shows, many liberties were taken in telling this story but Jerry joked that the only thing that disappointed him was that the actor selected to portray him was



Valencia group at a recent baseball game. Trip organizer Gus Longo is at far left.

not handsome enough!

After leaving Florida in 1964, Jerry moved to Washington, D.C., and worked with several politicians as a speech writer and public relations person. Jerry eventually got a job at a PR firm (Hill and Knowles) where he met and married Betty. Betty was born in Cleveland, Ohio. Together during their careers they were fortunate to see a lot of the world, especially England and France, having made more than 20 visits.

So now, as Paul Harvey used to say, you know the rest of the story.



Featured residents Betty and Jerry Blizin.

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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 Activity Cards.

New neighbors come from nearby town

Please say hello to our new neighbors on the South side of our building (the even side), as Sherrie and Neal Seiter have moved in there.

They came a long way to live with us — all the way from Palm Harbor! They knew about On Top of the World because Sherrie’s parents live here at OTOW.

Neal works as an insurance agent and Sherrie is a working nurse. They have a daughter who lives here in Florida and a son who is in nursing school here in Florida. They also have two fantastic little dogs named Whistle and Kazoo. Welcome!

The Espana officers, Les and Sheila Meneilly, have been sending building information via emails. Unfortunately those residents who do not have computers do not know what is happening until they get the OTOW newspaper.

Due to the printing of the paper, my articles are at least a month after the event and well after the emails that Les and Sheila are sending.

To those of you who do not have computers, on Jan. 5, 2017, Les and Sheila



sent the following email: “Visitor parking spaces are meant for visitors. If you have a second vehicle, please park on the street or arrange with a neighbor who does not use theirs.”

Since it is now almost Snowbird time, I am writing this paragraph at the request of a number of our residents. We have nurses, therapists, cleaning ladies, repair people, etc. who come to our building and they need a place to park. Our residents also

have guests. Please remember the meaning of the word “visitor,” and please follow Les and Sheila’s request.

I am writing the following item because the other day someone put a lot of books in the rack by the trash room. Six days a week the maintenance people clean out the rack and throw everything out with the trash. If, for example, you put your items in the rack on Saturday afternoon, they will not be thrown out until Monday when maintenance returns. So try to use some consideration regarding use of the rack.

If you need a new activities card, please be aware that you no longer need just your driver’s license. You also need a piece of mail addressed to you at your OTOW address. I had to go home and get a piece of mail in order for me to get a new OTOW activities card. Be aware.

Have a great Labor Day. Do you remember when we used to have our last barbecue of the year on Labor Day? Here in Florida, we are still in summer when it’s Labor Day.

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In front of the famous Coney Island roller coaster are (L-R) Emily Contrada, Bob Anderson and Heinz Scheibe.

NYC trip was the highlight of the summer for reporter

My husband, Heinz Scheibe, and I drove to New York City to visit our friends Emily Contrada and Robert (Bob) Anderson.

Besides visiting The Museum of Modern Art (MOMA) and the Solomon R. Guggenheim Museum, which not only impresses with the display of art but also with the outstanding architecture of Frank Lloyd Wright.

A fun trip to Coney Island with lunch at "Nathan's" famous hot dogs was a must, too.

Another highlight of our trip was visiting dear friends in New Jersey, having a wonderful Brazilian-style barbecue. We were able to go on this trip thanks to our friend and fellow resident of BFH, Ronald



Blaettner, who took very good care of our dog and cat. They didn't seem to be missing us when we came back....



A look back at the OTOW News (September, 1992)

- On Friday, Sept. 4, a bus trip to the Belz Factory Outlet in Orlando was scheduled, where a selection of high-fashion and name-brand shops were to be visited and shopped. The outlet features two malls and four annexes including a food court and several restaurants.
- The regular monthly meeting of the Married Women's Club was to be held on Sept. 18 at the East Activity Center. The club always welcomes new residents. Come over and join us for a morning social.
- Approximately 20 ladies of the OTOW Women's Tennis Club enjoyed yet another breakfast at the Lemon Tree. Margaret Pitkethly and Katy Flattery were in charge of the affair. They surprised Nancy DeGrazia with a cupcake and candle for her birthday.
- On Friday, Oct. 16, the Great Lakes Club announced that its annual Oktoberfest would be held on Oct. 16. There was to be real German music, beer, wine, punch, cheese, sausage and more goodies to go along with polkas and waltzes, all for the low price of only \$6. The host and hostess were Fred and Alice Markus. Come and have good ethnic fun. Danke Schoen!
- If you were among the many who had signed on for the 1992-93 season of Mixed League Bowling and now have changed your mind, please call Secretary Anita Klein to clear your name from the list. We also welcome any new bowlers who are interested in joining our league.

COFFEE CORNER

Due to renovations being done to the East Activity Center, Coffee Corner will be inactive until further notice.



