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New York City-Philadelphia areas well represented at Summer Sports Festival



New York - New Jersey
Club

By Pat Hayes

Looking around, you would have thought the annual New York-New Jersey Club Summer Sports Festival held in August was taking place in New York City or Philadelphia.

There were Yankees shirts, Mets shirts, Jets shirts, Phillies jerseys and Eagles fans.

And oh, there were a couple of Tampa Bay Rays fans in attendance, too.

But that was the fun part of the night. You didn't have to wear a Florida team jersey to get fed. Every team was accepted - even the Chicago Cubs.

This was the second year the New York-New Jersey Club hosted this event. KP Duo supplied the music and Mama Felice supplied specialty sandwiches.

There were no games taking place, but a few people managed to create a dance floor.

Dessert included cheese cake and other tasty morsels. At one point, a race broke out as people grabbed dessert before they were done eating dinner.

No one wanted to be last at the dessert stand.

The On Top of the World Veterans Group set up a table and residents brought donations for our troops overseas.

Overall, a good crowd was on hand for a summer event. But things will be picking up soon as fall gets closer.

On Tuesday, Sept. 10, the New York-New Jersey Club will host Dessert Night



in the East Activity Center auditorium. Time is 6 p.m. and cost is \$3 for members and \$5 for guests. Coffee, water and ice will be provided.

The club will be asking for officer nominations for 2020.

On Wednesday, Oct. 23 at 5:30 p.m., the club will host "Southwest Night." Dinner will be catered by Mama Felice and will include barbecued chicken, pulled pork, baked beans and dessert.

There will be line dancing and Dolly and Ed Foland will be leading the way with steps and music. Cost is \$16 for members and \$18 for guests.

Tickets are available to all New York-New Jersey Club functions on Mondays and Thursdays, 8:30-10:30 a.m., in the EAC auditorium.

The New York-New Jersey Club is open to all OTOW residents no matter which state or country you are from. Membership is still just \$5. If you join this month, your membership will automatically include all of 2020. We are a social club with a volunteer spirit.

Above, KP Duo entertains residents who attended a Summer Sports Festival in August. Below, Rays fans Dave and Mary Kennelly line up for food.



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Less fortunate people, broken furniture, both deserve a second chance in life

By Bob Backlund and Doug Kates

Walter Eck and Connie Eck will come across a broken chair - and they will fix it.

Someone will turn over a broken bed - and they will fix it.

The Ecks will come across a picture frame no longer suitable for holding any photos - and they will fix it, too.

But when all the fixing is done, the Ecks don't keep anything. They give it away to someone who needs it.

Walter and Connie are On Top of the World residents and they belong to a program called "The Restoration Project."

Those who support The Restoration Project believe every individual on the planet was created in God's image and no one should ever be treated differently.

The emphasis is on people who are victims of crime or criminal acts, abuse and trafficking, or just going through a very tough time.

Supporters believe, no matter what happens to any individual, they are to be treated like everyone else and given second chances.

No one should ever be considered useless.

The Restoration Project was created by the Florida Dream Center in St. Petersburg, a non-profit organization.

Broken furniture is brought to the center, but no one looks at it as garbage or beyond usefulness. Instead, the broken furniture is given a second chance and made useful once again.

People like Walter and Connie take the broken furniture and repair it. In this case, Walter and Connie use the On Top of the World wood



shop to help accomplish their task.

There are plenty of tools, work tables, repair guides and information to fix anything.

There are friendly board members and club members to lend assistance or advice.

There is even air conditioning to keep the workers cool and comfortable through the summer months.

And once the repairs are complete, the refurbished merchandise is given back.

The furniture does not go to someone with a nice home or someone who is financially stable.

The furniture is given away to someone who has no furniture.

The chair is given to someone who doesn't own a chair.

The bed is given to someone who doesn't have a bed.

The picture frame is given to someone who has nothing to hold onto a special memory.

The Ecks believe it's what God would want us to do.

Anyone who wants more information about the Florida Dream Center can visit floridadreamcenter.org for more information.



Details on page 8 and in upcoming newspapers



Have You Ever Wanted To

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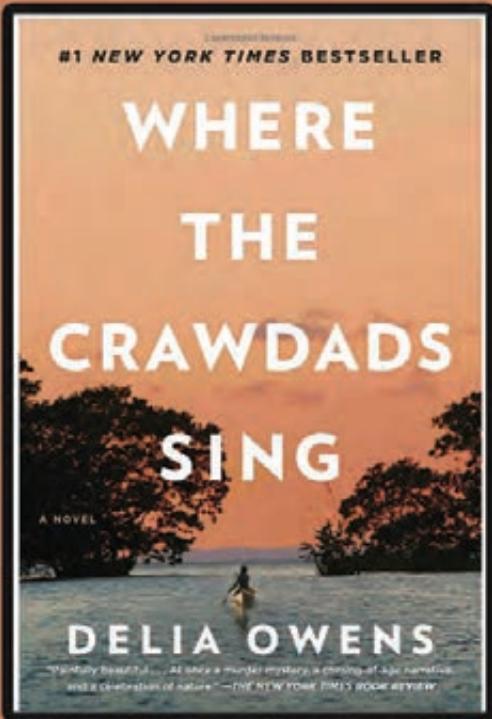
Learn the secrets of Mime from 35-year Professional Mime Charlie Cronk.
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Call the Activity's Office for more information
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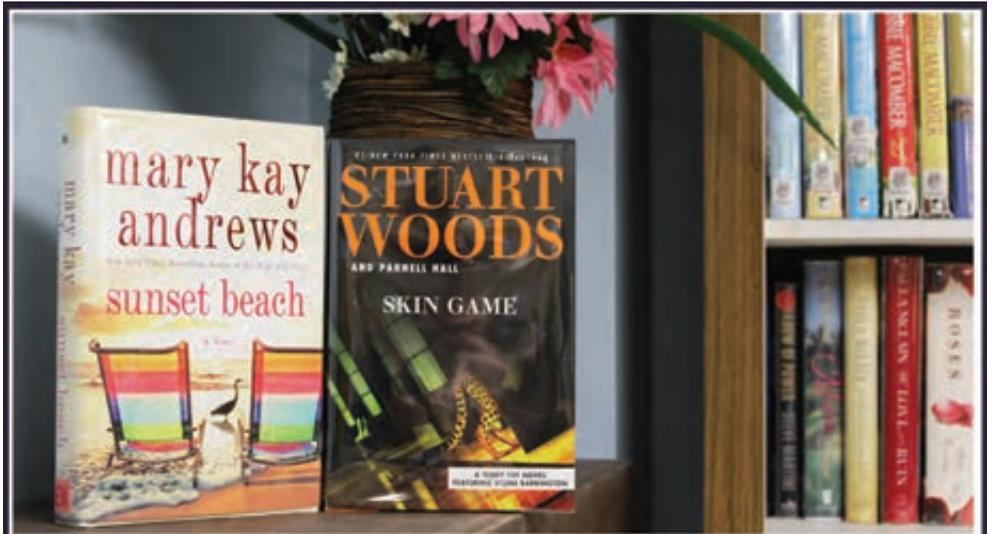


Good Karma Book Club presents

Thursday, Oct. 3,
Good Karma Book Club guests will discuss "Where the Crawdads Sing" by Douglas Adams.

Join us 10:30 a.m. in the West Activity Center Learning Lab and share your thoughts. Open to all residents.

The Good Karma Book Club will also meet on Thursday, Oct. 17. If you have a book or author to recommend, this is the day to attend. All OTOW residents are welcome.



New Books at your OTOW library

- "Queen Bee" by Dorothy Benton Frank
- "Skin Game" by Stuart Woods
- "Sunset Beach" by Mary Kay Andrews
- "Enemy Contact" by Tom Clancy
- "Mistress of the Ritz" by Melanie Benjamin
- "Lost and Found" by Danielle Steel
- "The First Lady" by James Patterson
- "The Huntress" by Kate Quinn

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Bike Safety Seminar here on Wednesday, Oct. 9

Bicycle safety starts with good equipment and continues with obeying rules of the road

Bicycling for Health

With the new addition of bicycle and pedestrian lanes in the community, and anticipating that in a few months the sun will start to set earlier and temperatures should begin to drop, it will be time to hit the great outdoors for some walking and biking activities.

This can be easier said than done though, because it can get harder and harder to stay active as we age.

Cycling is one of the best exercises for seniors, though. It helps you work your cardiovascular system, helps keep your heart healthy, and sustains strong bones and joints.

Because cycling is a low-impact sport, it reduces strain on the joints and cyclists may experience a slower decline in muscle mass than those who do not exercise.

With all of the benefits bicycling has to offer, there are many things to consider before you start.

(1) Be sure to select a bike that fits you and is in good operating condition. A bike too big for you is difficult to control.

(2) Purchase a good-fitting, quality helmet and wear reflective clothing.

(3) If you have items to bring with you on a ride, store them in a backpack or strap them to the back of your bicycle.

(4) Always have a planned route and ride with friends. Bicycling is a great social sport.

(5) Don't forget to add a high intensity, LED, white, front bar light and red, flashing taillight to greatly improve your visibility for oncoming traffic.

During your ride, there are some important safety factors to consider. Always remain focused and alert to the road and all traffic around you. Anticipate what others may do, before they do it. Often times, the earlier you notice a potential conflict, the quicker you can act to avoid a potential crash.

Remember these important safety factors:

- Ride with the flow, in the same direction as traffic. If you're walking, you should walk against traffic. Drivers will have a better chance to see you.

- Obey street signs, signals and road markings as if you were driving a car.

- If you are in a bike lane, be sure to follow the directional arrows.

- Assume the other person doesn't see you. Look ahead for hazards or situations, such as toys, pebbles, potholes, grates or train tracks, which may cause you to fall.

- No texting, listening to music or using anything which may distract you and cause you to take your eyes, ears or mind off the road.

It is equally as important for motorists to understand that people on bicycles have the same rights and responsibilities as people behind the wheel of a vehicle. Always observe the following:

- Yield to bicyclists, as you would



motorists, and do not underestimate their speed. This will help avoid turning in front of a bicyclist traveling on the road or sidewalk, often at an intersection or driveway.

- In parking lots and at stop signs, when backing up, or when parking, search your surroundings for other vehicles, including bicycles.

- Obey the community's speed limit, reduce speed for road conditions and drive defensively to avoid a crash with a cyclist.

- Give cyclists room. Do not pass too closely. Pass bicyclists as you would any other vehicle when it's safe to move over into an adjacent lane.

- Never park a vehicle in a designated bike lane.

In the On Top of the World community, there are still some elements of our new bike and pedestrian trails that need completion. Notably the transitional sidewalks at several busy intersections and the addition of signage. This work has been delayed waiting for Duke Energy to move a streetlight and also by wet weather. We anticipate completion in late September.

No one learns to drive a vehicle safely without practice and experience. Riding your bike safely in the On Top of the World community, or anywhere, requires the same preparation.

One way to learn is to take an on-bike class through a local bike shop or bike advocacy group.

Confidence in traffic comes with learning how to navigate and communicate with other drivers, bicyclists and pedestrians.

Reviewing and practicing as a safe pedestrian or bicyclist is great preparation for safe riding.

Another way is to attend a free Walk Wise Tampa Bay seminar on Wednesday, Oct. 9 at 10 a.m. in the East Activity Center Auditorium. You can learn tips for safe walking, biking and driving, and get a free gift just for attending!

Did You Know

There are well over 90 clubs and activities that are administered by and available to residents of this community.

Each club is supported by members who donate their time and supplies for the operation of the club and club functions.

Please be reminded that those supplies are typically only for the use by club members. Because of this reason, should you find that you are in need, simply ask if you can use another club's supplies.

If supplies are plentiful, most often they will share. However, when supplies are limited, and they are unable to share, please be kind and accepting of "no."

I mention this because recently a letter was submitted that spoke of this type of situation. The behavior of another individual was unpleasant and upsetting.

I realize that sometimes kindness can be difficult, but try it from a place of understanding and compassion. You may just make a new friend and join a new club.

Service Request Line

If you are unable to visit the Community Service Office (CSO), the OTOW phone number to submit a service request is 727-683-6981. Please call this number to submit a service request only for a general building matter in the common areas only.

Please do not leave health-related emergency information on the service request line as this will delay the amount of time it takes us to respond to non-emergency service requests.

For a life-threatening emergency, please dial 911. For a power outage, call Duke Energy at 800-228-8485.

The OTOW emergency after-hours phone number is 727-799-1115. Please call this number, afterhours, in the event of an emergency such as water intrusion into your unit. Again, dial 911 for a health related emergency. 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.

Community Service Information

The Community Service Office hours of operation are Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. The office closes for lunch from noon to 12:30, Monday through Friday, unless otherwise posted.

Calls and voicemails are responded to during normal business hours. Once the resident's need is identified, a service order will be generated and submitted to the appropriate department to address the matter.

The goal of the CSO is to make an initial assessment of the submitted request to discern if it is urgent or a non-emergency. Once the matter is assessed, a plan to resolve will be made and scheduled.

Generally, all non-emergency service requests are assessed and addressed in the order in which they are received.

As a reminder, window repair items exclusive to the unit are the owner's responsibility. The Association's responsibility is to the structure and common elements.

From time to time, it may become necessary for us to contact you with questions regarding your request. 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.

Four Ways To Turn Your Water On or Off

1. Call 727-799-3417 (Option 6).

Messages will be retrieved Monday-Friday, 7 am - 5 pm.

2. Visit the Community Service Office in the East Activity Center, 8:30 am-3 pm, Monday-Friday.

3. Go to otowclearwaterinfo.com and fill out a service request.

4. For emergency service, call 799-1115 from 6-9 pm weekdays and 12-9 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 am - 5:15 pm weekdays and 7:30-11:30 am on weekends. There is no charge during normal business hours.

You must be present in all circumstances for your water to be turned on.

Vehicle charging stations added to

Update on Pavilion Project

I looked back at last year's September article and saw that I was apologizing for the delayed start to the Pavilion project.

While much has changed since then, and the project is functionally at better than 90 percent completed, we are still not at the 1-yard line yet.

At this point, we are waiting on Duke Energy to finish installing a new primary cable to replace a damaged cable that Progress Energy knew about since 2007 and did nothing to fix before handing off to Duke Energy.

Good news is that the Duke underground contractor is on site and installing the replacement conductors. Rain could factor in as a delay. Pray we have no hurricanes or we may not see them again for six months!

Charging Stations

You spoke and we listened.

While all electric vehicles are increasingly popular, it is not really possible to allow each individual owner to install a private charging station.

Suffice to say, the electrical wiring modifications required for such a project would extend into the common elements of a building and pose a safety challenge, as well as an aesthetic challenge for the Association and its members.

The solution is for the Association to install high speed charging stations at both the East and West Activity Centers.

Excited to say, new charging stations are soon available continuously on a 24 hour basis and operational with a pay app.

There are a total of four dual stations (two stations on the East side and two stations on the West side) that will accommodate charging up to eight vehicles.

Because these are dedicated spaces, please do not park in them unless you are actively charging your vehicle.

Sorry, but these do not accommodate hover board charging.

Despite Duke Energy not yet completing the replacement of the main conductors, the contractor is actively pursuing the installation of these stations.

The East Activity Center should be ready to energize by the time the conductors are replaced. The West Activity Center should be operational by the first week of September.

Insurance Update

Tropical storm season is a call to action for 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 an event.

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

This is a good point to segue into the limits of coverage that individual unit owners may wish to have.



Contents coverage may vary greatly depending what you own. As a basic point though, you need adequate limits to cover furnishings, personal items, floor coverings, appliances and cabinetry, as well as any electrical wiring that services your condominium unit.

Exclusively, the demarcation of association responsibility is the connection to your electrical service panel. 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 casualty losses.

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.

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."

Upcoming Projects

Painting/Waterproofing

A painting contractor will be sending their crews to the front facade of Building 1 now that the railing removal and stucco restoration projects have been completed.

The front facade of Building 29 will follow shortly thereafter.



This is the charging station at the East Activity Center..

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.

The installation of new unit address numbers will continue once the painter completes the recoating of the front elevation of buildings throughout the community. As the painting contractor moves throughout the property, management company crews will be installing new life-safety compliant, reflective unit numbers on the common area wall in proximity to unit front doors.

Bulletins will be posted in advance of the work to advise residents of the process and what they can expect.

Unit numbers currently attached to the common element wall will be removed by the painting contractor, while numbers installed on front unit doors will need to be removed by the unit owner.

If a unit owner wishes, they may contract with the management company for the removal of any old unit numbers for a nominal fee. Please remember that for community standard reasons, all old unit numbers must be removed.

Construction, Roofing an Large Scope Projects

The next round of tree removals is anticipated to begin in late September, pending approval from Pinellas County.

The guidelines for tree removal in Pinellas County were changed in January of 2019 and now enforce more stringent guidelines for removal of certain varieties of trees.

As in years past, the management company has worked very closely with the County to ensure the best management practices are in place when it comes to the maintenance of the community's trees and vegetation. As a result, last year's tree removals and county mandated re-plants were a major success with a diverse group of evergreen, shade, and accent trees finding a new home on the On Top of the World property.

Electrical Meters

Duke Energy has notified the management company that they will be in the process of changing out electrical meters throughout the community sometime in early September.

These swap-outs will provide Duke Energy with the ability to read the electrical usage of a unit without physical access to the meter. Duke Energy has advised us that they will leave informational door hangers in advance of the work.

The meter change will provide the end user with the ability to start or stop service without an appointment and will provide Duke Energy with information more quickly in cases of power outages and needed repairs.

Duke Energy has also stated that most unit owners will only experience a relatively short power outage of 30 seconds or less when the meter is changed to the new equipment.

For more information, residents can visit Duke-energy.com/SmartMeter.

Roadway Striping

The community's roadway striping improvements are scheduled to wrap up in September with thermoplastic intersection marking being the last portion of the project to complete.