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. **Also be sure to keep your dog hydrated and out of the summer heat as much as possible.**

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Check the paper for events, then mark your calendar

We had another successful July outing to the Country Boy restaurant on July 27.

Many of our regulars attended including Linda and Vince Zeyak, Cindy and Mike Spahalski, Norma and Dick Knight, Ana Cruz, Phil Meissner, Newton Parker and myself, (I apologize if I forgot someone!).

There was no planned luncheon for August, however we will be gathering at Perkins Restaurant at Curlew and U.S. 19 on Sept. 28. As usual there will be a sign-up sheet posted on the bulletin board.

There are not any significant announcements regarding our Chetnik Building activities. Although we generally do not plan many building activities during the summer months, several residents have enjoyed short summer vacations, including visits to Disney World, Universal Studios



and our close neighbor in Tampa, Busch Gardens.

Phil Meissner has taken advantage of several On Top of the World Travel Club activities, including a recent trip to the South Florida Museum and Planetarium

in Bradenton, just over the Skyway Bridge. Phil said the Travel Club has a very active group taking advantage of a great assortment of day trips, restaurant visits, cruise ship excursions and many other adventures.

If these activities are of interest, you can read up on the Travel Club in the Activities section of the paper as well as the ontopoftheworldnews.com website.

Just pull up the website and click on the "Box Office" link and find all the various clubs' activities, including the Travel Club.

As noted in the headline of this article, don't forget to check out the entire paper for activities of interest and then mark your calendar so you don't forget, particularly when planned events are towards the end of the month.

I saw an interesting news story

regarding a malady similar to Seasonal Affective Disorder (SAD), called Reverse Seasonal Affective Disorder. SAD is similar to what is known as "Cabin Fever" normally during the winter months when cold or snowy weather keeps folks, particularly older folks, indoors causing restlessness, irritation and loss of sleep in many people.

On the opposite side of the spectrum is Reverse SAD for many of us living in the warmer climates. It is fairly rare, however. If the "dog days of summer" have gotten to you, you are not alone. Fortunately, the glorious fall days are just around the corner, so keep your chin up!

As a reminder, if you have an idea for an article or if you have a story of interest for our building, please give me a call or stop me when you see me around the complex. I appreciate your help.

OTOW residents dealing with 'hot fun in the summertime'

We are really seeing what summer in Florida is all about.

Last year was our first full summer here and it really did not feel as warm as it does this summer. I love summertime, and when we lived in Wisconsin, it was my favorite season.

Here, I love it year-round. I think many of our residents feel the same, because when we go to the pool, we see many of our friends enjoying this weather.

The walkers may have changed the timing of their walks to early in the day, the golfers also, but we continue to see our four-legged friends with their companions throughout the day, doing their thing.

My cats also enjoy this weather, sitting in the front window, enjoying the sun and heat and watching all the activity outside.

Many of our residents took vacations this summer to visit family and friends. Some went to New York, New Jersey, and Illinois. We went to Wisconsin for a week for that very reason. We had a great time and look forward to doing it again next year.

We had our monthly lunch at



Ozona Blue, and we had a great turnout with lots of good food and laughter.

We had our monthly "Gathering on the Green" in the condo of one of our residents for cocktails and snacks, which was also well-attended.

I attended a retreat years ago and the theme was "Do not anticipate, participate," and, since moving here, it really has become a way of life. All the activities that are available here make that very easy to do.

Relax and enjoy!

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Traveling residents and a huge coincidence are highlights

Malaguena residents did some traveling this summer! Candice Peace and her mother, Carolyn Hendrickson, a resident of the Melbourne Building, took a cruise to Cuba last year. But Candice's husband, Fred, hadn't been able to make that trip.

So this year, Fred went on the trip with Candice and Carolyn. Their cruise ship departed from Miami, and sailed directly to Havana. On the previous trip, Candice had been moved by the poverty of the Cuban people, especially the children. So she and Fred brought several deflated soccer balls which they planned to inflate and give away once they were there.

The only problem was getting them into the country; they had to go through three officials to get approval. The Peace's were glad they did get approval, because the Cuban children, who have so little, were thrilled to receive the American soccer balls.

This time the three of them toured in a very snappy, two-toned 1954 Ford, pictured, instead of a bus on an educational trip.

Jerry and Beth Thomas also did some traveling this summer, though only as far as Guilford, Conn. The occasion was their granddaughter's wedding. The wedding was a formal affair starting with the rehearsal dinner at the Thimble Island Brewery. The ceremony was held at a local castle, complete with 150 guests, nine groomsmen



and nine maids of honor. The ring bearer duties were carried out by the couple's dog, which did a very good job! It was a beautiful wedding which Jerry and Beth enjoyed celebrating with family and friends.

Now for the coincidence. When Beth Thomas stopped by my condo with the notes from the wedding for this article, we sat for a while to chat. Somehow the conversation turned to the topic of what an educational experience it is to live in another country. I agreed, having lived overseas when I was a kid.

I asked her where she'd lived and she said "North Africa." I couldn't believe it, and asked her "Tripoli?" She looked at me in complete shock. It turns out Beth and I had both lived in Tripoli, Libya, when we were kids! Neither of us has ever run into anyone else who had this extraordinary



Candice Peace, Fred Peace and Carolyn Hendrickson enjoy a ride in a 1954 Ford convertible in Havana, Cuba, where they visited recently.

experience. Our fathers, both in the Air Force, had been transferred to Wheelus Field, the large Air Force base outside Tripoli. Beth's family moved there a couple of years after my family had returned to the States. We both attended Wheelus Elementary School, the school for military dependents. Well, we couldn't stop talking about our experiences in Tripoli and the coincidence of running into each other.

I pulled out my scrapbook and the scenes all looked familiar to Beth. While we didn't know each other then, to meet and share experiences now is truly wonderful!

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Marilyn Whelan's Peace Corps past traveled to On Top of the World for an inspirational visit.

Going back in time to 1979, Austrian Alpine resident Marilyn Whelan recounted when she and her husband, Jim, were Peace Corps volunteers in Old Alabang, a poor village in the Philippines. There they met Eduardo Argana, a bright 16-year-old boy with a very loving mother.

Although the family was poor, they owned their home but were just a step above squatters. Because Eduardo's mother believed in his abilities, she wanted him to attend high school.

Eduardo had seen very few Americans, but worked with Marilyn and Jim, and also worked with the two Mormon missionaries who came to the village to volunteer in a variety of ways.

By the time Eduardo was 17, Marilyn and Jim were helping pay for his computer science education.

When Eduardo finished his schooling, he got a job as a messenger for a large bank. The bank president and bank security allowed Eduardo to practice at night on



a computer so he was able to build up his speed and skills. Then, he landed a computer job. He also became involved in the Mormon Church.

Fast forward 37 years. Eduardo married a school teacher, works at a good job, and has four children, one of whom will attend college next year. Eduardo is also one of the two presidents of the Mormon Church in the Philippines. He came to Tampa to visit with Marilyn.

"There were tears in my eyes when



Marilyn Whelan had a pizza party for her visitor from her Peace Corps days. Left to right are Natalie Silva, Pearl Gershon, Marilyn Whelan, Eduardo Argana, Cynthia Duncanson and Petra Gonzalez.

I saw him at the airport," said Marilyn. "He was dressed in a business suit, not barefoot and in poverty as he was when I first saw him 37 years ago. Look at this friend whose successes stem from the exposure to opportunities shown by the Peace Corps."

While Eduardo was visiting, he was treated to a pizza party thrown by Marilyn and some friends.

Marilyn's travels take her to many sights and experiences throughout the world but this visitor from her Peace Corps past brought her great joy.



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New resident enjoys motorcycles, kickboxing and her Lab

Ahhh. The Dog Days of August are behind us and to celebrate, we welcome our newest canine resident, "Buddy" DeBlois.

Buddy is a large 6-year-old Chocolate Lab, very friendly and loves people to pet him. Buddy is in training to become a therapy dog. The sign on Buddy's apartment door pretty much sums up his life, "A spoiled rotten Chocolate Lab lives here."

Buddy's Mom is Connie DeBlois, who recently purchased a unit with her brother, Erich. Originally from Topeka, Kan., Connie has lived in Pinellas County most of her life relocating here in the early 1970s. She works (yes, apparently some people still do) for a large manufacturer in St. Pete, enjoys embroidery, motorcycle riding and kickboxing.

Connie's two grown sons also live nearby. Please welcome Connie and Buddy to our Azores community when you see them out for their daily strolls. You can't miss Buddy, (nor would he want you to).

Russ Heiserman escaped the Florida heat and humidity to visit family in Minnesota. Falling under the heading,



"Be Careful What You Wish For," the temperature never went beyond the fifties for his entire visit with a high of 54 on his final day.

Russ also learned a new meaning for "Slippery When Wet" as a result of the gaggle of geese his family keeps near their pond.

The Fitzgerald clan: Kelly, Celeste, Terry and all the rest took off for a late summer fling on Great Pond in the Belgrade Lakes region of Maine. They

enjoyed boating, swimming, hiking but most of all visiting the picturesque towns and villages in the area.

Al Sakey and Ann Setkovicz "dropped in" to visit their son and his family in their fabulous new home on the shore of Long Island Sound in Fairfield County, Conn. Raised up nine feet after the flooding from Storm Sandy, Al had no difficulty negotiating the 12 steps to the front door. Fortunately, no bones were broken after the fall.

Their three grandchildren dubbed Al the "Dog Whisperer" because their new Labradoodle puppy preferred him to everyone else.

They were able to extend their stay by two days compliments of their airline which cancelled their return flight.