This work is scheduled for the overnight hours, 11 p.m. – 5 a.m., so vehicular traffic will be required to follow alternative traffic patterns during the work.

This work will involve the temporary closing of the Sunset Point access gate and the East Belcher Road entrance as well.

During the latter, the emergency access gate at Netherlands Drive will be opened to allow residents in Buildings 36 – 61 an alternate means off of property. The successful execution of this type of work is dependent on clear skies with no rain, so delays may be experienced in the scheduling if Mother Nature decides not to cooperate.

Facade Restoration

A facade restoration project at Building 36 and a tower removal project at Building 47 were both completed successfully within the month of August.

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East and West Activity Centers

The management company engaged two different general contractors for these corrective repairs and the conditions revealed that further work might need to take place in the future.

More information will be published to the community via building bulletin boards and the community's RAVE messaging system, once start dates for additional work have been confirmed.

Recurring Reminders For All Community Residents

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

Many buildings will see 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 bulletin boards concerning the dates crews are expected to commence the work. Please be aware of Caution and Wet Paint signs in and around these work areas.

Inspection Services Division

The Inspection Services team, in conjunction with the Parkway Construction Department, will continue prepping buildings scheduled for new paint coatings in the current improvement cycle. This has been an ongoing endeavor throughout the community over the last few years and encompasses the removal of all association unapproved plant 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 anything to the common element in the future.

The management company would like to remind residents that all water softening equipment installations require advance association approval via a modification permit. A permit application package may be obtained by visiting the Community Service Office in the East Activity Center at 2069 World Parkway Boulevard.

Residents are also reminded that only resin-style, not ion exchange or salt, water softeners are permissible in the community.

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

Inspection services representatives will also be reaching out to residents of buildings that are scheduled for new paint and waterproofing coatings during the 2019/2020 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.

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

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

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

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

Please, always apply for approval before you install.

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

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

Clutter enforcement has always been one of the most reoccurring compliance issues at On Top of the World. 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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East Activity Center bathroom renovations finishing up

The East Activity Center men's and women's bathrooms/showers were part of a renovation project in August.

The project is tentatively scheduled to wrap up on, or near, Sept. 7.

The bathrooms, showers and saunas will continue to be closed, as well the EAC swimming pool, until the whole project is completed.

The west side pool will remain open during this period.

Thank you for your patience and understanding.

November is a great time for a festival and OTOW has a great one for you on Nov. 2

Can you believe November is right around the corner and with it comes the annual Fall Festival & Expo?

It's the most beautiful time of the year to seek an outdoor festival anywhere in Pinellas County. On Top of the World residents can enjoy the festivities within the community and don't even have to fight traffic!

If you haven't already marked your calendars, please plan to attend Saturday, Nov. 2, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

It's exciting because each year this event gets larger and larger, and offers more vendors and festivities: arts and crafts, food, music, free stuff, prizes and this year we are adding games!

Plan to stay a few hours or all day.

You can listen to live music - maybe even dance.

There will be tables set up near the food vendors so you can sit awhile and enjoy the day.

Long-time residents can meet up with old friends and new residents can get acquainted with the community, visit an OTOW club table and maybe join a club.

This is an opportunity for you to meet local arts & crafts vendors who have chosen to participate in our festival rather than go elsewhere on this day.

Now that is a great compliment to On Top of the World!

Gift bags will be given out upon entry, but supplies are limited!

Take in the entire event while working up an appetite then stay for lunch! The Good Neighbors Association will be grilling up American classics such as hamburgers, hot dogs and more at a great price!

The BBQ Queen is offering a full menu of slow smoked chicken and ribs plus side dishes.

And, for the pièce de résistance, Mama Felice will be serving up her finest Italian specialties and, yes, cannoli's for dessert.

You might say, sounds good, but can't compare to New York's San Gennaro feast. I say, forget about it! Nothing can compare to a festival in your own backyard and our fantastic Florida weather!

The East Activity Center will be packed with a variety of local companies, cultural arts organizations, as well as governmental agencies.

Operation Medicine Cabinet will be in the auditorium located at the Pinellas County Sheriff's Office table, so please bring your unused or expired medications for safe disposal.

Two rooms upstairs will be designated for Health and Wellness vendors, including Publix Pharmacy. Receive your flu shot and Publix will reward you with a \$10 Publix gift card!

Please show your support and buy tickets for the raffles, which give you a chance to win great prizes!

Also, help support a great local charity with a food donation, "Helping Hands," and you will receive a free raffle ticket.



The raffles will be called in the auditorium starting at approximately 1 p.m. If you're outside caught up in all the festivities, no worries, our entertainer, Glenn, will make an announcement 15 minutes before the raffles are called.

Did you know this will be Glenn's third year providing the perfect vibe outside with his steel drum? He's awesome and will be here all day!

As you know, this event is exclusive to On Top of the World residents and their guests, which is why we need you to reveal yourselves and come out in large numbers! Without your participation each year, we would not be able to attract great vendors and continue to expand this event.

Parking at the EAC will be limited to accommodate our vendors, so please walk, bike or take the On Top of the World shuttle bus with Georgia at the wheel. She will pick you up at the West Activity Center or on the East Side at Denmark Street.

I look forward to seeing each and every one of you this year!

OTOW Clubs and Groups

Notice to all OTOW clubs and activity coordinators: Please see me Sept. 4-15 to renew your activities for October through December.

If you have questions about this registration event, or any other OTOW event, clubs, activities, life-long learning with Master the Possibilities or suggestions, please stop by to see me in my new office located on the southeast side of the East Activity Center, 2069 World Parkway Boulevard East.

If you are driving over to see me, park in the southeast parking lot off of World Parkway Boulevard East for easy access to my office entrance. Look for the sign on my door "EVENTS & ACTIVITIES."

Also, you may send me an email, which I check frequently throughout the day. Please send me one at: general_activity@otow.com or you may call me direct at 727-799-2734. If I'm in my office, and not in the middle of a meeting, I, actually do answer my phone! If I'm not free, I will get back to you promptly.

Club and Activity Contact Updates

Annual club renewal forms are still under revision. Until they are ready, I still



need someone to provide me with vital information from each club or activity.

Please let me know if your club or activity has new board members or coordinators (two required for each group) along with updated addresses, phone numbers and email addresses.

This board members update form is available in my office or at the front desk.

In addition, I will need copies of your updated (punched) activity cards. It's been a couple of years since I've collected this information, so please complete the form even if your club leadership has not changed in the last two years to ensure I have current information on file.

Also, please provide at least one email address for your group.

Last, but not least, please complete your form in legible handwriting or submit a typed form.

Has your club or activity decided to disband because you cannot find new leadership? Consider contacting Doug Kates at the newspaper to place a free ad. This may bring in new members who are open to participating.

Life Long Learning - Master the Possibilities

As a reminder, Master the Possibilities requires residents to register for classes.

Registration for MTP is done through my office right here on property and you have three options:

- (1) Call me at 799-2734
- (2) Email me: general_activity@otowfl.com
- (3) Stop by my office.

Some MTP classes will be free, but still requires registration. The classes that require a fee will cost between \$2 and \$8.

Credit card is the form of payment required. We do not save your credit card info in our system so you will need to provide it with each class registration.

The reason why Master the Possibilities requires registration is to track your level of interest and also decide whether to hold a class.

On Top of the World will also be tracking your interest over the next couple of years to bring you the type of classes you want and determine whether life-long learning will become an integral part of our community.

We know from statistics around the country that life-learning is more than just a trend, but a way of life for the 55-plus generation. So, our plan is to tailor this program to your tastes and we are very excited about the possibilities!

Please see "Nancy's Bulletin Board" on the next page for upcoming classes. Of course, contact me anytime with questions.

Activity Card Reminder

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 a driver's 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.

Walk Wise Tampa Bay

A bicycle/walking seminar will be taking place on Wednesday, Oct. 9 at 10 a.m. in East Activity Center Auditorium.

This is a free seminar and everyone will get a gift just for attending!

Keyboard Lesson

A second round of keyboard lessons will be taking place Sept. 9 - Oct. 14 in the East Activity Center Ozona Room.

Cost is \$10 for six classes. Class size is limited so sign up early with Nancy.

The classes are being taught by Fletchers Music Center. Students may choose between 10:30-11:30 a.m. or 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Halloween Pet Costume Contest

The annual OTOW Halloween Pet Costume Contest will take place on Saturday, Oct. 5, at 9 a.m. at the Dog Park on the west side.

Prizes will be awarded for best original costume, best Halloween spirit and best owner-pet costumes.

This event is free to residents. Just show up.

Nancy's Bulletin Board

Master the Possibilities

A Live Broadcast from Ocala

Where: West Activity Center Learning Lab

Basic Home Maintenance

September 23, 9:30-11 a.m.

Instructor: Lee Collins

Learn the basics of maintaining your home, so you can do minor projects yourself and know when to call a professional. From changing air conditioner filters to fixing clogged toilets and sinks to understanding fuses; this overview will help build your confidence and get you started. Go over how to build a basic tool kit, how to approach things with safety in mind, and when you should not attempt to do it yourself. Bring questions about maintenance projects you would like to tackle.



Course Fee: \$2

National Geographic Live! A Pre-Recorded Video Presentation

Walking Alone in the Wilderness: A Story of Survival

October 1, 10-11:30 a.m.

Instructor: Sarah Marquis

Sarah Marquis first tasted adventure at the age of eight in her native Switzerland when she left home and spent a night in a cave with her dog. Since then she's crossed Turkey on horseback and journeyed by foot across Australia, the Americas, and Asia in the face of countless dangers. View this exciting video presentation to hear the stories of her adventurous life.



Course Fee: Free

Please register in advance, seating is limited.

A Brief History of On Top of the World Communities

October 17, 10-11:30 a.m.

Instructor: Kenneth Colen

Join Kenneth Colen, Managing Member of On Top of the World Communities, LLC to hear his perspective of the history of On Top of the World.



Course Fee: Free

Please register in advance, seating is limited.

Register Today!

Visit the Activity Office

Call: (727) 799-3270 Ext. 7722

Email: general_activity@otowfl.com

Keyboard Lessons

Sept. 9 - Oct. 14

\$10 for six classes.

Please register with Nancy by Friday,

Sept. 6. Class size limited.

10:30-11:30 11:30-12:30

Free Health Clinic

Third Monday of Every Month

Next one Sept. 16, 9-10:30 a.m., in the EAC

Blood Pressure Test for Arterial Disease

Hearing and Vision Screenings

Free Hearing Screening

By Ear to Hear

9-10:30 am First Thursday of Each Month

EAC Auditorium. Next one on Sept. 5.

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Free to residents.

Prizes!

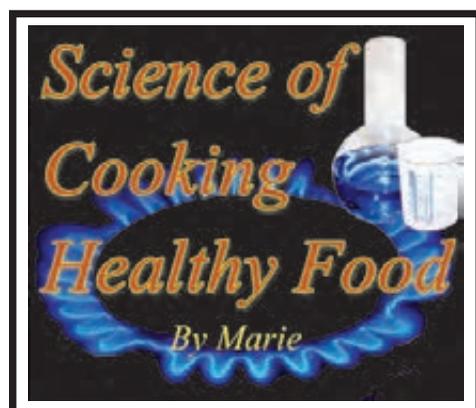
AAA Driver's Course

September 26 & 27.

Registration required.

Cost \$20

Slow-cooked, cool, oats with jazzy fruit



Cold oats might sound odd, but it is a refreshing breakfast or lunch in the hot summer.

A bowl of oats is easy to make and is popular. As a creative cook, you'll have fun.

Use the milk and sweetener you prefer and jazz it up with fruit.

Avoid instant or quick-cooking oats, which turn to complete mush.

Directions

Base Recipe

In a 12-ounce container, cover 1 teaspoon of chia seeds with a little excess water and stir.

Allow this to sit for about 10 minutes. Then add ½ cup regular rolled oats, 1 tablespoon honey and ½ cup milk. Stir well and cover. Refrigerate overnight. Yield is 1 serving.

Add Blueberries

Follow base recipe, but add 1/3 cup of Greek yogurt and real maple syrup or honey. Try steel-cut oats. Grace with lemon zest and blueberries when served.

Peanut Butter and Jelly

Follow base recipe. Before serving, swirl in 1 tablespoon peanut butter and top with banana.

Chia Seeds

Chia seed is native to southern and central Mexico and Guatemala.

For ancient Aztecs, chia was a dietary staple that provided sustainable energy.

You likely have eaten chia in multi-grain crackers or in muffins with seed toppings.

Disclaimer: Good nutrition is one of the key foundations of good health. This column is not intended to provide medical advice. The reader should consult a physician for medical advice.

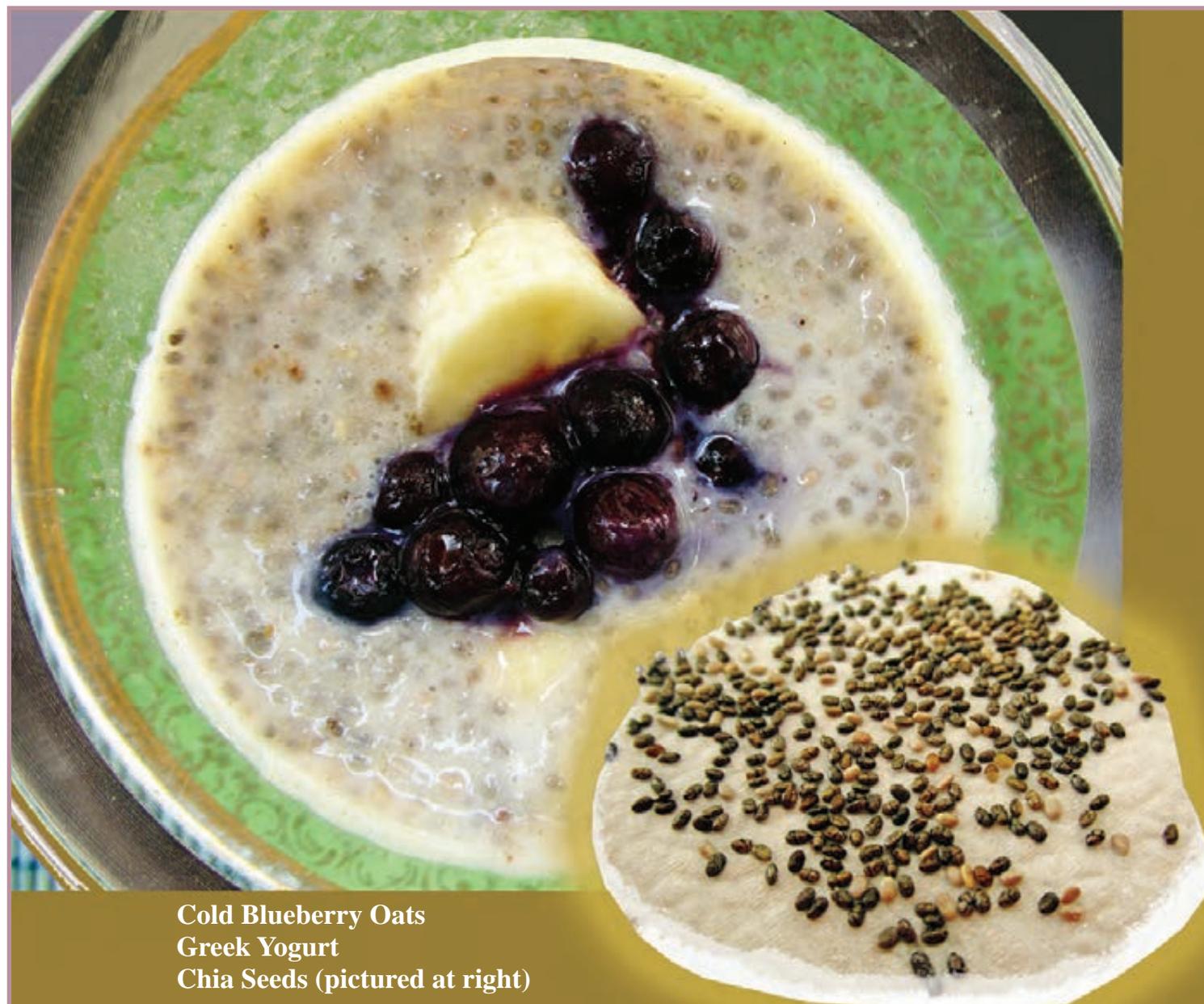
Email questions, suggestions and comments to

Marie

marieshealthyfood@gmail.com

Also, visit the Box Office for past recipes in this newspaper.

otowboxoffice.com



**Cold Blueberry Oats
Greek Yogurt
Chia Seeds (pictured at right)**

Health Value

Chia seeds are mini powerhouses with concentrated amounts of calcium, antioxidants, omega-3s and protein.⁽ⁱ⁾ A tablespoon of chia seeds has 2 grams of protein, 2.1 grams of omega 3s and 4.1 grams of fiber. This is a high level of soluble fiber.

Chia does not have the sliminess or undesirable taste that does come with some fiber products.

It is best to add fiber to your diet gradually over a recommended time period - about three weeks to avoid abdominal problems. Also, drink more water to accommodate your increased fiber intake.

Fiber helps slow digestion, which, in turn, lessens blood sugar spikes and promotes a feeling of fullness. National consumption surveys indicate that only about 5 percent of people

eat adequate fiber.⁽ⁱⁱ⁾

In the future, chia may replace fish oil as THE No. 1 source for omega 3s. Plus, chia has healthy fats, including the only two essential fatty acids your body needs — people must get these through food because their bodies cannot make them.

Chia helps you hydrate. They expand to more than 10 times their size by soaking up liquid. They release their water slowly over time which is desirable.

There are claims that chia seeds can decrease blood pressure levels, inflammation and acid reflux, while improving cardiac and colon health.⁽ⁱⁱⁱ⁾ More research is needed on humans to validate these claims.

The Science

Cautions ⁽ⁱⁱⁱ⁾

- High level of fiber may upset the stomach, especially for those not used to eating this much fiber at one time. It may cause symptoms like abdominal pain, constipation, or gas and bloating. People with inflammatory bowel diseases may need to limit their fiber intake during flare-ups.