Bob Kelly continued his summer of revisiting American history during the Mohawk Valley, N.Y., celebration of the 240th anniversary of the start of the Revolutionary War. Bob enjoyed touring forts, homes, churches, taverns and battlefields still remaining after almost two and a half centuries.

Twenty of us enjoyed dinner at the Hog Island Fish Camp in Dunedin. Once again, good food and good company led to a great time for all.

The entire Azores' Entertainment Committee met in the laundry room recently. While folding clothes, Marie Pirrello decided a September outing to Olive Garden will be fun. The other person present, Tom, agreed as any good (read "smart") husband would.

Look for the sign-up sheet on the newly decorated bulletin board.

The new beach-themed decor in the Core has received many compliments.

Look for party hats to appear on the heads of the following in September: Brenda Geanakos, 9/1; John Parham, 9/22; Mary Ann Staffieri, 9/22 and Ava Smith, 9/28.

Patriot Day is Sept. 11, POW/MIA Recognition Day is Sept. 15, Rosh Hashanah begins at sundown on Sept. 20 (Happy New Year), and Yom Kippur at sundown on Sept. 29.

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Everyone is welcome to attend and listen.

Bible Study Club

Bob Reis, President

NOTE: Due to building renovations, there is a temporary new meeting location and time.

See below for details.

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.

Until further notice, the club will meet Tuesday evenings at 8 p.m. in the West Activity Center Learning Lab. 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.

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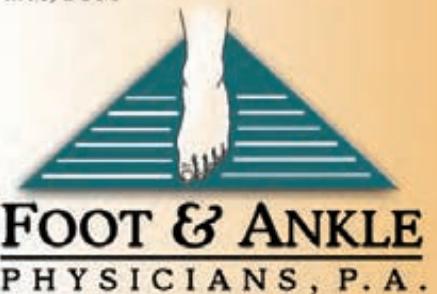
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A part of our state culture: the 'Florida Highwaymen'

People who move to Florida from somewhere else often say that there is no cultural tradition here, which is far from the truth.

Exploring our state shows just how rich our culture is. Earlier this summer, I had the privilege of meeting one of the original "Florida Highwaymen," artist Robert L. Lewis. Robert was exhibiting and selling his paintings and giving a painting demonstration at Antiques-N-Uniques, in nearby Palm Harbor.

Robert was one of many African-American artists who started painting scenes of Florida's rich landscapes, and selling them up and down the highway along the East Coast of Florida in the 1950s.

At that time, galleries were not inclined to show work by African-American artists. Eventually, the artists became aware of each other and sometimes supported and collaborated with each other but remained in relative obscurity until the 1990s.

They were then recognized as a group and deemed "The Florida Highwaymen." In 2004, the 26 original Florida Highwaymen (25 men and one woman, Mary Ann Carroll) were inducted into the Florida Artists Hall of Fame.

Though 76 years old, Robert is still an active and prolific artist. He enjoys traveling around the state and meeting the public. We hit it off right away, and I spent a couple of hours talking and listening as he reflected on his life as an artist and growing up and living in Florida.



Different from many of the Highwaymen, Robert has formal art training, with a bachelor's degree in art education. Robert taught art in the Florida public schools and colleges for 32 years. He said one of his greatest joys was taking a young person who felt he had no artistic ability and showing him what he had inside of himself, helping build his self-confidence.

In the early days, he would work with whatever materials presented themselves, such as Masonite board. He would use crown molding or chair railings as frames, paying a few cents a foot for them. His technique and work are more refined today, but the work still exhibits the bright, rich colors that make up the Florida landscape.

He said it might take him a week to do one of his oil paintings. In his demonstration, he took a blank canvas,



Viking reporter Pat Ellingham, at left, shows a painting he purchased from Florida Highwayman artist Robert L. Lewis, right, at a recent showing of Mr. Lewis' work in Palm Harbor.

narrating his process along the way, and using acrylics, created an amazing Florida scene in less than an hour.

The couple of dozen paintings that he and his son brought to the show were incredibly beautiful.

I am now the proud owner of an original Florida Highwayman painting. The hardest part was deciding which one

to purchase. It now hangs in a prominent spot in my condo. Anyone who lives in Viking and would like to see it is welcome to stop by.

If you have the chance to see Robert Lewis or one of the other surviving Florida Highwaymen and their paintings, take advantage of it. They are a major part of the rich cultural heritage of Florida.