- Soak chia before eating it to avoid potential risk of choking, especially for people with trouble swallowing.

- Chia may enhance the activity of blood pressure and diabetes medications, which could lead to problems. Check with your

doctor first.

Chia has attractive properties compared with flax seed, another plant-based source of fiber.

Chia's thinner seed coat makes it easily digestible versus flax seed that must be ground to enable digestion.

Flax seed has a short shelf life versus chia with a long shelf life.

Chia has more omega-3s than flax seeds!

Links/Credits

(i) www.webmd.com/diet/features/truth-about-chia#2 (ii) www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC6124841/ (iii) <https://www.healthline.com/nutrition/chia-seeds-side-effects>

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September

Events must be approved by the Community Service Office before appearing on this calendar.

Activities below include Art Classes, Card Games, Board Games, Computer Help, Dance Lessons, Classes, Exercises and Crafts

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

ART CLASSES

Painting Pals: Wednesdays, 12:30 pm, Largo Room
 Chinese Paint Brush: Tuesdays, 12:30 pm, Largo Room
 Passion for Pastels: Fridays, 10 am, Largo Room

CARD GAMES

BID EUCHRE

Tuesdays, 6:30 pm, Largo Room

BLACKOUT

Thursdays, 6:30 pm, Belleair Room

LADIES BUNCO

Tuesday, Sept. 10, 6:30 pm, Palm Harbor Room

CONTRACT BRIDGE

Mondays, 11 am, Dunedin Room

Thursdays 11 am, Ozona Room

CRIBBAGE

Wednesdays, 10 am, Ozona Room

DOUBLE PINOCHLE

Sundays, Wednesdays, 12:30 pm, Ozona Room

DUPLICATE BRIDGE

Saturdays, Wednesdays, 11 am, Dunedin Room

BEGINNERS DUPLICATE BRIDGE

Thursdays, 9 am,

HAND AND FOOT CANASTA/SAMBA

Fridays, 6 pm, Ozona Room

MAHJONGG

Mondays, 11 am, Safety Harbor Room

M, W, F 1 pm, Palm Harbor Room

Mondays, 4:45 pm, Palm Harbor Room

PINOCHLE

Tuesdays, 5:30 pm, Dunedin Room

Thursdays, 5:30 pm, Dunedin Room

RUMMIKUB

Sundays, 2 pm, Dunedin Room

SAMBA

Mondays, 12:30, Ozona Room

Thursdays, 6 pm, Ozona Room

SCOPA

Mondays, Wednesdays, 6:30 pm, Clearwater Rm

TEXAS CARD CLUBS

Mike: Wednesdays, Fridays, 5 pm, Safety Harbor Rm

Tom: Tuesdays, 6 pm, Safety Harbor Room

Alonzo: Mondays, 5 pm, Safety Harbor Room

Bob: Tuesdays, 6:30 pm, Safety Harbor Room

Barry: Mon., Wed. 6:30 pm, Ozona Room

Carol: Wed, Fri, 6 pm, Safety Harbor Room

Ron: Mondays, Thursdays, 6 pm, Safety Harbor Rm

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, Windows 10, I-Pads and Tablets

FITNESS CENTER HOURS

Mondays-Saturdays 7 am - 9 pm, Sundays 9 am - 8 pm

LAPIDARY HOURS

Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays 1-4 pm

LIBRARY

Mondays 10-12, Wednesdays and Fridays, 1-3

GAMES/ACTIVITIES

BILLIARDS

8-Ball, Tuesdays, 6:30 pm, Billiards Room

9-Ball, Tuesdays, Fridays, 12:30 pm, Billiards Room

Doubles, Thursdays, 6 pm, Billiards Room

QT, Wednesdays, 6 pm, Billiards Room

DOMINOES

Tuesdays, 5:30 pm, Ozona Room

Tuesdays, 1 pm, Mexican Train, Safety Harbor Room

PING PONG

T,W,F 10 am, Belleair Room

DANCE LESSONS

DANCING WITH NOLAND

Mondays, 1 pm, Largo Room

SOCIAL DANCE LESSONS

Thursdays, 1 pm, Belleair Room

LINE DANCING

Monday-Friday, 7-8 am, Exercise Room

PRACTICE MAKES PERFECT

Tuesdays, 6:30 pm, Clearwater Room

EXERCISES

BONESAVERS

M,W,F, 8 am, Largo Room

EXERCISES CO-ED

M,W,F, 10 am, Exercise Room

LADIES EXERCISES

M,T,W,H,F 8 am, Exercise Room

SLIMNASTICS

M,T,W,H,F, 9 am, Exercise Room

STRETCHING

M,T,W,H,F, 7:30 am, Safety Harbor Room

TAI CHI

Chi Kung: Tuesdays 3 pm, Exercise Room

BOOMERS EXERCISE

M, W, F, 11:15 am, Exercise Room

WATER AEROBICS

Monday-Friday, 9 am, EAC Pool ***

YOGA with MARILYN

Tuesdays only, 10:15 am, Exercise Room

CHAIR YOGA

Mondays, 10 am, Belleair Room

ZUMBA

Tuesdays, Fridays, 9 am, Belleair Room

M, T, H 12:20 pm, Exercise Room

Wednesdays, 6:30 pm, Exercise Room

Saturdays, 8 am, East Swimming Pool (Aqua Zumba)

Saturdays, 10 am, Exercise Room

GROUPS

CARING & SHARING

Tuesdays, 9 am, Clearwater Room

CERAMICS

Tuesdays, noon, Clearwater Room

Thursdays, 9 am, Clearwater Room

The EAC bathrooms, showers and pool will be closed through Sept. 7.

*** Aqua Aerobics classes are on the West Side during EAC bathroom renovations.

Activities below are

SUNDAY

MONDAY

01	02
03	04 Bingo 6:00 PM - Auditorium Ent. Committee & Cl 8:30 AM - Auditorium Ent. Committee. Me 10:00 AM - Crystal Be (Veranda)
05	06 Bingo 6:00 PM - Auditorium Ent. Committee & Cl 8:30 AM - Auditorium Health Screenings E Blood Pressure 9:00 AM - Auditorium
07	08 Ent. Committee. Meet and Greet 2:00 PM - Auditorium
09	10 Bingo 6:00 PM - Auditorium Ent. Committee & Cl 8:30 AM - Auditorium Master The Possibilit 9:30 AM - Learning L
11	12 Bingo 6:00 PM - Auditorium Ent. Committee & Cl 8:30 AM - Auditorium

East Activity Center Rooms
 Crystal Beach Room (Veranda), Oldsmar Room (Starlite Room), Largo Room (Art Room),
 Ozona Room (Small Card), Safety Harbor Room (Yellow Room), Dunedin Room (Computer Room),
 Clearwater Room (Craft Room), Auditorium, Exercise Room, Kitchen.

West Activity Center Rooms
 Belleair Room (Sunrise Room),
 Palm Harbor Room (Rainbow Room),
 Learning Lab, Billiards Rooms.

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are organized by the Community Service Office, OTOW clubs and OTOW groups

DAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY SATURDAY

	<p>03</p> <p>Line Dancing 1:00 PM - Auditorium</p> <p>World Quilters Meeting 9:00 AM - Dunedin Room (Computer Room)</p> <p>Philosophy Club Meeting 10:00 AM - Crystal Beach Room (Veranda)</p> <p>Good Neighbors Volunteers Meeting 10:00 AM - Ozona Room (Small Card)</p> <p>OTOW Special Event Aging Successfully 10:00 AM - Largo Room (Art)</p>	<p>04</p> <p>Coloring Book Club Meeting 12:30 PM - Crystal Beach Room (Veranda)</p> <p>Knitting Group Meeting 9:00 AM - Crystal Beach Room (Veranda)</p> <p>Baby Boomers Meeting 5:30 PM - Largo Room (Art)</p>	<p>05</p> <p>Ent. Committee & Clubs Ticket Sales 8:30 AM - Auditorium</p> <p>Writers Ink Meeting 12:30 PM - Dunedin Room (Computer Room)</p> <p>Good Karma Book Club Meeting 10:30 AM - Learning Lab</p> <p>TOPS Meeting 9:00 AM - Largo Room (Art)</p>	<p>06</p> <p>Bible Study Meeting 2:00 PM - Crystal Beach Room (Veranda)</p> <p>Travel Club Meeting 2:00 PM - Oldsmar Room (Starlite)</p> <p>Baby Boomers Acoustic Jam 1:00 PM - Learning Lab</p>	<p>07</p> <p>Line Dancing 8:30 AM - Auditorium</p> <p>Pray For America Meeting 10:00 AM - Ozona Room (Small Card)</p>
<p>Clubs Ticket Sales</p> <p>nting ch Room</p>	<p>10</p> <p>Line Dancing 1:00 PM - Auditorium</p> <p>NY-NJ Club Social 5:00 PM - Auditorium</p> <p>World Quilters Meeting 9:00 AM - Dunedin Room (Computer Room)</p> <p>Philosophy Club Meeting 10:00 AM - Crystal Beach Room (Veranda)</p> <p>OTOW Special Event Aging Successfully 10:00 AM - Largo Room (Art)</p>	<p>11</p> <p>Coloring Book Club Meeting 12:30 PM - Crystal Beach Room (Veranda)</p> <p>Knitting Group Meeting 9:00 AM - Crystal Beach Room (Veranda)</p> <p>O.W.L.S. Club Meeting 6:45 PM - Largo Room (Art)</p>	<p>12</p> <p>Ent. Committee & Clubs Ticket Sales 8:30 AM - Auditorium</p> <p>Good Neighbors Get Acquainted Coffee 9:00 AM - Auditorium</p> <p>Writers Ink Meeting 12:30 PM - Dunedin Room (Computer Room)</p> <p>Democratic Club Meeting 2:00 PM - Oldsmar Room (Starlite)</p> <p>TOPS Meeting 9:00 AM - Largo Room (Art)</p>	<p>13</p> <p>Bible Study Meeting 2:00 PM - Crystal Beach Room (Veranda)</p> <p>Lambda Club Social 7:00 PM - Clearwater Room (Crafts)</p> <p>Baby Boomers Acoustic Jam 1:00 PM - Learning Lab</p>	<p>14</p> <p>Line Dancing 8:30 AM - Auditorium</p> <p>Pray For America Meeting 10:00 AM - Ozona Room (Small Card)</p>
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New Room Names

Largo - Art Room
Oldsmar - Starlite Room
Crystal Beach - Veranda

Dunedin - Computer Room
Ozona - Small Card Room
Safety Harbor - Yellow Room

Clearwater - Craft Room
Palm Harbor - Rainbow Room
Belleair - Sunrise Room

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Theater Workshop celebrates 50 years at On Top of the World

By Laurie Fischer

It's that time of year again when, after a long, hot summer, our thoughts turn to the winter season ahead!

A time of year when Floridians join hands with those from the Great White North here at On Top of the World and enjoy another warm winter together.

This is a very special year ahead for Theater Workshop as we celebrate our 50th year as an OTOW Club.

We have been entertaining residents for the past five decades and will be celebrating with a very special show March 13-15, 2020.

Our Creative Team, led by Director Tony Baker, is already hard at work reviewing the best of our shows over the past 50 years.

They are putting together a spectacular Theater Workshop Show, including music and scenes from many of our past shows.

It will truly be a wonderful way to celebrate 50 years of Theater Workshop with our audiences.

With all of the excitement that lies ahead, we are inviting all OTOW residents to join Theater Workshop this year and celebrate with us.

We are looking for actors, dancers



Theater Workshop

and anyone who would like to help us behind the scenes. All you have to do is join our club and get ready for lots of fun this season!

If you are interested in joining Theater Workshop, please show your current activity card and pay your \$5 membership fee any Monday or Thursday at our East Activity Center table starting this September.

For further information, please email Laurie Fischer at LBF1954@gmail.com.

Here's to a great 50th anniversary year together!

2019 Theater Workshop's "Best of Broadway Part II" will make its OTOW-TV debut on Friday, Oct. 4, 8 pm. Watch for it on channel 732.

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Summer karaoke returns to Get Acquainted Coffee

Last summer, Karaoke by Kathy and Lenny filled in perfectly when Get Acquainted Coffee took some time off.

For the first time this summer, karaoke was back.

Good Neighbors Association presented Get Acquainted Coffee in August and Kathy Ahrens and Lenny Seagall were back spinning tunes.

Several individuals grabbed the microphone and sang songs to the audience.

The On Top of the World Line Dance Club brought members and did a group dance alongside the audience.

The song was "Old Time Rock and Roll" by Bob Seger.

Clubs opened their information tables at 8:30 a.m., and free coffee and donuts were served at 9 a.m.

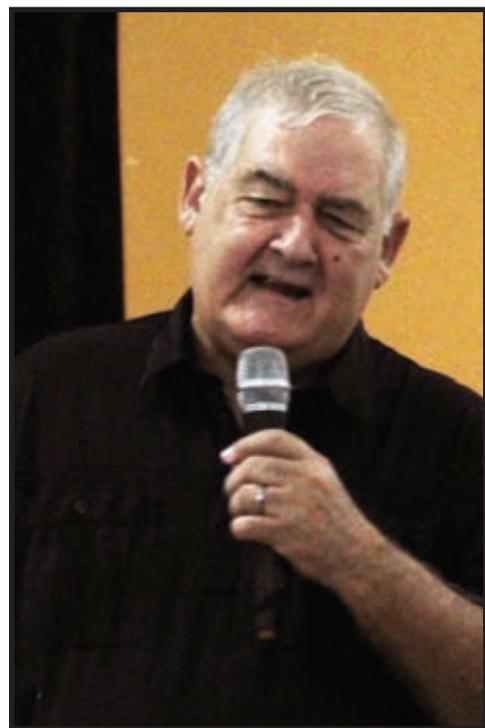
Guest vendors were given a chance to introduce themselves and a new resident was welcomed.

Good Neighbors Association President Jim Bjorgo announced several upcoming projects, including volunteer meetings, a clothing drive, a fall flea market and craft show, the 2019 Fall Festival, an upcoming concert by the Florida Suncoast Chorus and a brand new event - a Tin Can Challenge, which will raise donations for the Helping Hands Food Bank.

For more information on all these upcoming events, see the Good Neighbors' story on page 17.



On top, members of the On Top of the World Line Dance Club participate in Get Acquainted Coffee karaoke in August. While residents sang the song 'Old Time Rock and Roll,' the line dancers did a dance routine together.



At left, David Hall sings 'Deperado.'

At right, resident Tony Baker sings the song 'Wonderful Tonight' while hostess Kathy Ahrens dances with one of her nieces.

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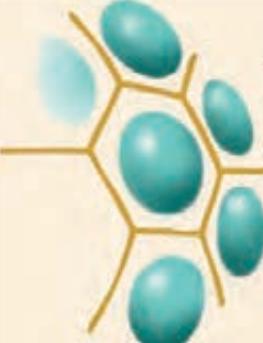
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Get a Suncoast Chorus preview during Get Acquainted Coffee on Oct. 10

Purchase tickets in September for Florida Suncoast Chorus concert on Oct. 20

By Jim Bjorgo

Summer's coming to a slow, but warm finale, and everyone at Good Neighbors Association is getting ready for what appears to be a very busy next seven months.

Beginning with September, the Good Neighbors information table returns to its regular Monday and Thursday mornings in the East Activity Center auditorium. We will be open for business from 8-10:30 a.m. and can provide you with information regarding all our fall, winter and spring season events.

Our schedule is complete for Get Acquainted Coffee on the second Thursday morning of each month. Starting at 9 a.m. there will be free coffee and donuts, followed by a short information session, entertainment, door prize raffles and 50/50 drawing.

Our entertainment in September will be the Gulfport Harmonica Club.

In October, we will be hosting "Skirt and Ties" – a barbershop quarter featuring On Top of the World's own Mike Wood. This event on Oct. 10 will actually be a preview to a bigger event on Sunday, Oct. 20, when we feature the Florida Suncoast Chorus and an apple pie dessert social.

The Florida Suncoast Chorus will



bring their own brand of barbershop harmony to our stage. There will be up to 25 singers in the chorus, including residents Mike Wood and John Lewis. After the show, there will be pie a la-mode for those who purchase the combined tickets.

The show starts at 3 p.m.

Tickets for the show and apple pie social are \$6. You must purchase the com-

bined show and social tickets in advance by Oct. 17. No social tickets will be sold after this date or at the door.

Show tickets will be sold at the door until the event sells out.

Good Neighbors Association volunteer meetings will return in September. The next one is set for Tuesday, Sept. 3, 10 a.m. in the EAC Ozona Room (formerly the Small Card Room). These monthly meetings will take place the first Tuesday of each month through May 2020. These meetings are open to anyone who wishes to help our club with future activities.

Good Neighbors has a special activity planned for October. Our annual clothing drive will take place Oct. 25 and 26. We are asking residents to donate any slightly used clothing items that we donate to places where merchandise is given away free of charge. Just drive up to the EAC main lobby and one of our volunteers will help you unload.

In November, Good Neighbors will be at the annual Fall Festival & Expo. There will be vendors inside the EAC and food vendors outside the EAC. Look for our club. We will be selling hot dogs.

In mid-November, Good Neighbors will host our annual fall festival and craft show. Tables go on sale Sept. 16 if you wish to sell your creations.

The year 2020 will start out with a new event at On Top of the World. Good Neighbors is introducing a Tin Can Challenge on Saturday, Jan. 25, at a morning time to be announced later. This is a team event which involves building something out of tin cans and boxed foods. All cans and boxes will be collected after the event and donated to Helping Hands food pantry. Start planning now!

On Feb. 26, Good Neighbors will host its second annual Chili Cook-Off with a new side event – "Anything Chocolate." Residents are encouraged to enter their favorite chili recipes and homemade chocolate recipes. A sign-up sheet will be available soon.