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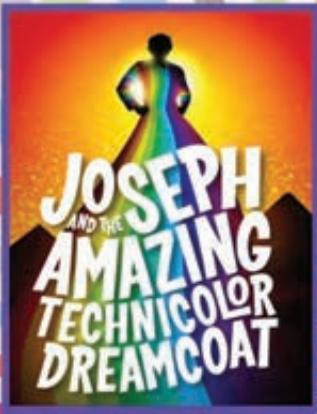
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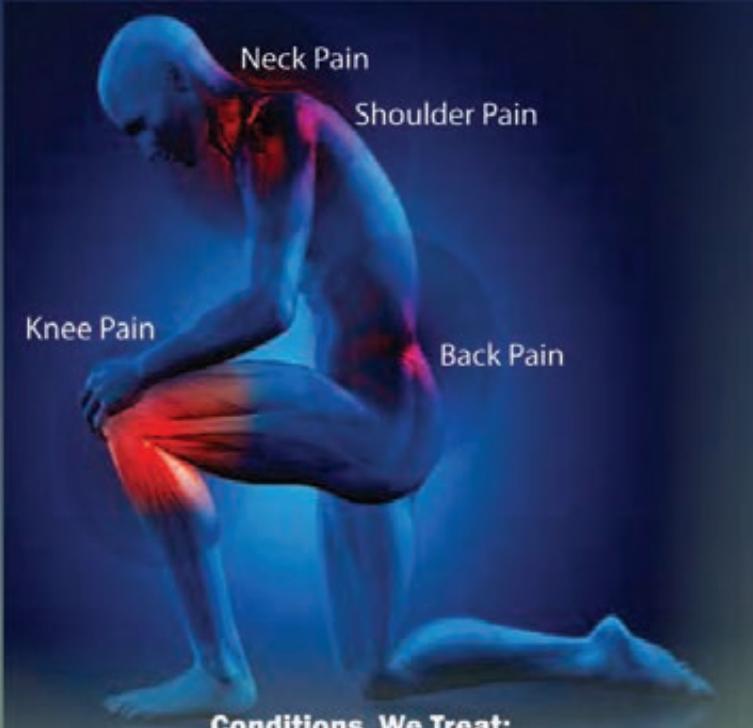
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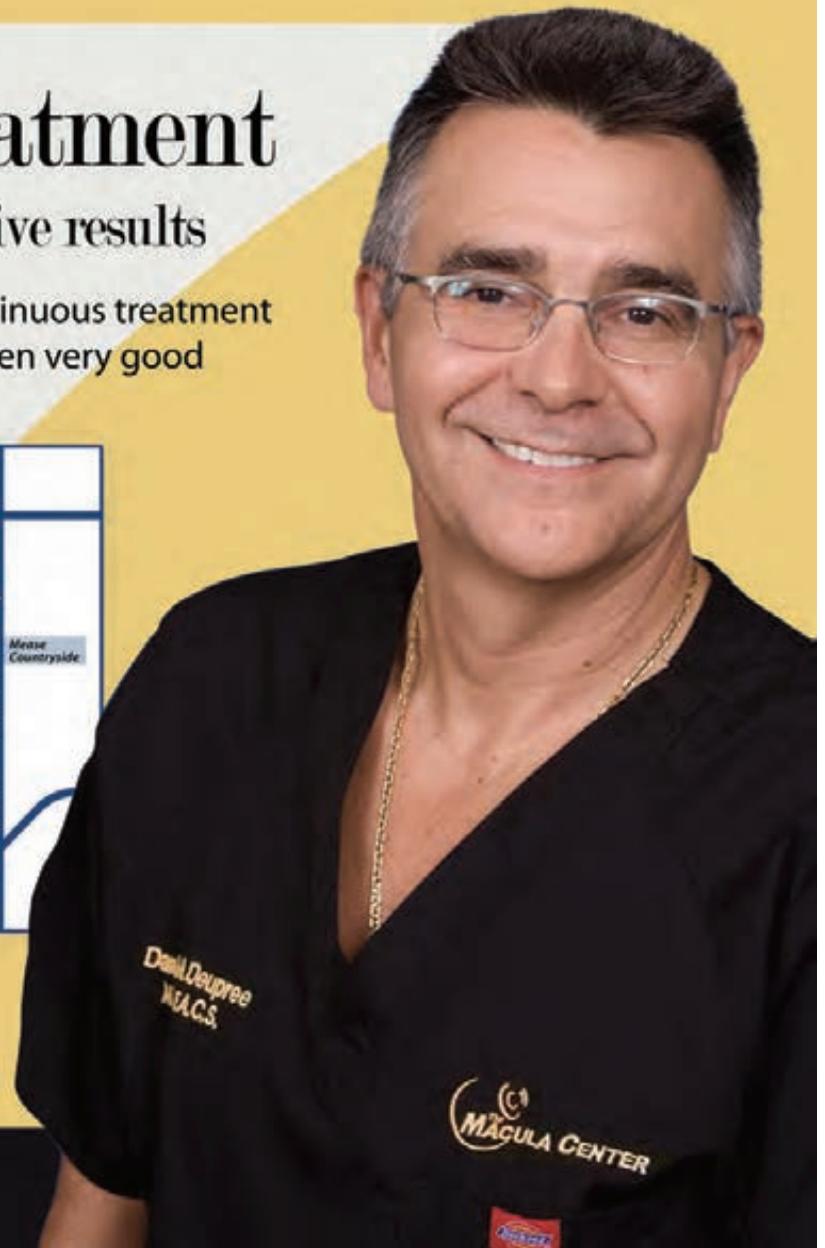
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Globe-trotting residents back home now

Hello fall, and happy Labor Day for those final picnics for most Snowbirds.