Good Neighbors Association is made up of residents, whether full time or part time. If you live here, you are a member.

We are a club to help people get acquainted to living here. If we can be of any service to you, please stop by our information table and ask.

If you need help with an upcoming activity, come to a volunteers meeting and speak up.

We are also in the process of looking for board members for next year. If this sounds interesting to you, please let us know.



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Computer Club learns about what is ‘right’

By Joe Wisinski

Even some experienced computer users may not know how to do what is “right” while using their machine.

That’s “right” as in clicking on the right mouse button.

The On Top of the World Computer Club recently learned about how useful the right mouse button is. Club member Scott Masticelli led a discussion about what right clicking can do.

“The right button provides choices,” Scott said. “Then the left button executes those choices.”

Scott demonstrated the advantages of right clicking by using the Windows logo button, which is in the lower left part of the screen and is also known as the “Start” button.

Some of the options you get when you right click on the logo button are:

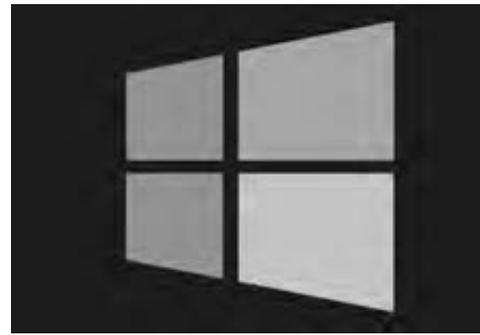
- Power Options enable you to choose when the computer goes to sleep, hibernates or shuts down. This choice is especially useful on laptop computers. For



example, you can choose to shut your laptop down by merely closing its lid.

- The Device Manager tells you what hardware, such as a printer, are hooked up to your computer. If a printer, or other device, is giving you difficulty, this is a good place to start figuring out the problem.

- System provides information about your computer, such as processor speed,



The Windows logo button looks like a window pane. It’s a handy shortcut to a more powerful computing experience.

the amount of installed memory, and the version of Windows you’re using.

Although Scott used the Windows logo key for his demonstration, he also said that right clicking just about anywhere on the screen is beneficial.

The best way to learn about the power of right clicking, whether it’s on the logo button or elsewhere, is to experiment. So

try it!

About the Computer Club

The Computer Club meets every Saturday morning at 8:30 in the West Activity Center. Visitors are welcome.

Sessions usually consist of presentations or discussions led by club members or guest speakers. Time is also made available to ask any technology-related questions.

In addition to the Saturday meetings, club members are available to help any OTOW resident with technology-related questions or issues. The help sessions take place in the Learning Lab, which is in the West Activity Center, on Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings from 8:30 to 10 a.m.

The services are free and Computer Club membership is not required to get assistance. Anyone seeking help is requested to arrive no later than 9:30 a.m. so we have adequate time to address your issue.

More than 60 different resident writers kept OTOW News going through the summer months

When summer hits On Top of the World, things slow down a little.

This holds true for your community newspaper as well.

There are not as many clubs staying active and not as many buildings having parties. The size of the monthly newspaper reflects this as there are fewer pages in June, July, August and September.

However, a newspaper still has to be printed.

Thanks to the dedication of many staff writers, your OTOW News has continued to produce a top-quality newspaper despite the lazy summer trend.

At the Press Association meeting in August, Editor Doug Kates started off by thanking those who continued to submit stories to the newspaper, even when it was a little harder to find topics to write about.

From June through August, 30 differ-



Press Association

ent resident reporters submitted stories for the first two sections of the newspaper, and another 30 different individuals submitted stories for section three of the newspaper.

That’s 60 people who found time and found subjects to write stories about.

That’s an incredible contribution.

“We would never be able to produce a great, quality newspaper over the summer if not for people who are willing to continue working while clubs take a season off or other people travel north to escape the heat,” Doug said.

“We had 22 writers who only submitted one story in the past three months, but that’s terrific!” he said. “We had another 22 writers who didn’t miss a month. That’s awesome!”

As of this Press Association meeting taking place, there was only one summer edition of the newspaper remaining and you are looking at it. Now the staff is preparing for another busy winter season.

Doug reminded veteran writers and new writers, please do not start your winter stories by welcoming back the Snowbirds. It would be fine if one or two writ-

ers did it, but there cannot be 40 stories in one edition of the newspaper where our friends are welcomed back from up north. Our readers deserve 40 different stories and therefore we have a policy we do not welcome home the Snowbirds in our newspaper.

Doug also reminded staff writers that deadline for stories is always the 15th, but please submit your stories early if possible. Editing becomes a great challenge when 40 stories are submitted on the final day.

The Press Association talked about entering the Tin Can Challenge on Jan. 25, 2020, hosted by the Good Neighbors Association. The reaction was positive for entering a team and some writers will recommend their other clubs join the contest as well.

The next meeting is Oct. 3.

Newspaper writers, especially new ones, should plan on attending Writer’s Workshop

If you have been asked to write newspaper stories for your club, group, building or sports league this winter season, you should make it a point to attend the Press Association’s Writers Workshop on Thursday, Nov. 7, at 5 p.m. in the East Activity Center Crystal Beach Room (formerly the Veranda Room).

Not only is this meeting recommended for new reporters, it is recommended for everyone on staff. It is the only time all year when Editor Doug Kates teaches the

very basics of journalism writing.

That’s correct - journalism writing!

When writing for On Top of the World News, you cannot write your stories as if you are writing an email letter to a close friend.

Journalism uses Associated Press style guidelines. College students need four years to learn everything about the Associated Press - OTOW residents are taught the basics in just one hour.

In addition to style guidelines, every-

one on staff has to learn what types of stories we accept and what we don’t accept. We have some rules - you need to learn them.

Doug will teach you how to make your writing smooth, short, sweet and to the point.

He will include some photo tips in case you need to take a picture to accommodate your story.

New writers need to learn about our deadline. While the last day to submit an

article is the 15th of each month, this doesn’t mean turn in your stories on the 15th. The editors appreciate early submissions.

Do you have bad writing habits?

Do you know what bad writing habits include?

Please attend and find out.

There is no test and no home work. But there is food. And if Doug becomes unbearable, there is plenty of wine.

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Q. In your opinion, is Obamacare a valid constitutional act of Congress?

A. Yes.

Q. My significant other and I have been together for six months. We each have two children from previous marriages. We have decided to purchase a home together. We will be splitting the cost of the purchase and splitting the cost of maintaining the home.

If one of us passes on, we want the survivor to buy out the interest of our children. How can we do this? Your answer is a make or break deal for us.

A. So, it's up to me, eh!
Wow!

Well, I'm gonna pass on giving you a definite answer because you both need to see your own separate attorneys in order for him or her to advise you both separately and properly.

However, I can say this. If the deed to your property is in both names as "joint tenants with rights of survivorship," then when one of you passes on, the survivor will own the property to the exclusion of the deceased's children.

If, on the other hand, title is held in both names, but as "tenants in common," then when one of you passes on, the Last Will and Testament of the one who passed



on first, will determine how the interest of that person is to be distributed.

Additionally, there might be a question of what homestead rights of the deceased, if any, may exist.

Further, other ways or methods of holding title might be of interest.

The two of you could agree to have the deed reflect that each of you have a "life estate" in the property with the remainder after one is deceased, passing to the children.

So, it's important—necessary, really—that you sit down with your attorneys and discuss what is in each of your best interests.

Q. My husband and I need to select someone to be the personal representative of our estates. Our plan is that when one of us passes on, the survivor has everything. When both of us pass on, our children will inherit all that we have.

Our problem is who to select as the personal representative of our estate.

We have six children, but only one lives in Florida. However, that one is the least responsible of all. We would not feel comfortable with selecting that child.

For that matter, none of our children get along together. They have what I would call a "group-think," which means that they've divided themselves into factions, depending on the issue.

What do you think?

A. I think "group-think" is a fairly modernistic term and I have no idea what it means other than that there's a "group" of your kids who, apparently, may think the same way on some matters and may think completely different on other matters ... and I have no idea if what I just wrote makes any sense to anyone reading this, let alone whether it makes any sense in your specific situation.

BUT, knowing that "fools rush in" and all that ... here goes.

You can select someone who is not related to you, such as your attorney (if he or she does that kind of work and is either a Florida resident or a blood kin). You can select one or more of your children to be co-personal representatives. **OR...** you can select ALL of your children to be co-personal representatives and then let them "group-think" it all out together.

Q. I love my son, but I want to totally disinherit his wife. Can I do that?

A. Sigh. This must be my month for one WOW after another.

If your Will or Trust leaves something to your son and he outlives you, then he will receive what you devised him.

If he predeceases you, then you can make sure that his wife receives nothing simply by not providing anything for her.

The problem, of course, is what happens if he outlives you, receives the inheritance and then in his Will, he leaves what he received from you, to his wife.

To avoid that situation, you would need to have your Will, or better yet, your Trust, make specific provisions for the distribution of your estate to a trustee who would NOT be your son, but would be someone who is directed by the Trust's language on how to make distributions to your son with the provision that upon his passing whatever was not distributed to him would pass to someone other than your son's wife.

It'd be wise to meet with your attorney on this.

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Mark Twain Award Winning Comedian - Jonathan Winters

Jonathan Winters was one of the greatest comedians of the century.

He was born in Dayton, Ohio, in 1925. His father was a banker, who became an alcoholic after being crushed during the Great Depression.

Jonathan went on to live with his grandmother.

Jonathan entered a talent contest in Dayton and took first place. He then moved to New York City and appeared on the Arthur Godfrey Talent Scout TV program. He got immediate attention from Jack Paar and the Tonight Show, where Jonathan then made many appearances with Steve Allen,

Johnny Carson and others. He was given the opportunity to demonstrate his comic genius and became one of the top names in American comedy.

Jonathan and Robin Williams became long-time friends and made many appearances together.

Jonathan's popular drag character was Maude Frickert, an inspiration based on one of his aunts.

In 2000, Jonathan won the annual Mark Twain Prize for American Humor. The presentation took place at the Kennedy Center in Washington D.C.

He was later awarded with a star on the

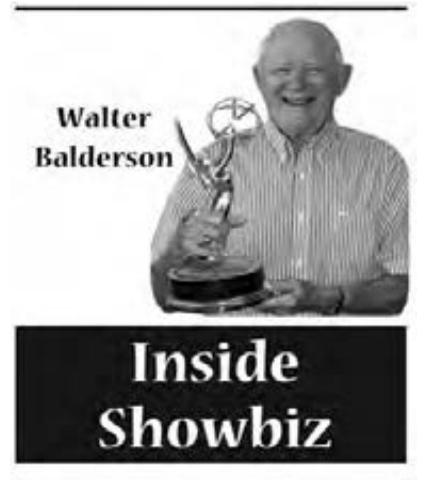
Hollywood Walk of Fame.

Jonathan was a gunner in the US Marine Corp during World War II. He served in the Pacific for two years.

He married Eileen Schauder and they were united for more than 60 years. They had two children and five grandchildren.

Jonathan died on April 11, 2013, in Montecito, Calif., after declining health issues over a long period of time. He had also been diagnosed with bipolar disorder.

If you want to see Jonathan at work, all you have to do is click YouTube on your computer. A variety of his work is posted for everyone to watch.

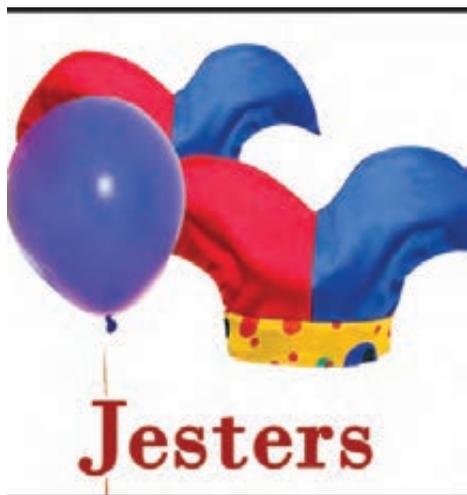


Did you miss the Fraud and Scams seminar presented by the Pinellas County Sheriff's Office?

Good News!

The entire seminar will be rebroadcast on OTOW-TV Channel 732 in November. Watch this newspaper for times and dates.

Jesters meeting takes place in Canada - auditions taking place in Clearwater



By John L. Hooker

As the photograph shows, members of the Jesters 2020 Creative Team went into overdrive last month to get ready for this year's auditions.

What the picture doesn't show is the travel involved.

Tom and Vicky Portsmouth flew to the Massachusetts summer home of David Bucchiere and John Hooker, and the four drove together to the Canadian home of Gil and Jackie Small.

Together, everyone worked to wrap up plans for this year's show.

How's that for working from home?

Now the Jesters are issuing a casting call for all residents of On Top of the



Creative Team members Vicky Portsmouth, John Hooker and Gil Small work on the 2020 Jesters Show. Missing from the photo, but present, were Susan Carlson and Sue Calinski-McMillan. This photo was taken a little bit north of Clearwater.

World, who enjoy singing, dancing, acting and comedy.

Please come to auditions on Tuesday, Oct. 1, from 3-6 p.m. in the East Activity Center auditorium. Newcomers are asked to be prepared to show us what you do best.

Jesters who have performed in recent shows are not asked to audition, but everyone who wants to be considered for specific parts will find a list of potential roles and solo/ensemble songs at the first Jesters meeting of the year, Wednesday, Sept. 11, at 7 p.m. in the Belleair Room,

formerly the Sunrise Room, of the West Activity Center.

We're looking forward to another amazing year and another dynamite show with the Jesters, so come and join us and take your part in the excitement!

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Knitters make four road trips to deliver nearly 100 homemade creations



Jean Cocuzzo

By Cheryl Butcher

In mid-August, the Knitting Club made a number of donations to local organizations.

All the merchandise was homemade goods created by our knitters.

Our knitter-in-charge, Theresa Mayne, made deliveries to Brookdale Nursing Home (26 lap robes, 16 walker caddies), Atria Nursing Home (12 lap robes, 4 walker caddies), and Westchester Gardens Nursing Home (24 lap robes, 8 walker caddies).

We also donated seven lap robes to Shriners Hospital for Children in Tampa. We save our brightest and “funnest” creations for the children.

A member’s husband, Tom Butcher, volunteers there, and he personally delivers them on his working day.

One of our newest members contributed to this bounty, Jean Cocuzzo.

Jean and her husband, Tony, recently moved to On Top of the



Knitting

World from Raleigh, N.C., hailing originally from Boston. They began renting a condo, but closed on their very own unit on Franciscan Drive last month. They’ll be busy freshening it up for a few weeks.

The Cocuzzos are retired now, but both are veterans. Jean served in the Army, one post being at Ft. Knox, and Tony was in the Air Force. They met when Tony, a bus driver, picked up Jean on a corner 24 1/2 years ago, and that union has

yielded two sons and three grandchildren. Jean picked up knitting about 15 years ago and she also crochets. She is a two-time cancer survivor and an avid reader.

Welcome to the club.

We always welcome new hands to join us. Our basic mission is to supply lap robes and walker caddies to local nursing homes and baby hats and blankets to the nursery at Mease Countryside Hospital.

Special projects are undertaken as identified.

If you knit or crochet, we would love to have you join us in the Crystal Beach Room (formerly the Veranda Room) of the East Activity Center every Wednesday from 9-11 a.m.

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 Association.

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October 20



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ACTIVITY REPORTS



OTOW Coloring Book Club announces winner of first community-wide contest

All over the country, Aug. 2 was designated as National Coloring Book Day, and this special event helped create a new tradition at On Top of the World.

For the second time, OTOW News published a picture inside its monthly publication and invited residents to use pencils, crayons, paint, markers or other art forms, to color in the picture. But for the first time, our own community-wide event was turned into a contest.

Many entries were received and members of our own Coloring Book Club were asked to judge the contest.

Even though the competition was close, they were able to select a winner.

Congratulations go out to Pam Rosenblatt of the Rio Riviera Building. Her picture is shown at right. Pam won a \$10 gift certificate to the Good Karma Café and she will receive her prize this month.

Residents who entered the contest started with a parade scene, including flags, a dog, a golf cart, a clown, flowers and many parade marchers. In some cases, great detail was required.

The Coloring Book Club judges were very picky, but gave credit to all the entries submitted.

The judges said they were looking for details, originality and bright colors. They pointed out that Pam's rendition of the American and Canadian flags were perfect. All the clothing on marchers was original. The dog looked like a wonderful pup and the flowers looked good enough to smell!

And of course, everything was drawn inside the lines.

OTOW News honored Coloring Book Day last year, but did not have a contest. With success from the event this year, the same contest will return again next year - but maybe with a little-more-simple picture to draw in.

Anyone interested in joining the Coloring Book Club is invited to bring their own books and tools to any meeting, 12:30 p.m., Wednesdays, in the Crystal Beach Room (formerly the Veranda Room). There is no membership fee. Just come to socialize and have fun. The group also schedules luncheons.



Art Guild wants to share passion of pastels with you



Alice Anderson

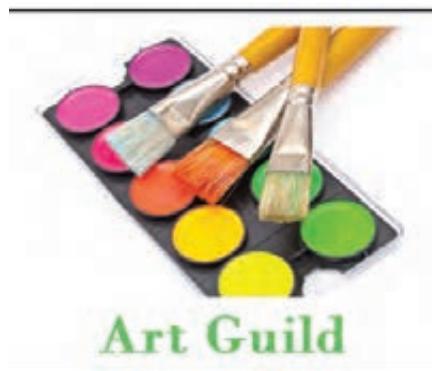
By Mary Slack Maynard

On Top of the World Art Guild member Alice Anderson is sharing her passion for pastels every Friday morning from 10 a.m. until noon.

During the class, she will teach students about pastels and how to use them to create artwork that expresses the essence of the subject.

"Whether I am creating portraits of animals or people, or painting landscapes or beach scenes, I'm grateful to have the opportunity to experience my 'Encore Career' and see life through the eyes of an artist - something that almost passed me by," Alice says.