Was a busy August for many of our neighbors. All are home relaxing after globe-trotting.

Elaine Power and daughter Lynn Costanza were in New York City to celebrate the marriage of Lynn and Daniel's son Chris to Gail Strecker of New York. (See photo).

The bride's parents hosted a gala reception at the Gramercy Park Hotel, where the newlyweds were toasted by friends and family from near and far. Chris, Gail and Walter, the Florida kitty, are settling in their beautiful home in the city.

Chris is a published author. We expect to see some of his work on the big screen. Gail is in the home decorating field.

Wishing them all the happiness in the world on their new life together.

Both Elaine and Lynn are glad to be home with Sage and Cleo to relax after their fun filled whirlwind visit to the Big Apple.

Again home relaxing after some six weeks are Mary Wolf and Steve Moore, who enjoyed a fabulous vacation traveling throughout Europe, including a river cruise, and stateside visits with grandchildren.

Wonder if they bumped into Elsie Jane Anderson, our Polar Bear aerobics instructor, who spent a good deal of time traveling about Europe also?

Eileen Benfer and therapy dog



Newlyweds Chris and Gail Costanza.

Uma stayed with family in Tennessee last month. Being in Tennessee gave Eileen the opportunity to view the eclipse as well as visit with friends and family all over the state.

Both Eileen and Uma are again home. Welcome back. I'll keep dog treats handy for Uma!

We also were in Maine and Boston as well as Connecticut over August. Our son Mike flew to Carbondale, Ill., to photograph the eclipse.

For many not traveling, house guests arrived to visit. So it was a rather busy summer for everyone. Time to kick back and relax before our social season gets underway here at On Top of the World.

Snowbirds are packing for their flight to paradise. Some have arrived. Note the hurricane season continues through November, so pay attention to weather

reports. Good idea to have fresh batteries on hand. Keep flashlights and emergency supplies handy, including meds. A car phone charger is very handy if power is out.

While OTOW is about the safest place to be in a blow, we can and do lose power. PB and J tastes pretty good when one cannot cook!

Until next month, birthday and anniversary greetings to all celebrants. Any news fit to print just send to fresca@maine.rr.com



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Miles traveled by Bohemians exceed last year's totals

Our building would like to welcome full-time residents, Lena and Sam Betti.

Lena and Sam started out renters in our building, decided they liked us, and purchased a unit. They spent last season here as part-timers, returning to Ohio for the summer. It was then, they realized, that they enjoyed the Florida lifestyle, missed their neighbors, made the leap and have returned to make this their full-time residence.

We also welcome Katie Shivell. Katie comes to us from Pennsylvania. She has been a Snowbird for years, has made many friends here, and has family nearby helping her to make the leap and stay full time.

Full-timers have traveled far and wide this summer. Mike and Jutta Lane won the title for having traveled the farthest. They spent six weeks in Germany, staying the majority of time in Jutta's home town of



Miltenberg. She has a daughter in France, a son in Germany, and a daughter in the U.S. They were all able to reunite and relished the time together. For Mike it was a 30-year reunion with his military retirement friends.

Shirley Golding traveled to Fort

Worth, Texas, as a chaperone for her great-granddaughter. From all accounts, the three generations had great time watching baseball games, swimming, watching movies, and a teen favorite: shopping.

Carole Fisher and Phil James win the prize for endurance. They travel between Florida and the mountains of Tennessee, spending three weeks north and one week here, each month. They can share amazing stories of sites they have seen traveling back and forth.

Barbara Christ traveled to New Jersey for a month to spend time with her children. She was able to see her second great-grandson graduate and to visit with her sister, Mary.

The biggest event was a surprise 75th birthday party, allowing her the opportunity to see friends and relatives that she hasn't seen in years.

Jim and Paula Schelling drove to

Aurora, Ill., for Jim's 55th-year class reunion. It was a whirlwind trip with events planned for them their entire stay, they report that they needed to come home to get some rest!

Irene Centers traveled to Indiana to spend time with her siblings. You can imagine the conversations the three of them had reminiscing their youth.

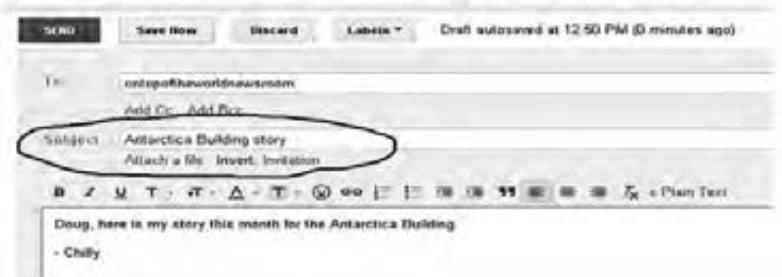
While some were away, others were entertaining guests. Max and Iris Freitas had the revolving door with company from Rhode Island and shortly after, their son and his family arriving from Colorado.