For as long as she can remember, Alice has thought of herself as Alice Artist. She attended the Chicago Academy of Fine Art in Chicago



where she studied commercial illustration and design. It was there that she became interested in pastel portraits.

"I love bringing the details of the image to

life with pastels," she said. "They are my favorite medium. I am now able to pursue painting portraits of people and pets, landscapes and beach scenes and capturing the beauty of the Gulf Coast of Florida."

Alice says she is so happy to live at On Top of the World, where she has the ideal art studio right in her condo.

"I have been so busy meeting all the neighbors and people at all the activities here, I am busier now than before I retired," she says.

Alice is looking forward to meeting new students in her class on Fridays. There is no need to preregister. Just stop by and either join the class or observe your first session. There is a nominal cost and all students must be On Top of the World residents.

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ROWDY - aka "Little Monster"

Hi! My name is Rowdy and I'm a Pomeranian. I think I'm 8 years old. I'm not sure because my first Mom passed away and the vet who took me told my "new Mom" that I was about 18 months old at the time. That was 6 years ago. So my birthday is in July. I picked the 4th! I love my morning walks with my two adopted brothers, Pepper and Buddy. But I don't care for evening walks. I usually hide so Mom will just take my brothers and go without me. I like to spend time on the patio and bark at the squirrels, but my bark is so little that I never scare anything. Sometimes when Mom says it's time to go in, I pretend not to hear and she calls me her little monster. When I'm inside, my favorite thing is napping in front of a fan. The wind feels so good blowing through my long fur. I love it when Mom gives me and my brothers belly rubs and hugs. I moved to On Top of the World in the Chetnik Building last year with my brothers and my Mom, Anita Positan.

Each month, OTOW News, Pet Supplies Plus and Woof Gang Bakery & Grooming 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 of pet. If the age is not included, your pet will not be eligible. Only one pet per household can win each year, but now two pets from same household can be one entry. The winner this month will receive a \$10 gift card from Pet Supplies Plus in the Bayside Plaza on McMullen Booth Road in Clearwater and a \$10 gift card from Woof Gang Bakery in Clearwater. If you are the winner this month, stop by the newsroom to pick up your gift cards. Each monthly winner becomes eligible for Pet of the Year honors in January. Voting for Pet of the Year takes place online in January. The winner will be announced each February. The winner receives additional prizes and will be invited to march in the annual Irish Club Parade each March.

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Humor column comes to an end after 21 years

On Top of the World News would like to thank resident Marge Mayer for turning in her own humor column for the past 21 years. She started the column in 1998.

Some of the jokes Marge turned in were from other residents or friends. Other jokes were taken from a variety of resources on the Internet. OTOW News has done its best over the years to credit sources from where these jokes originated.

Marge has provided 21 years of laughter to everyone in our community. Her very first humor column has been reproduced on this page at right. Below are some of the best jokes Marge submitted more than 20 years ago.

Marge Mayer



Internet Humor

After four tee shots into the water at hole No. 6, golfer turned to his partner and said things will be different on hole No. 7.

The golf partner said, "OK. But let me check for swimmers first."

The post office began distributing stamps which showed life from the 1950s. But one man was very unhappy. He looked at the new sheet of 1950 stamps and asked, "Why aren't they 4 cents?"

A lady hears a knock at her front door and says, "Who is it?"

A guy says, "Deliveryman. I have a box for Mrs. Anderson."

The lady looks through the peep hole in her front door and says, "I will need to see your work identification card, your work badge, your driver's license, proof you are an American citizen and I will need you to lift the box so I can see proof there is actually a box."

Deliveryman says, "Or I can just turn the keys you left in your front door."

Johnny's mom got a note from his teacher at school. The note said Johnny was a good student, but was always day-dreaming in class - always thinking about girls.

Johnny's mom wrote a letter back to the teacher. It stated, "Johnny's father has the same problem. Let me know if you find a solution."

A couple appeared in divorce court before a judge.

The judge asked the husband, "What is your irreconcilable difference?"

The husband said, "I don't like my wife's new boyfriend."

A little girl said to her mommy, "Why did the bride go up the aisle with one man, but came down the aisle with another man?"

Little boy said to his mother, "Can I have a brother?"

Mother asked her son, "Why do you want a brother?"

Boy said, "Because you don't believe me anymore when I tell you the dog did it."

On a TV game show, a school teacher was asked, "What was the name of the ship that hit an iceberg?"

Teacher said, "The Titanic."

An undertaker was next and he was asked, "How many people lost their lives on that ship?"

Undertaker said, "1500."

A lawyer was next and he was asked, "What were the names of all the victims?"



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This Classified Section is a service to the community. There is no charge to residents for this service. Items must be priced under \$500.00 and copy must be 20 words or less including phone numbers or four column lines. Person's names and building names must be included, but will not be published. If the person's name and building is not included it will not be accepted.

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BOOKS, hard cover and paper back, Danielle Steel, S. King, Clancy and more.

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CHILD'S ROCKER, high chair, metal compact.

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TV, 25" Panasonic, console, color; sofa; end and coffee tables, 3 chrs.; D.R. set, table, 2 exten.; 4 chrs.; china cabinet, server; sleep sofa; microwave; misc.

D.R. SET, complete w/ server and 6 chrs.

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SALE, 8/5/98, misc; 1985, beige rocker; 4 D.R. chrs.; table, queen sofa bed. Excel cond.

AIR CLEANER, Honeywell Electronic variable No. 13570

ETAGERE, rattan, glass shelves; octagon end table; man's bowling ball, bag, shoes.

DEHUMIDIFIER, 40 gal. astoon, 8' model, 2 sp.; Misc. misc.; hns

KITCHEN TABLE, 62" rd. w/ 2 soft pad chrs. Like new.

LAMP, Street lighting table lamp, etc.

BENCH/STOOL, im. wood; 2 card table; rural truck pot; golf vacuum; elec. toilet

KITCHEN TABLE, butcher block w/ 4 chrs. Excel cond.; beautif. gold, pearl and diamond ring w/ mitch. earrings.

MINI BLINDS, inside mt. for Blorador model, 1 - 88" x 62", 1 - 56" x 37 1/2"

MAO, TABLE, 24" Duncan Phyfe; 36" rd. table any hgt.; Ethan Allen table lamp; 2 L.Rm. chrs.

ORGAN, Hammond w/ bench; queen mattress, box spr.; 40 pc. dishes; canister set. Ls. message.

COMPUTER, Macintosh, color monitor and printer, word process., spr. shers, database, paint and draw programs; misc.

MISC. rugs, lamp, 4 dining rm. chairs, table, beige rockers, queen sleeper sofa bed, Hoover sweeper, patio furn.

DRAPES for Deluxe unit L.R. and Fan. Rm.; w/ china lav. sink; 2 porch chrs; em. table; w/ Westinghouse refrig; ladies golf clubs.

BICYCLE, 12 sp., like new.

MICROWAVE, Litton; 3 tall table lamps; brass w/ brns.

POWER RIDER, fold for storage; video

LUCKY, 26" on wheels plus matching tote bag, navy blue/gray wood.

SWEEPER, upright Diet Devil; Lt. oak color octagonal end table w/ dr; car C.B., Midland 40-channel, hand held, works perfect.

CHINA, 12 pc. pl. set; 13" sbc. hedge trimmer; men's jackets 60-41.

WOOL RUG, 8x11, rust w/ brns, blue border; oriental style pie, 39" L x 19" W.

DINING ROOM SET, bedroom set, console TV, plus other items.

DRAPES, pleated 84L x 50W, tri-color in beige, w/ rods; Lift chair, tan color.

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MARGE'S HUMOR COLUMN

Marge Mayer
While riding in a cab in New York City with her mother the daughter saw some scantily clad women on the corner and asked what they were doing. Her mother said they were waiting for their husbands to come home from work. The cabbie said, "Come on, tell her the truth - they're hookers." The daughter asked if hookers have children. Her mother replied, "of course, where do you think cabbies come from?"

Did you hear about the psychic who was involved in a fender bender? He had an "auto-body" experience.

When a directory assistance operator asked the caller "What city, please?" the caller said, "I'm not sure of the city, but could I please have the number for 1-800 Dentist?"

After hearing on the radio about a book called "Debt Free Living," two students called the toll free number and were discussing how to pay for it. Just then the operator cheerfully offered, "If you'd like, we can put it on your credit card"

A weather bulletin by a TV station was for severe thunderstorm watch till 4:30 P.M. It advised: stay inside, do not use any electrical appliances and stay tuned for further information.

Definition of a gentleman - a man who can play the accordion but doesn't. Husband complaining to marriage counselor, "I told her men are like fine wine, they get better with age, so she locked me in the collar."

Fast talking salesman says to a prospect, "This kind of car pays for itself." "Great," says the man. "As soon as it does, drive it over."

What did the Teddy Bear say when offered desert? No thanks, I'm stuffed.

Why do political candidates lie about each other when the plain truth would be bad enough?

You know technology has passed you by when you would have a power outage and nothing you own is blinking.

Husband commenting to wife after calling children in from play, "I liked it better when they answered in a minute instead of your call is important to us."

A young child was left with a sitter while his mother went to the spa. He asked why she had to go there. She told him, "So Mommy can get skinny." When she came back for him later he said, "Gee, Mom - it didn't work."

A young daughter asked her Mom to borrow her makeup. When asked why, she said, "My teacher said we're having a make-up class tomorrow and I don't have any, so I have to borrow yours."

A little girl was wearing her grandmother out and finally she told her, I can't play anymore, you know Grandma is old." Her granddaughter said, I'm sorry, Grandma, I didn't know.



Blackout: We train before you play

By Tom Jamroz

The group that runs Blackout wants everyone to know there is room for you at our card game tables on Thursday evenings, as soon as you are trained in the game.

It's a lot of fun, easy to learn, cheap to play and very popular with residents. We have averaged about 35-40 players a game during the heat of the summer months and we are going to keep going right into the fall.

Training classes are offered on Monday and Thursday mornings in the East Activity Center auditorium from 8:15-10:15 a.m. After you have learned to play, join us in the West Activity Center Belleair Room on Thursday evenings at 6 p.m. at the training table. At 6:30 p.m., the real action of the game starts.

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Veterans Group annual barbecue coming up on Oct. 13 - your family and friends are invited

By Will Peterson

The On Top of the World Veterans Group met in August and there were quite a few non-Snowbirds in attendance.

At the meeting, we talked about our upcoming events.

Our group's second annual barbecue will be held on Sunday, Oct. 13, from 2-5 p.m. It will once again be held at VFW Post 10093 in Safety Harbor.

The cost will be \$7 per person.

Family members and friends are encouraged to attend. Tickets will be available starting in September, every Monday and Thursday, from 8:30-10 a.m. in the East Activity Center auditorium. Look for our information table.

This was a well-attended event last year and we hope that it will be an even better event this year. We will need at least two volunteers to buy and deliver the food, two to help cook the food, and four to act as servers. We will also need at least



four volunteers to assist with the clean up after the event.

If you can volunteer to assist with this event, please see a member of the Veterans Group on a Monday or Thursday morning.

The Veterans Group will be partici-

pating in the annual Good Neighbors Association Fall Flea Market/Craft Show on Saturday, Nov. 16, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

This will be a fundraising event for us.

We will be offering handmade angels for donations. Tom Powers and Sonny Morris will each have a table and they have generously offered all proceeds from their tables to be donated to the OTOW Veterans Group.

We will need volunteers for assistance with pricing, getting the items into the auditorium and clean up at the end. Again, if you are free, please let someone know.

We are also looking into helping the Homeless Empowerment Program (HEP) on Betty Lane in Clearwater. Petra Gonzalez and Tom Powers will be the driving force behind collecting books and current magazines (2019 only), as well as games for the HEP Programs Donation Thrift Store.

More information will follow as to

collection and delivery dates. If you have an interest in volunteering to help with this, then please let us know.

A Bay Pines Veterans Administration visit is being put together by Jerry Bass, who is going to work with the VA to coordinate a day during the holidays in which we can visit with veterans who are housed there.

Watch for future articles as we learn more about the progress made.

The Veterans Group meets the first Wednesday of every even month in the Ozona Room, formerly the Small Card Room, across from Good Karma Café.

We have a table in the EAC auditorium from 8-10:30 a.m. every Monday and Thursday and volunteers are always welcome to help staff it.

We look forward to your support and seeing you at one of our events.

Our group now has more than 90 veterans signed up! Thank you for your service - everyone!

Democratic Club members select their early favorite in race for President

By Donna Lukas

At the August meeting of the On Top of the World Democratic Club, we welcomed many new people who introduced themselves and said what it was that brought them to our meeting.

Happily, five of them joined as members by the end of the meeting.

We had updates and lively discussion on several of the Democratic presidential candidates.

At the time of our August meeting, nine of the candidates had already qualified for the third debate scheduled for Sept. 12 in Houston. That debate will be shown on the ABC network and Univision, so it will be easy to invite your neighbors to a watch party in your home.

Club members took part in a straw poll to indicate their current first choice for presidential candidate. Elizabeth Warren came in first by a wide margin. Joe Biden came in second. Pete Buttigieg came in third.

Information was given about the soapbox platform being sponsored by the Des Moines Register at the Iowa State Fair in August. Candidates were being given a microphone and 20 minutes to speak about their platforms. Our local Spectrum channel 14 for C-Span was to carry these speeches throughout the weekend, as it has been doing for other forums.

Invitations were extended to gather at nearby libraries for August events that involved local candidates. Kathleen Beckman, an announced candidate for Clearwater City Council, was hosting a meeting at the Countryside library.

Candidate filing for that election



Democratic Club

starts on Sept. 19.

A meet and greet for candidates Dawn Douglas and Michael Apted was being held at the Clearwater East library. They will be competing candidates for our district in the next election for state representative.

Our next club meeting is scheduled for our usual time and place (the second Thursday of the month) at 2 p.m. on Sept 12 in the East Activity Center Oldsmar Room, formerly known as the Starlite Room.

If you have been thinking about joining our club, please come visit us at one of our future meetings.

If you miss attending one of our meetings, remember to periodically check out our club page on the Box Office at otowboxoffice.com. Look for the "Democratic Donkey."

This Website will also list information that may not have been available at the time of our most recent meeting.

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Guest speaker shares interesting information about all of the borders in the United States

By Marvin Lazernik

The Republic Club meeting in August actually had two speakers.

Our main speaker, Dr. William W. Urban, spoke on the various borders and why each and every one has problems that are unique to that particular area.

Money laundering, human trafficking, drugs, porous borders and illegal aliens crossing are some of the problems to name a few.

Dr. Urban discussed various conflicts each problem causes in the United States and said he cannot understand how this has been going on for at least the last 15-20 years without Congress trying to fix it.

Our second speaker was Tara Armetta, regional field director for the Donald Trump 2020 campaign.

She spoke primarily on plans regarding the President's future visits to Florida and what the various Republican organizations are doing to assist in his re-election.

Tara stated several ways we at On Top of the World could assist in this effort.

On Tuesday, Sept. 10, we will have one of the experts from our Computer Club come to answer the burning questions – how can I save money on my TV



Republican Club

bill?

Is it legal?

Does it take special equipment, and most important, how does it work on my TV?

These, and other computer and TV questions, will finally be answered by our own experts in the field. Welcome to the Electronic Age.

Upcoming speakers at our Republican Club meetings include U.S. Congressman Gus Bilirakis in October; national author Cathi Chamberlain in November; and Pinellas County State Attor-



There was a full house of visitors to hear Dr. William W. Urban speak about problems at all of our borders.

ney Bernie McCabe in January.

Because of the high demand and limited seating capacity, only OTOW Republican Club members and veterans will be admitted for the October meeting.

In December, our club will host its

annual Christmas party.

Registration for meetings start at 6:30 p.m. and our business meetings start at 7 p.m. At 7:30 p.m. we will open the doors for our Republican Club-sponsored educational lecture series.

Chorus is looking for residents who can sing holiday songs, spring music and, of course, Happy Birthday

By Ilene Bargerstock

It's almost fall and time for On Top of the World Chorus to begin a new season!

For me, that means getting the keyboard out of my Florida basement (under the bed) and dusting it off in preparation for occasional at-home, note-by-note learning.

I hope others who enjoy singing are thinking of joining us.

Of course, you don't need to have a keyboard and you don't need to prepare for an audition.

Simply show up at the first rehearsal on Tuesday, Oct. 8 at 7 p.m. in the Oldsmar Room (formerly Starlite Room) in the East Activity Center.

Here is what you can expect.

First, you will receive a warm welcome as members greet each other, excited to be back together again.

Our new president, Rod Bargerstock, will introduce new members and make necessary announcements.

Then Director Beth Kendall will lead us through some warm-up physical and vocal exercises. These are fun!

Next, we will be given the music to be included in the upcoming Holiday Concert scheduled for Dec. 7 and 8. We will sing through each piece in order to be-



Chorus

come somewhat familiar.

New members will be given a folder for keeping the music together. Each of us is responsible to take it home and bring it back to rehearsals.

Rehearsals continue Mondays from 10-11 a.m. and Tuesdays from 7-9 p.m. in the Oldsmar Room.

There will be a break following the Holiday Concert with rehearsals resuming in January 2020 in preparation for the Spring Concert scheduled for March 29 and 30, 2020.

We are looking forward to seeing our members back!

As the old song goes, "We could make such beautiful music together!"

We have and we will again! Come and join us!

Need more information? Call me, Ilene Bargerstock, 727-408-5759.



Sometimes a Chorus rehearsal will turn into a surprise celebration! Such was the case when Ilene Bargerstock's birthday fell on a rehearsal date. Rehearsal took a break and everyone sang 'Happy Birthday.' According to Ilene, 'Nobody sings Happy Birthday like my tribe!'

During break from Snowbirds Line Dancing, Jan and Ted Soltys celebrate 60th anniversary

By Ed Foland

How many people do you know who have celebrated 60 years of marriage?