Shirley Golding's grandson from Georgia dropped in for a short visit. He will soon be getting married. Shirley is planning on going north for the event.

Checking back in my files, it turns out that we exceeded last year's miles traveled by 10,050 more. We sure know how to keep on the move!

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Folks from Paradise keeping on the move



Hi Everyone. I would like to thank one of our Paradise residents, Jane Lee, for sharing the activities of the Antigua II building.

They enjoyed a diner at Cody's Restaurant in July. Twenty-one residents showed up as well as some neighbors from the building across the street. In all, 24 residents enjoyed a wonderful dinner and an opportunity to visit with each other.

Those who had the time were invited to the Lee's home for coffee and dessert where the visiting continued.

This was the first time that the group had met in a while, and all agreed that it is something that they would like to do again.

All agreed that in our busy lives we don't take the time to meet those who live



Antigua II residents enjoy a dinner at Cody's recently. (Photo by Janet Lee)

on another floor of a building or on the other end of our buildings. The dinner party was a great way to learn more about each other.

After this group met in July, Nick and Marcia Albanese and Carol and Roland Grefer moved into our building. We are so happy to have them as our new neighbors, and we had a welcoming party for them in August.

Our neighbor, Nida Angileri, traveled

to Chicago to celebrate her 94th birthday last month, and this month Nida and her husband Jack, will celebrate their 71st wedding anniversary!

Rio Riviera residents also enjoyed an outing to the Grillsmith restaurant in July. In August, the residents went to Chopsticks for a nice dinner buffet.

If you are new to Paradise, I would love to hear from you.

Have a blessed day in Paradise!

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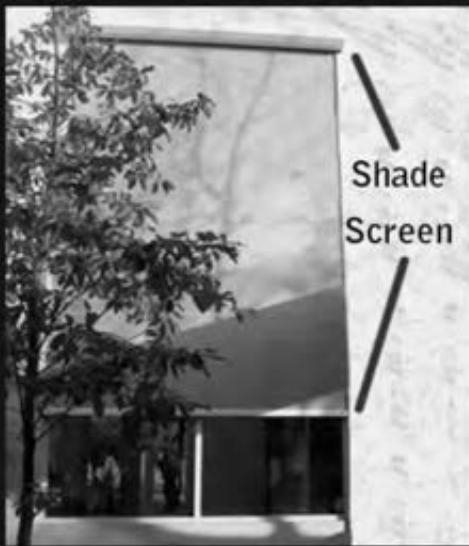
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Flamenco dwellers enjoy a late July 4th get-together recently at the West Activity Center Sunrise Room.

Flamenco residents go all-out for celebrations

Residents from the Flamenco Building and guests celebrated the 4th of July on the 14th in the Sunrise Room of the West Activity Center.

With an attendance of 24, the tables were nicely decorated red, white and blue for the 4th. All the paper goods and all the decorations were donated by Royetta Runyon. We appreciate the entertainment committee putting on another well-organized celebration. Thank you Elaine Whaley and Royetta and Debbie Allen!

The dinner consisted of baked chicken from Publix, macaroni salad, along with beans prepared by resident Teri McPherson. Corn bread was provided by Debbie, served with iced tea.

Before the desert was served, Lorraine encouraged some residents to join her for a line dancing lesson. "Boot Scoot'n Boogie" was a little tough, but those who participated departed knowing how to do the "Cupid Shuffle" and "Cotton-Eye Joe." Good job! Now it was time for the cake and ice cream.

Setting up, breaking down and cleaning up was easy with all the helping hands. Thank you! This was another enjoyable evening, with more events coming up.

Royetta Runyon enjoyed a great



birthday party June 24 at the home of Bob and Lorraine Gendron, who are also residents of the Flamenco.

The beautiful invitations were done up by her daughter, Kristy Paulick.

The 14 guests celebrated her birthday Karaoke style. The tables were decorated, a birthday banner and huge balloons were hung. A photo booth was available so everyone could have their picture taken. It was a fun evening.

The food was from Olive Garden: salad, lasagna, ziti and breadsticks. Then there was the birthday cake.

We again thank Royetta's daughter Kristy for organizing such a fine party.