Well, we have just such a couple in our Snowbirds Line Dance Club ... Jan and Ted Soltys, who recently marked this great occasion with a dinner cruise for family and friends near their summer home in Chicago.

You have no doubt seen Jan, affectionately known as "Little Jan," at Ed Foland's 8:30 a.m. Beginners' Class, where she will take up a spot at the front or side of the room to help guide dancers through their steps.

Ted, an alumni of that class, can also be found there most Wednesday mornings ... he's one of those guys wearing the bright orange or yellow shirts with the "Amigos" slogan on the back!

Jan and Ted met in 1958 at a dance ballroom. Truth be told, he had actually asked another girl if she would like to cha cha, but she told him that the music wasn't a cha cha (foolish woman).

So Ted asked Jan to dance instead.

Jan knows her music and dance steps, so they ended up dancing together for most of the night.

One year later ... to the day ... they got married.

Jan tells this reporter that there was never a formal proposal. They both just knew everything was right, but Ted did surprise her with a ring, while at the drive-in, during "Creature from the Black Lagoon."

How romantic can you get?

Jan and Ted had a small wedding with mostly family. They set out on a three-day honeymoon at Wisconsin Dells, but had to actually cut a day off their stay, because they saw a lamp that they really wanted to buy. As young newlyweds, they knew they couldn't do both, so the lamp won ... and they still have it to this day.



Their first home was with Ted's mother in a two-flat unit. My news sources say it was a long two months.

Jan and Ted then moved into the other flat on their own, where they lived for seven years and welcomed three sons - the first being born just 364 days after their wedding.

(They seem to have a thing about anniversaries!)

Later, they bought a house and their daughter was born there.

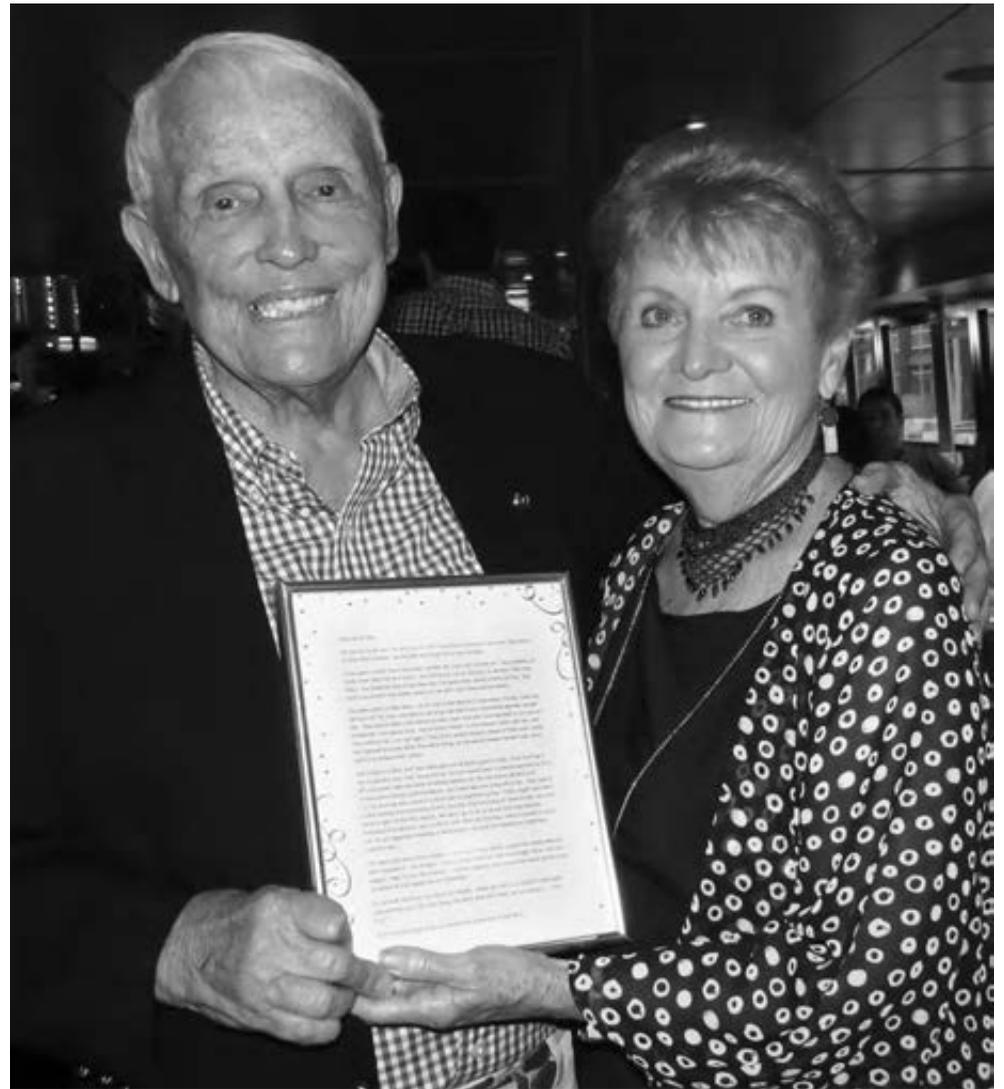
At that time, Ted was in the printing business and Jan was a stay-at-home mom.

In 1975, they took real estate courses together and went on to build a successful career in that field, but Jan was quick to say that her best job ever was being a mom!

How did Jan and Ted end up at On Top of the World?

Well, Jan's stepmom had a place here, and when she was no longer able to maintain it, Jan and Ted decided to buy it. That was in 2002 and they have been dividing their time between Illinois and Florida ever since.

Jan and Ted credit the longevity of their marriage to some pretty simple things. They have many mutual interests, and they both love people and dancing. Their many friends and acquaintances at OTOW would most definitely agree!



Jan and Ted Soltys display a letter from some of their line dancing friends.

Join our discussions on popular national issues

Do you have an opinion about America's future?

Do you enjoy a good discussion about national issues?

If so, consider joining a Pray for America meeting this fall.

Our group is seeing more and more people speak up, and more and more people taking action. Participation in our weekly forums has doubled over the summer. Maybe you want to join us.

Pray for America meets 10 a.m., Saturdays, in the East Activity Center Ozona Room (formerly the Small Classroom). Meetings are open to men and women, but you must have a valid Activity Card. Each resident is allowed to bring one guest.

Would you like to know more about us before you attend a forum? Prayer for



America staffs an information table on the second Thursday of each month, at 8:30 a.m., during Good Neighbors Association Get Acquainted Coffee. Stop by and talk to us and we will answer your questions.

Prayer for America is a national group. A bunch of residents created a local chapter here at On Top of the World. There are no dues.

After meetings, some attendees even go out to lunch together, so our weekly meetings also become a social function. Friendships and prayer warriors develop along the way.



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You could get hooked on line dancing just by reading this newspaper article



Hope Tera and Cheryl Pollack stand behind the line dance banner that greets dancers to each session during the week.

By Leila Walker

Meet Cheryl Pollack and Hope Tera.

Hope has lived in On Top of the World for one year and has been line dancing for nine months.

How did she know about OTOW Line Dancing?

She read about it in the OTOW newspaper and felt it would offer her an opportunity to meet people and to get involved with a club.

Hope says that line dancing is one of the highlights of her week! She loves the physical activity and enjoys meeting and working with other line dancers.

She says the line dancers are genuine, nice, positive people.

Line dancing clears her mind, gives her peace and grounds her. She has so much fun line dancing that she feels it is a real hoot for her and it lifts her spirits.

Hope said she never knew she would like country music until she line danced to country songs.

When asked how she feels about the new summer venue, Hope said it has been great. She loves the warm, laid back attitude, the more modern music with a youthful kick to it, the acceptance, the progressive dances, and there is no pressure to be perfect.

She would like to see the new venue continued in the fall.

Hope has shared her computer talent and savvy by preparing the spreadsheets for each week's dances and by linking the dances to online stepsheets and videos. She is also learning to teach the dances.

She has gotten involved!

Cheryl has lived in OTOW for 3.5 years and has been line dancing for 2.5

years.

What inspired her to join the line-dancing club?

A friend mentioned it to her and she got hooked.

Since Cheryl had always loved dancing of all sorts, she figured she might like line dancing! She tries not to miss the line dancing classes because she really enjoys it. She likes the nice people, loves the songs and the dances.

When Cheryl was asked how she feels about the new summer venue, she said she likes the old and the new venues. However, she feels that change is good and supports having the new venue.

The more modern music and progres-

sive dance routines are very appealing to her. She feels that new dancers are better able to learn the steps and the additional help given to new dancers is inspiring. It is a testament to the camaraderie you experience in line dancing.

After knowing how Hope and Cheryl feel about line dancing, you too need to join the OTOW Line Dance Club and benefit from all the fun.

And not only does the OTOW Line Dance Club have regular bi-weekly dance sessions, but they participate in other opportunities to dance.

Recently OTOW line dancers danced at Sunday afternoon's Meet and Greet sponsored by the Entertainment Committee.

You can join them!

If you are a beginner dancer, try the Line Dance Club's 1 p.m. Tuesday session or the 8:30 a.m. Saturday session. Regular classes are held after the beginner classes.

All classes are held in the auditorium of the East Activity Center.

If you are an early riser, consider our 7 a.m. practice class conducted weekdays in the EAC Exercise Room.

Information about our club can be seen on the Box Office (otowboxoffice.com), OTOW-TV Channel 732 and on Facebook.

There are line-dance-at-home videos available on OTOW-TV weekdays at 11 a.m. Try one in your living room and see if you like it. We just filmed a new video for Fridays!

For more information, contact Mary Becker at 217-663-0541 or Leila Walker at 727-330-6621.

If you've ever wanted to see a mermaid, or catch mice, then find out how at the next Travel Club meeting

By Tom Jamrozy

Travel Club is trying to make plans to please everyone as we get closer to the fall season.

All of our remaining 2019 events and future events are available for you to read about at our Monday and Thursday morning information tables, including two cruises we have planned for January 2020 and January 2021.

We have resumed regular hours for our information table from 8:15-10:15 a.m. in the East Activity Center Auditorium. We will be closed Labor Day.

Our next club meeting is 2 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 6, in the Oldsmar Room (formerly the Starlite Room).

Come early and new residents are always welcome.

We have a day trip planned on Sept. 11 to The James Museum of Western & Wildlife Art, and on Sept. 18 we will have our monthly Lunch Bunch at Frenchy's



Outpost at 11 a.m.

Please reserve your spots ahead of time.

Coming in the near future, we will visit mermaids, go to Graceland, visit a casino, enjoy our holiday party, trolley through our oldest city in the state, find mice while listening to a barbershop quartet, and continue with our monthly Lunch Bunches.

If you are interested in any of the above, stop and see us, pick up fliers and bring your checkbooks.



Members of the Travel Club enjoy the August Lunch Bunch at the Glory Days restaurant in Palm Harbor.

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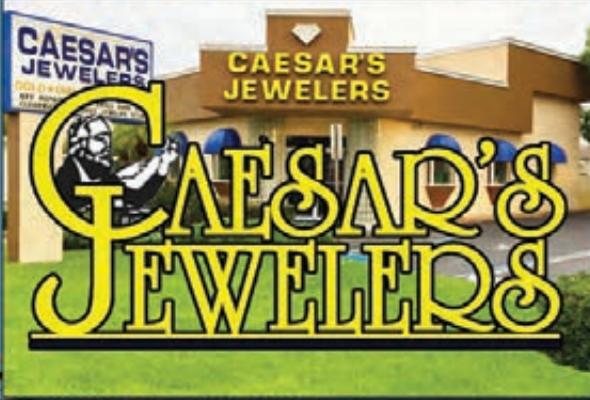
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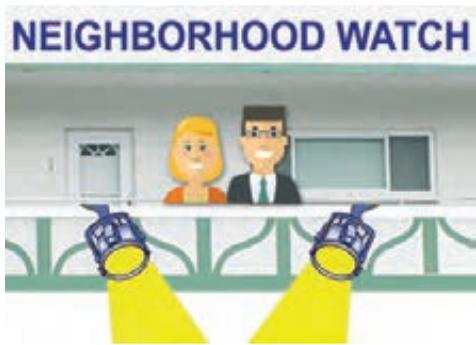

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National Night Out was a great learning experience



By David Beaven

Neighborhood Watch wants to thank everyone who came to National Night Out last month.

Our sunset walk down Columbia Drive was full of fun and surprises.

The theme was: What would you do?

We encountered actors portraying a Peeping Tom, an intoxicated resident needing a jumpstart for her car, a resident with dementia wandering the street, and a homeless guy living in a car, etc.

Special thanks to the actors in these roles. We all got a chance to interact with them and exchange ideas on how we would deal with these diverse situations.

Neighborhood Watch has a concern for quality of life for all our residents. Our group's motto is: "We watch out for each other."

For those folks who have extra needs, there is help. Here are two agencies that serve seniors in Pinellas County: Area Agency on Aging (agingcarefl.org) and Neighborly Care Network (neighborly.org).



Residents wander along Columbia Drive during National Night Out in August. Residents encountered actors who helped teach a variety of situational lessons.

Among the services that they provide are transportation, respite care, caregiving, nutrition services and wellness programs.

There is an intake process where your needs and eligibility are assessed. There can be a waiting period for some programs.

If you are not a computer person, you

can also get in touch by phone at 800-963-5337.

By the way, if you are not there personally in terms of need, these agencies welcome volunteers.

Area Watch 2020 is a Neighborhood Watch group started by a group of residents who want to live in a peaceful and secure environment based on mutual con-

sideration and respect.

We are not affiliated with the On Top of the World Condo Association. Our mission is to make a great community even better. If you would like to find out more about our group, visit our webpage at: areawatch2020.blogspot.com. We are also on the Box Office (otowboxoffice.com).



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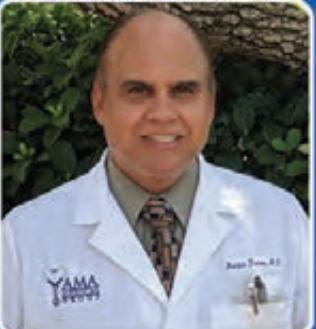
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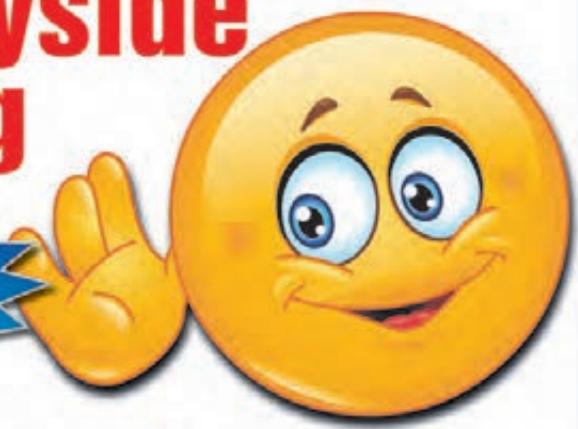







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Italian-American Club season starts Oct. 16 with an ice cream social

By Maryann Fontaine

The Italian-American Club will start the fall season with an Ice Cream Social in the East Activity Center auditorium on Wednesday, Oct. 16 at 5 p.m.

We will have the usual toppings with ice cream, followed by stand up bingo. Cost is \$5 for members and \$7 for non-members.

New President Martha Gonnella and Vice President Sharon Adornetto may not be there, but Pete Marchetti and I will be holding the fort ... as they say.

We will be at our information tables, along with other clubs, on Monday and Thursday mornings from 8:30-10:30 a.m. to sell tickets for all our activities.

Here is a list of remaining Italian-American Club activities for the upcoming season.

On Nov. 11, our club will host its annual spaghetti dinner. Cost is \$15 for members and \$17 for non-members.

On Dec. 14, from noon-3 p.m., our club will host Christmas lunch at Alfano's Restaurant. Cost is \$25 for members only. You will have a choice from six entrees, which will be announced later.

Taste of Italy returns on Jan. 22, 2020, with a club dinner/dance. Music will be by



Italian-American Club

Dino. Cost is \$20 member and \$22 non-member.

We will visit Tampa Bay Downs on Feb. 7, 2020. Cost is \$25 for members only.

On Feb. 19, 2020, our club will host its annual sub night followed by casino



Pete Marchetti and helpers make sure everyone gets ice cream during last year's social. We will start this season in October with the same event, plus stand up bingo. Looking forward to seeing everyone there.

games. Cost is \$7 for members and \$9 for non-members.

The annual St. Joseph's Dinner Dance will take place on March 25, 2020. Music will be provided by Denise. Cost is \$20 for members and \$23 for non-members.

Our season will end on April 15, 2020

with a pizza party. Cost is \$10 for members and \$12 for non-members.

All activities begin at 5 p.m. in the EAC auditorium unless otherwise noted.

Hope everyone had a great summer and we look forward to a fun season with our new board members.



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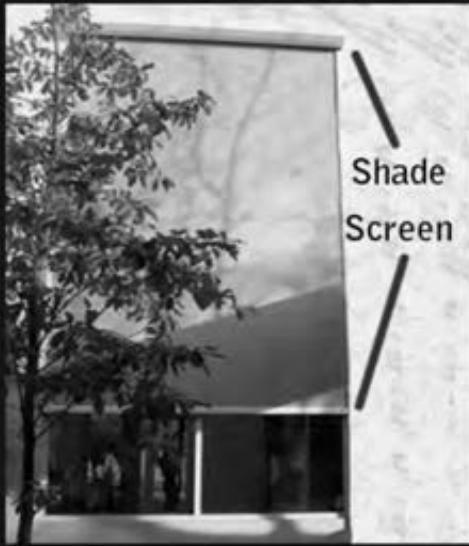


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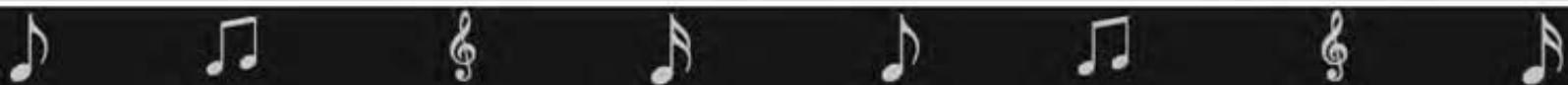
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Pictured above are contestants in a 'Men is Grass Skirts' competition in August. From left to right are Ron Martin, Frank Giarrizzi, Jessie Tiamson, Roger Nicoll, Howard Wolff and Lyle Williams. The winner was Jessie. Earlier in the month, the Entertainment Committee hosted a summer ice cream social and dance in the auditorium (right photo). Although dancing and ice cream were both offered, no one danced and ate at the same time.



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(OTOW News photos by Mary Lou Wall)

Summer Fun

Monday ticket sales resume in September

Remember Snap, Crackle and Pop? This is your chance to dance as well as they sounded in your cereal bowl

By Marvin Flam

The Entertainment Committee fall show schedule begins on Thursday, Sept. 19 at 7:30 p.m. with "Jukebox 4." Cost is \$15 per ticket.

This group of performers presents incredible harmonies, infectious stage personas and playful choreography in a one-of-a-kind show that re-imagines classic jukebox hits covering all genres of music!

Get your tickets and come soak up the memories as Jukebox 4 takes you on a musical journey with new renditions of memorable songs.

On Saturday, Sept. 21, at 8 p.m., our "Snap, Crackle & Pop Dance" will take place. Cost is \$10 and features the music of "Flashback." This dynamic band is an On Top of the World favorite and features a wide range of music.

Remember the good old days when Snap, Crackle and Pop were sounds that came from our cereal, not our bodies?

Well, come join us as we celebrate the Rice Krispies' mascots.

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

Please check our "dress code requirements" when you get your tickets, so you will not be denied access.

On Sunday, Sept. 22, at 2 p.m., your Entertain-

ment Committee will present our Sunday Meet & Greet in the auditorium. We will start with a brief general meeting.

As a resident with a valid Activity Card, you are automatically a member of the Entertainment Committee and are welcome at the general meeting. The Entertainment Committee charges no dues. Learn how the Entertainment Committee presents professional entertainment, and provides support and improvements to the community.

In addition to a review of 2019, the Slate of Nominees for the 2020 Entertainment Committee Board will be announced. The election is scheduled at the club's Annual Meeting on Nov. 10. The meeting will be followed by entertainment by audience favorite, singer Al Forman, and refreshments will be served until the end of the festivities.

During the month of September, the Entertainment Committee ticket and information table will resume two days a week. The table will be open on both Mondays and Thursdays, 8:30-10:30 a.m., except Labor Day.

We suggest that you get your reserved seats as early as possible to get the seats of your choice. Tickets for all the 2019 shows and dances, including New Year's Eve, are still available.

Come out and party with friends and neighbors while enjoying a show or dance.

All current 2019 season ticket holders, or package ticket holders, will be able to renew their tickets for 2020 shows and dances starting Thursday, Oct. 3. Reserved tables and seats will be held until Thursday, Nov. 4, at which time all reserved tables and seats will be available to the general public.

The Entertainment Committee was formally formed in July of 1970. The program has justified the name "Entertainment Committee" with shows, dances, free Sunday Meet & Greets and varied events. In 2020, the Entertainment Committee will celebrate its 50th anniversary. An exciting year is planned.

As part of our 50th anniversary, follow us each month in this newspaper as we look back at the fun times from the past 50 years. We are also planning a future of fun, including innovative and exciting new ideas.

Check the following sources for future schedules, ticket information and answers to your questions: The Entertainment Committee is on OTOW-TV channel 732; on the OTOW Box Office, (www.otowboxoffice.com); and on all of the bulletin boards in the EAC, WAC and all resident buildings.

Call us direct at: (727) 449-9243 or email us at: entcom2014@gmail.com.

The fun continues ... be a part of it!





Claudia Carroll takes first place in monthly Que'T billiards



At the Que'T Ladies Billiards monthly tournament in July, Becky Balderson (left) took second place and Claudia Carroll took first place.

By Sandy Mulholland

Hear ye! Hear ye!

Claudia Carroll was the undefeated champion of the On Top of the World Ladies Que'T Billiards Club Tournament on July 31.

Becky Balderson came in with a close second.

Cub members play every Wednesday from 6-9 p.m. in the Billiards Room at the West Activity Center.

You can be in our next tournament!

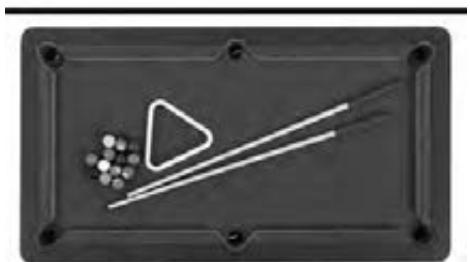
All ladies in our community are invited to join the fun during any upcoming Wednesday night.

Our group would want nothing more than to make your acquaintance and add you to the roster.

All levels of play are present and encouraged. Do not get in a flap if you are without the required accoutrement (pool stick) for shooting as there are plenty from which to choose on the walls.

Presently, Que'T officers are Sandy Mulholland (president), Margo Lindsay (assistant president), Mary Spearman (secretary) and Linda Baker (treasurer).

Our club members showcase a variety



Que'T Billiards

of skills. We have two coaches, Ed Solivan and Denny Balderson, to assist you and instruct.

And of course, the ladies mentor one another.

Save tournament night on your calendars. This is the last Wednesday of each month. On that day, some of us get deep into the competition and throw down the gauntlet. So beware!

But most of us just have a wonderful time.

Que'T Billiards Club is Girls Night Out. Step into our world of fun, fashion and fortitude!

You even get a pink shirt!

Ladies 18-hole golf league opens season Oct. 1 and tee times are a little early to beat the heat

By Robin Goralczyk

Fall is here and the On Top of the World 18-Hole Ladies Golf Association will officially begin play on Tuesday, Oct. 1.

In order to play on the first day, everyone will be required to show their updated OTOW Activity Card and pay their dues of \$35.

Be at the course 20 minutes before your scheduled tee time and remember to check in with the ladies in the green house.

The officers for the 2019 - 2020 season are: President Gloria Sayer, Vice President Gwen Lemke, Secretary Sherry Ivey and Treasurer Gwen Wyer.

Please feel free to contact our Gloria at anytime. Her phone number is 315-209-8461.

We welcome new members. If you like to golf and want to meet new people, please consider joining our league. The league is very organized and is very active.

Last year we enjoyed continuous improvements in the condition of the OTOW Golf Course. The tees and greens were beautiful, and the changes in the landscaping were very tastefully done.

Many of us come to Florida for the

Ladies 18 Golf

wonderful warm weather and to avoid the cold and snow, but often October is still very warm. Because of the expected warm fall Florida temperatures, our tee times will begin at 7:30 a.m.

The 18-hole league has a very nice Website that is maintained and updated by Sheila Meneilly. It is a great source of information, including new member information, weekly tee time schedules and up coming events. Check it out at otowladiesgolf.com.

Dates to Remember

Oct. 1 - First day of official play. Tee times start at 7:30 a.m.

Nov. 12 - 8 a.m. shotgun start.

Directly after golf, we will hold our first luncheon and general meeting in the picnic area located under the trees near the little green house.

Nov. 13 - The Men's League, Guys and Dolls Tournament. Please check the



Introducing the Ladies 18-Hole Golf League officers for the 2019-20 season. From left to right are President Gloria Sayer, Vice President Gwen Lemke, Secretary Sherry Ivey and Treasurer Gwen Wyer.

bulletin board or talk to the workers in the "Green House" for more information.

If anyone has news or information

about the league please contact Robin Goralczyk at 412-889-1661 or email rgczyk@comcast.net



Softball meeting Oct. 1 and season opener is Oct. 10

By Bob Rittner

We are one month away from a new season of On Top of the World Softball.

Players are working off the hot stove banquet circuit gluttony, sweating to get back into shape and ready to swap stories of their adventures.

During the summer, those of us available in Clearwater met monthly for breakfast at the Paradise Restaurant in Safety Harbor to reconnect and discuss our experiences, softball and otherwise. Our eagerness to return to the diamond was

Softball

palpable.

Some of us kept our baseball lust satisfied by playing stickball each Friday on the handball/basketball courts on Montclair Street. The game is baseball using broomstick style bats and tennis balls, but with no running.

Our softball league invites anyone

who has played, or wants to learn to play, to join us. We play all year. There is no fee and all equipment is provided by the league.

Our league will meet for a preseason softball meeting on Tuesday, Oct. 1, at 6 p.m. in the Belleaire Room of the West Activity Center (formerly the Sunrise Room). Pizza will be served and we will discuss any issues people want to bring up, including rules, procedures or anything else. We also hope to introduce new players.

Our first game will be Thursday, Oct.

10, at 8 a.m. at the Safety Harbor Field. Players may simply show up for the game whether or not they attended the October meeting. Try to arrive by 7:50 a.m. so we have time to select teams.

Our league welcomes players of all skill levels and adapts to make the game fun and healthful. We can accommodate people who have trouble running.

For information about our league, call Lenny Segall (560-2620) or Bob Rittner (729-7970) or visit us on the Box Office at otowboxoffice.com.

Brightview Spotlight of the Month: Ron Thomas

Roy Monteith, Jim Anzalone and Nilson Sabadin win A Flight titles in recent men's golf action

By David Cox

The Ladies' 18-Hole Golf League has celebrated their 50 year anniversary and purchased two silhouettes of a man and woman golfer that have been installed behind the No. 1 tee box.

Todd Six and his crew will dress up the silhouettes with some type of ornamental plants or flowers.

With all the rain lately, we have no idea how many players have seen the silhouettes, but they really look great and are a nice enhancement to the course.

Check them out when you play again.

Brightview Spotlight of the Month

Ron Thomas is Brightview's equipment manager at the On Top of the World golf course.

He has been a part of OTOW golf maintenance for almost seven years.

Ron's expertise for keeping reels sharp and cutting evenly is a major reason for the success of the turf density on the golf courses.

We never see a piece of equipment tagged out due to being broken down and that is the essence of a great mechanic. He is also an operator who mows fairways on both courses.

Ron has been artistically involved over the last two years with the new contours of the fairways and the walkways (red carpet) from the tee box to the fairway.

Ron was born in St. Petersburg and was raised, along with his sister, by his Mom and Dad in St. Pete. He still lives there today.

Before coming to OTOW, Ron worked alongside his father at a major automobile facility repairing and working on

Men's Golf

cars and trucks, especially corvettes.

He even tried his hand at racing four cylinder stock cars at Sunshine Speedway, but his true love is racing R-C (remote control) cars and he is very good at it.

Ron races locally almost every weekend and has been a national champion three times and isn't slowing down.

He also enjoys watching golf on TV and picks up on seeing great things on the golf courses and even areas that are not so good. He has a great eye for detail and that also enhances the conditions of our golf courses.

Ron also has a great sense of humor. His most famous quote, "If I can't fix it, it ain't broke."

Be sure and thank him for his hard and loyal work at OTOW when you see him on the golf course.

From Todd Six, listed below are ongoing things happening to the golf courses:

Aerifying the tee boxes and greens will continue with light top dressing of sand on the greens

Drainage work will continue.

Coquina will continue to be added to the cart paths.

Look for new wildflower signs.

As everyone knows, all the fences have been removed and new fences will be erected when weather permits.

Men's Wednesday Golf League tour-



Ron Thomas is a St. Petersburg native who now helps keep our golf course fairways looking green and trim. (OTOW News photo by David Cox)

ament results are as following for recent weeks:

On Wednesday, July 24, and Aug. 14 there was no league play due to rain.

On Wednesday, July 17, A Flight winner was Roy Monteith, runner-up was Nilson Sabadin. B Flight first place was David Cox, runner-up was Pete Rode. C Flight first place was Les Gabel, runner-up was C.J. Messina. D Flight first place was Dan Fletcher, runner up was John Fier.

On Wednesday, July 31, A Flight winner was Jim Anzalone, runner-up was Lester Whynot. B Flight first place was Bob

Notbohn runner-up was James O'Neil. C Flight first place winner was C.J. Messina, runner-up was Ed Fox. D Flight first place winner was Dan Fletcher, runner-up was Russel Caughey.

On Wednesday, Aug. 7, A Flight winner was Nilson Sabadin, runner-up was Steve Caffey. B Flight first place was David Cox, runner-up was Chuck McAllister. C Flight first place winner was Ed Fox, runner-up was Ronald Murray. D Flight first place winner was Dan Fletcher, runner up was Russel Caughey.

Boomers get a lesson in architecture

By Sheila Charette

Angling for a new adventure, a group of design-loving Baby Boomers traveled to Lakeland for an in-depth Frank Lloyd Wright Tour at Florida Southern College.

The National Park Service designated Wright's 13 structures at the college as a National Historic Landmark, being the largest single-site collection of Frank Lloyd Wright architecture in the world.

The 2.5 hour tour, narrated by our knowledgeable guide, included explanations of the esplanades, and covered walkways supported by pillars that reflect the shape and color of the orange trees they replaced.

The Boomers also toured the exterior and interior of the 12 other structures. One was the Usonian House, designed in 1939, but built in 2013, that reflected Frank Lloyd Wright's design philosophy.

Thanks go out to our Boomer friends (and season ticket holders for the Clearwater Threshers minor league baseball team), who pooled their resources for a fun night out at Spectrum Field.

Sheila Charette, Lynn Dittbenner, and Chuck and Theresa McAllister donated



Baby Boomers

their extra tickets for the Tuesday, Aug. 6, game when the Threshers played the Dunedin Blue Jays.

As always, the Baby Boomers group is open to anyone with an activity card, adventurous heart and a healthy appetite for fun.

Come join us at one of our meetings on the first Wednesday and third Thursday of each month in The Largo Room (formerly the Art Room) at the East Activity Center, 5:30 p.m. See you there!



Starting at the Usonian House, Baby Boomers smiled through the tour of 13 Frank Lloyd Wright buildings at Florida Southern College.



Lambda Club members take in a Threshers baseball game and snacks.

September events are all about sports and fun

By Bruce Lovett

When my spouse and I decided to give up RVing after 10 years and settle down, we only looked at communities that met our three greatest needs: a pool, a gym and a vibrant club that serviced their LGBT residents and neighbors.

With On Top of the World, we hit the trifecta.

Not only does OTOW have one, but two fantastic pools, a state of the art gym and The Lambda Club, which in 2016 had seven years under its belt and was more than 60 members strong.

Now the club is 10 years old and we count ourselves among two of 100 members.

I have become the club's second string reporter covering various brunches, theater outings and monthly-themed socials. As a result of writing for one of OTOW's more active clubs, I am constantly being approached while at the pool, the gym or at various OTOW functions:

"Hey Bruce, where's next week's brunch?"

"What's going on this week. Any big Lambda plans?"

As much as I love the attention, sometimes a disguise is needed to keep the Paparazzi and adoring fans away.

Lambda Club had a great time on Pride Night at Spectrum Stadium cheering on the Clearwater Threshers. It inspired us in August to get a Lambda bowling team together and join the fun at Dunedin Lanes to raise money for local HIV/AIDS charities.

Those two events, not to mention the start of football season, dictated our September social's theme: "Sport's Night."



Lambda Club

We'll be serving Touchdown Punch at our bar and you can be sure our chefs will be working on some fantastic halftime grub for the potluck buffet.

Since the next meeting is on Friday, Sept. 13, we ask that everyone wear your team's favorite colors to bring them some good luck.

The game starts at 7 p.m. in the basement Kitchen/Craft Room of the EAC.

Two weeks and a day later, on Saturday, Sept. 28, we will be having our monthly activity night, which will be a game night. This event will be same time, same room.

This year, September is definitely about sports, competition and fun.

If you are interested in finding out more about the club, visit our official Web page: <http://lambdaclearwater.blogspot.com>. We are also on Box Office at otowboxoffice.com.

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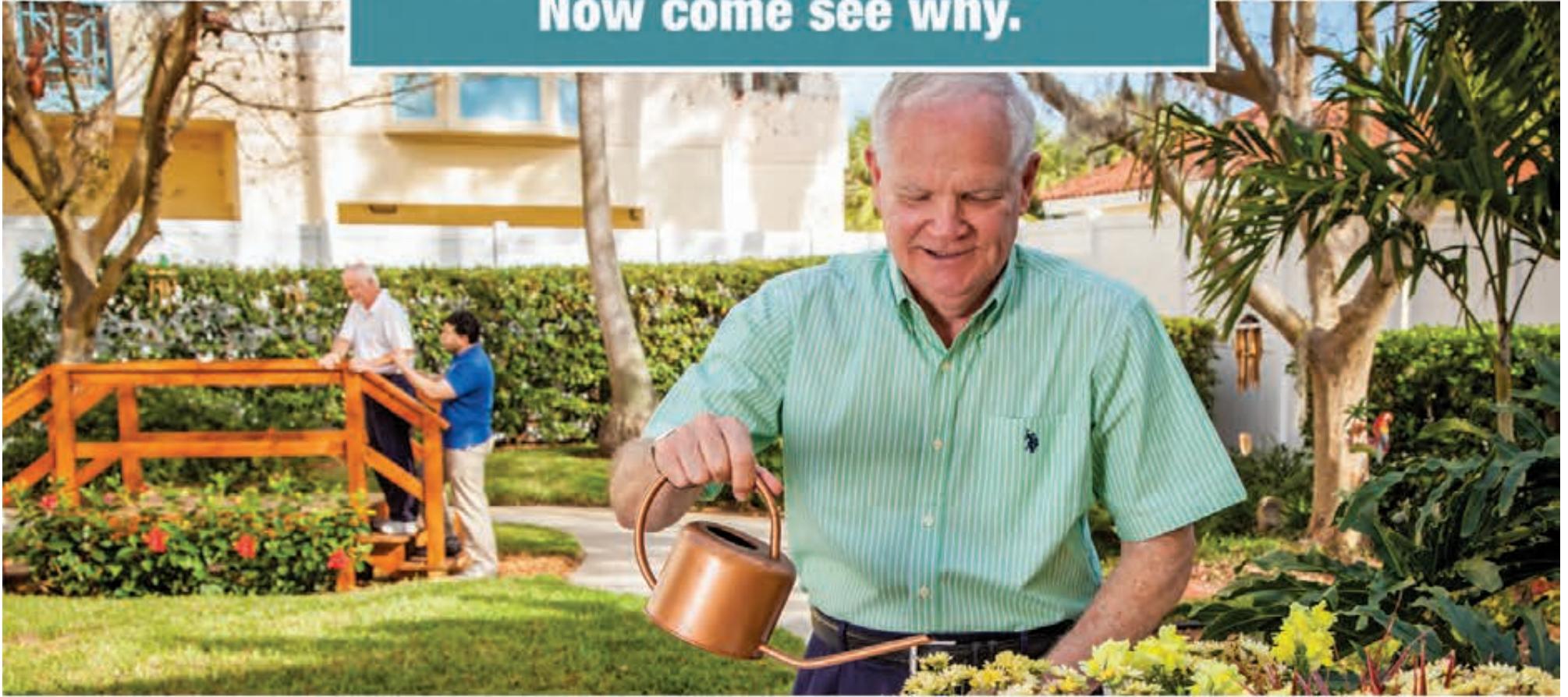
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Fraud and scams are everywhere - your best defense is educating yourself so you don't become the next victim

By Doug Kates

In today's world, you can get scammed at the grocery store, the gas station and simply standing in line at a cash register.