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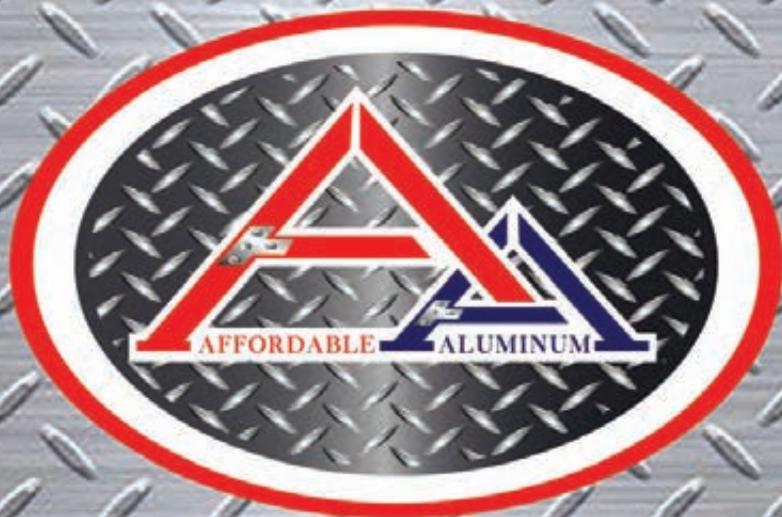


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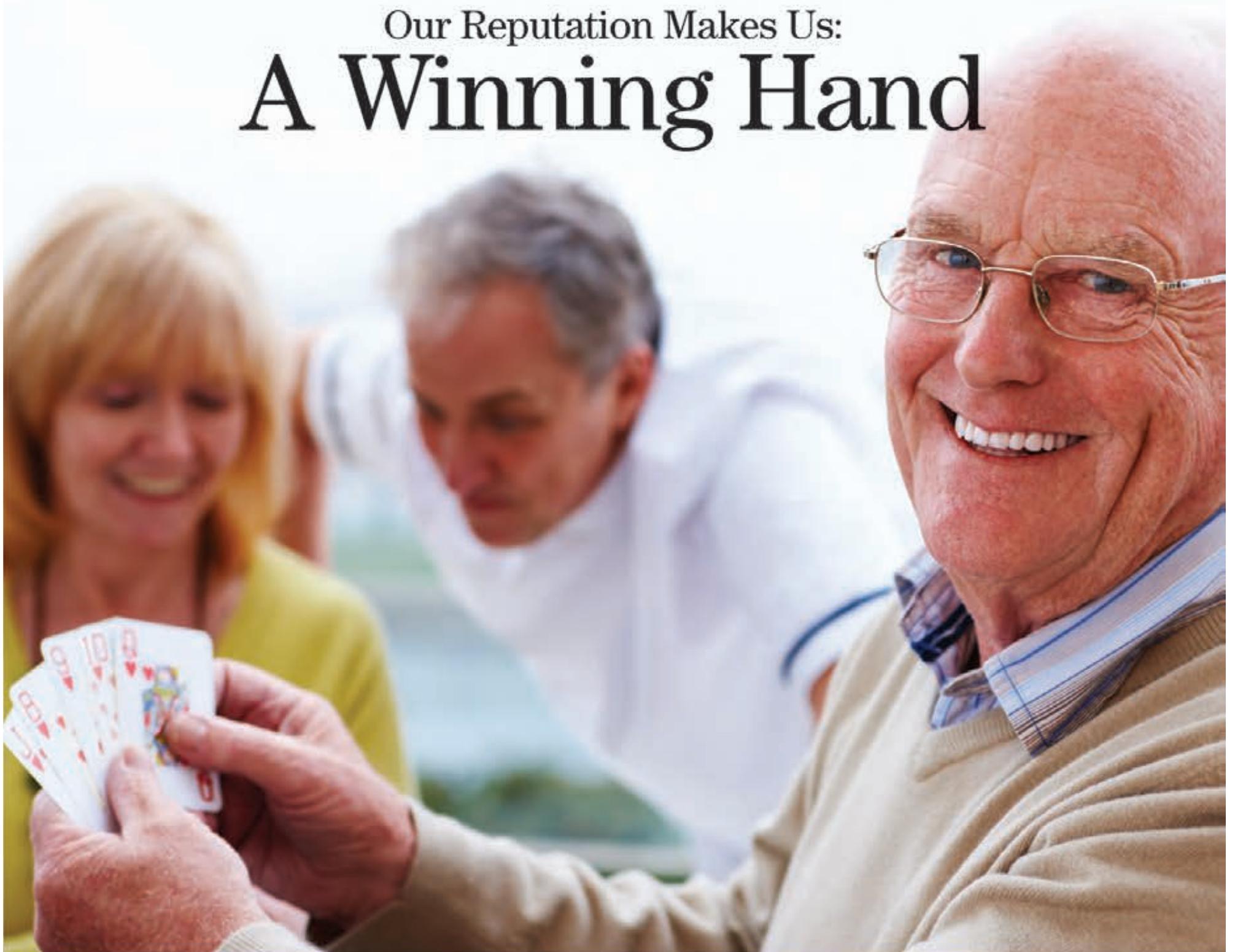
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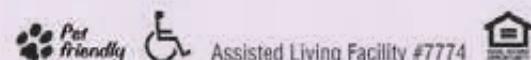
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