You can get scammed buying something online, donating to a charity or chatting with friends on social media.

You can get scammed opening your front door, answering a question online or even answering your phone in the middle of the night.

There are so many ways you can get scammed, you might be thinking to yourself the obvious question, "How do I protect myself?"

Well, you've just taken the first step. You are reading an article on scams and fraud, and you will be learning ways to avoid being the next victim.

Back in mid-August, more than 25 On Top of the World residents also took a big step in not becoming a scam or fraud victim. They attended a seminar presented by the Pinellas County Sheriff's Office.

In general, Deputy Sean O'Brien told residents to educate themselves. Be aware of scams and fraud going on in the world. Don't make quick decisions and use good judgment.

Don't share personal information with anyone over the phone, on your computer or on survey sheets. Personal information includes Social Security numbers, passwords, driver's license numbers, computer IP addresses, bank account numbers and even marital status.

If you are making an online purchase, make sure you trust the source. Whenever possible, don't use a debit card - use a credit card. The chances are much better you can get your money back from a fraud purchase if you used a credit card.

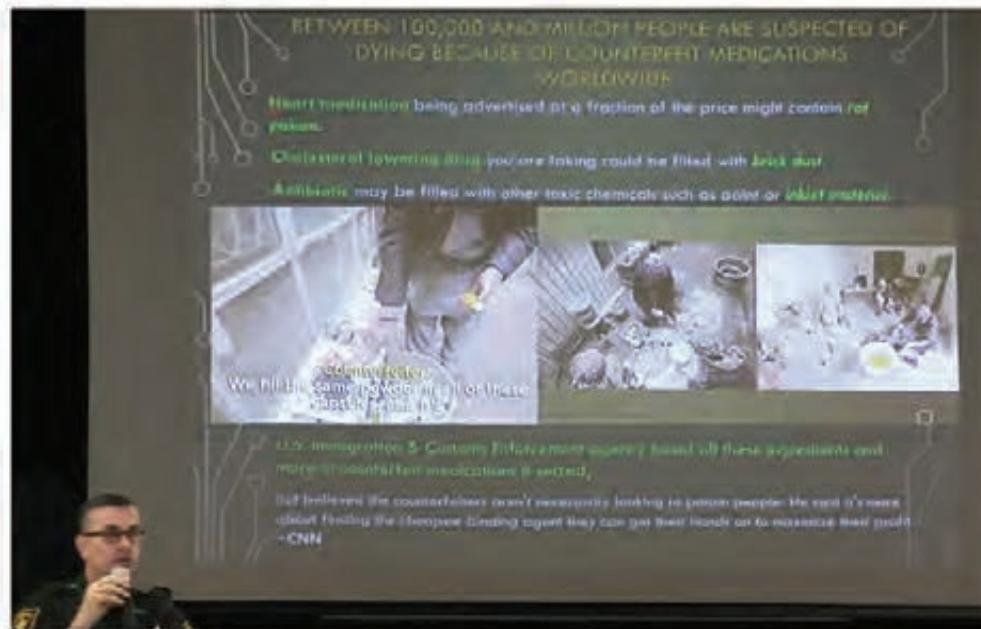
On forms for medical visits, leave out your Social Security number. Doctors don't need it.

Don't answer phone calls from numbers you do not recognize.

Don't allow anyone into your home unless you invited them. OTOW employees carry an ID card. Ask anyone claiming to be an OTOW employee to show their ID card before you let them in.

Don't leave mail out for a post-office carrier to pick up.

Lock all your doors and do not leave



If anyone was having ideas about buying pharmacy drugs online, Deputy Sean O'Brien had a message. Some online medications have been found to include poison, brick dust, inkjet materials and other substances.

(Photo image courtesy of OTOW-TV Channel 732)

valuables inside your vehicle.

Constantly monitor your bank accounts for unusual activities.

Don't open emails from strangers.

Deputy O'Brien said, "Treat unexpected emails like you would treat a stranger knocking on your front door."

But guess what?

Even if you do everything just listed, you may still be tricked into a scam or a fraud situation. Criminals are becoming very sophisticated.

Deputy O'Brien said the bad guys are pushy and not very good spellers. Anyone who asks you for your private information is most-likely a bad person.

The IRS never calls you to obtain personal information. The police never call you to threaten you to turn over personal information.

Deputy O'Brien said there are charities that are not legitimate. You can go to the Better Business Bureau to check on a charity. If you decide to make a donation, use cash not checks. And if possible, hand deliver a donation. Don't give a charity a credit card number over the phone or over a Website. Never direct deposit funds using your bank account numbers.

recognize and call that person back. If that family member asks you to wire money, don't do it. If it sounds real, call that family member's parents and verify their child's location.

Don't get scared if someone threatens you for allegedly missing jury duty. Deputy O'Brien said, "We are not going to call you and say you missed jury duty. We are not sending a car over to pick you up."

Don't tell anyone on social media when you are going on vacation. If you do take a vacation, stop your mail and stop your newspapers.

Shred your old mail. Don't create simple passwords. Don't view banking accounts if you are online at a coffee shop or in a hotel room.

Don't make purchases from online pharmacies. Deputy O'Brien said less than 2 percent of online pharmacies are legitimate and those that are not legitimate are using unsafe substances to create medical products.

If you get a message on your phone that states a prisoner from a jail wants to talk to you, don't answer or don't call back, unless you are expecting the call.

Even if you think you haven't become a victim of fraud, a smart thief will hold onto your stolen information for months or years before using it. By then, any video surveillance evidence of a card getting stolen may be gone.

In today's world, there are smart criminals everywhere. Law enforcement will admit, it is very difficult to track down most bad guys and even harder to bring them to justice. The best way to protect yourself is to be smart, alert and do not jump to sudden decisions.

This fraud seminar was videotaped by OTOW-TV channel 732. The seminar will be rebroadcast in November when most Snowbirds have returned. Watch OTOW-TV and OTOW News for scheduling announcements.

If you want to talk to someone from Pinellas County Consumer Protection, the phone number is (727) 464-6200. Beneficial online links include: IdentityTheft.gov and Consumer.ftc.gov.

You just took a big step in not becoming the next victim of fraud.



Cecile Sangiamo (second from right) and her son, David, pose with family members during her latest annual trip to David's farm near Vallebona, Italy.

Reporter relates annual visit to son's farm in Italy

During the holiday season of December, 1997, my son David and his future wife, Muriel, came for a visit and helped with our building decorations. The bitter cold had everybody wearing gloves for the job.

They left before Christmas for their life in Italy and they were married soon after. Over these past 22 years, you old-timers have read my reports each time I have vacationed at their Bluebird Farm on the mountain over the medieval town of Vallebona, Italy.

Now the babies are teenagers and I just returned from one week at the farm where we celebrated my granddaughter's 17th birthday. We had some leisure time in the evenings to all sing together with guitar accompaniment.

A highlight of the trip was the climb to the Dolce Acqua ancient castle where Monet's famous painting of the bridge over the River Nervia was on display. (Monet came to the Italian Riviera in 1884 and was so enthralled by the natural light that he returned to Bordighera to paint and stayed for four years.)

One day our entire family gathered for coffee and croissants on the promenade overlooking the sea in Vallecrosia.

There was time a day later for a swim and to enjoy the Mediterranean sun on the rocky beach.



Nature doesn't let you rest, so David and my grandson spent a day weed-whacking the man-high grasses that had sprouted up with the spring rains.

On Saturday night in the mountaintop principality of Seborga there was a "festino," which included dinner, family style, while the sun was setting in the valley.

Everyone participated beginning with dancing lessons for all of the children, then ballroom dancing with a live band for the "old-smoothies" followed by up-beat music for the rockers. The arena was covered with at least 200 people.

When my week was over I flew out of Nice, France, to stop in Amsterdam and then returned home.



A look back at the OTOW News September, 1994

- **Jesters Club:** "Jest for you!" We Jesters know what that means! It means we need to start our 1994-1995 season by attending a meeting on Wednesday, Sept. 14, 1994, at 7:30 p.m. in the East, Activity Center auditorium, at which time we will be welcomed by our newly-elected president, Al LaBrecque.
- **Art Guild:** The first meeting this season will be held on Friday, Oct. 14, 1994, at 1:15 p.m. Elaine Schilp, specializing in traditional Oriental Brush Painting, will demonstrate. She will begin teaching a class on the basics of Oriental Painting beginning Oct. 11, 1994. Come and enjoy this fascinating medium. Bring a friend. On Friday, Nov. 11, 1994, our demonstrator will be Stephen Littlefield who will provide members with Basic Drawing skills.
- **Singles Club:** We hope everyone had a happy summer and are ready to participate in upcoming fall events at OTOW. Our next meeting is Saturday, Sept. 3, 1994, at 6 p.m. in the auditorium. The program is "Let's Communicate Better." This will be a presentation told with up-to-date information, common sense and true-life situations. All OTOW singles are invited to attend the meeting.
- **New York/New Jersey Club:** The first meeting of the club's 1994-95 season will be held on Thursday, Sept. 28, 1994, at 7 p.m. in the auditorium. President Audrey Mann-Flannery has many new projects and activities to discuss. Please be on hand to enjoy our fellowship, entertainment and refreshments. Potential new members and guests are most welcome. Congratulations are in order: Audrey and Charles Flannery "tied the knot" in June.
- **Shuffleboard Club:** Shuffling at OTOW continues even in the warm summer conditions. The hot weather and vacations have had an effect on our turnouts, but the players who do show up always have a nice time with other friendly members. Special congratulations to our newest member, Jake Harris, who was a first-time three game winner. Both he and his lovely wife, Maggie, are on their way to becoming excellent players.
- **Baghdad Building:** Well, another month has just disappeared into the history books and we are still enduring the heat and the precious rain. Our neighbors are out there exploring the great outdoors almost everywhere and are slowly drifting back to OTOW. For example, Faith and Ted Carey went up to Old Orchard, Maine, where they attended camp meetings that have been conducted there by the Salvation Army for more than 100 years. It was an exercise in nostalgia for Faith, for as a youngster she spent many summers at Old Orchard Beach.

ATTENTION OWNERS WHO RENT OUT THEIR UNIT

Condominium owners who directly rent their unit may obtain necessary forms in one of three ways:

1. An owner or tenant may go online to www.otowclearwaterinfo.com, click "Community Information" and print a copy of the Direct Owner Application for Approval and the Direct Owner Lease Application Checklist to aid in completing the application.
2. Local owners may also obtain applications for their tenants from either the Community Service Office or the On Top of the World Real Estate Office receptionist.
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New Azores reporter draws on background of writing

As the new reporter for the Azores building, I feel a little like someone who is scheduled to speak right after a gifted orator.

That's because I have to fill the very large shoes of our previous reporter, Ford Gerritt. Ford's columns were clever and engaging. I'll do my best to make upcoming columns half as good.

It helps that I have plenty of experience. Over a 20-year career working for non-profits, I've written countless reports, proposals, and newsletters. Happily retired since July, I'm pleased for this opportunity to continue to flex my writing muscles.

I'm also pleased to be living at On Top of the World. My husband, Kelly, and I moved here in January, 2018, after 30 years in Chatham, New Jersey. We miss New Jersey, which is more beautiful than it



gets credit for, but we love our new home and neighbors.

I'll be reaching out soon to our fellow Azores residents with information on how to submit news for this column. Meantime, don't hesitate to say hello when you see me around the building.

Take heed if you do not regularly check your mail

You must have heard the motto, "The mail must go through."

Our postal carriers do a good job of getting our mail to our boxes in Viking Building.

However, getting the mail here is only half of the delivery system.

There is a letter on the bulletin board in our lobby from Kristen Kiernan, Manager of Customer Service at the Sunset Point Branch Post Office, informing us of their policies regarding delivery and return of mail. Apparently, not everyone picks up their mail on a daily or even regular basis.

If mail is not picked up within 10 days of its delivery, it goes back to the post office and is (as Elvis would sing), returned to sender.

Some angry residents have gone to the post office to complain that their mail was sent back. However, if it remains in the box, it is sent back.

If you are going to be out of town for an extended period, there are steps you can take to ensure that this doesn't happen to you.

You can fill out a form at the post office and have your mail held for 30 days. Though the branch is too small to



actually store the mail there, it does alert the carrier that you are out of town but will be back. If there is too much mail for the box, it will be put into the big bins nearby.

Another alternative is to give someone your mailbox key to check on and remove your mail while you are gone. Since you should probably have given your condo key to a neighbor to watch your place while you are away, this is a logical extension of that practice.

Take a few moments to read the letter so you know what other policies relate to mail delivery. It will help correct any misunderstandings and eliminate hurt feelings.

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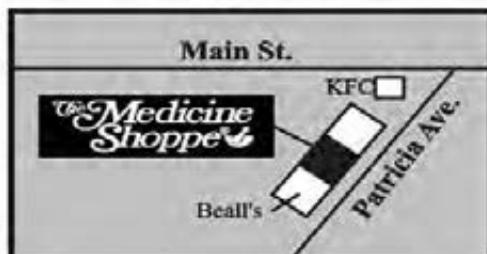
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Rila ladies visit Dunedin seafood restaurant for lunch

In August, the ladies of Rila Renaissance and their guests gathered at Hog Island Fish Camp for our bi-monthly luncheon event.

We enjoyed locally-caught, fresh from the dock specialties. This was a new restaurant for our group, and all decided that we could definitely go there again.

We had a large group of 11, so there was never a lull in the conversation to go along with the food. We hope to see everyone who came for the first time to continue coming in the future.

Having grown up in the South, I explained to several of the transplanted northerners how the name "fish camp" came to be associated with a restaurant.

Like men in the North build hunting camps, men in the South would build fish camps. Several families usually got together and fished during the day. During the evening they pooled their catch to barbeque and share with their families.

Some of those camps eventually



evolved into restaurants. Most are informal and family-oriented, so do not be put off by the name.

Next month we will change pace with brunch at one of the group's favorite restaurants, First Watch. It is scheduled for Sept. 5 and will be at their new location in Countryside.

We will meet at the core at 10:15



The Hog Island Fish Camp was the site of the August Rila Renaissance ladies' luncheon.

a.m. The sign-up sheet will be on the core bulletin board 10 days in advance and I will notify all with computers with an e-mail

blast in advance. Be sure to RSVP so that I can make reservations the day before the luncheon. See you Sept. 5.

Extra copies of the OTOW News are available in the East and West Activity Centers.

Beware of new check appropriation scheme

Here at the Siboney Building, all has been quiet. Of course it's been hot and rainy, but in a few more months we will be bringing out our hoodies.

If you enjoy chicken wings there is a place on Gulf to Bay that has wings. It's called Wing Stop and it's a known chain restaurant in other states.

A word of caution: a resident in our building was scammed by someone making a purchase at a Walmart in Cypress Gardens, near Winter Haven, with a check of the resident's.

Even the bank is confused by this one. Three other residents have been scammed also, but with different schemes.

Please be careful sending checks out when donating to charity. The worse part of being a victim of frauds is making the phone calls to your direct deposits to give them your new account number.

It is very overwhelming. In this new world of technology, it's very easy to be scammed. It's a cruel world we live in.



Sept. 11 is Patriot Day. Please remember the brave men and women who lost their lives in this horrifying event.

Our monthly meetings will soon start. Please look on the elevator and bulletin boards for details. Lots of information and refreshments will be served. We will love to meet our neighbors who are new to the building. Please attend, as I am looking forward to seeing everyone.

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A few bits of info you may find useful

Sorry for the short article, but no one has given me any information. I will add some general info that people have been asking me about.

Several years ago, our parking lots were repaved and new black lines were painted. Apparently someone complained, because several days after the black lines were painted, new yellow lines were painted for the same parking spaces.

Considerable adjustments were made on the odd side of the Espana. Today the parking spaces are defined by the yellow lines. Now you know why the parking lot apartment numbers on the sidewalk have been moved and repainted.

Many residents who have two cars and only one parking space have a problem now that many parking areas on the road have been removed due to the new walking areas and the fact that the trash cans are now placed on Philippine Drive.

On Top of the World still has rules as to where you can park and the rules are for everyone. Please do not park in an area of the parking lot where cars are not to park.

A hint for first-floor residents: As you know, many animals dig in the planters. Buy some moth balls and drop one here and there. The animals do not like the smell and will not dig holes. The aroma spreads, so don't be too generous with them!

Dorado bids welcome to new residents

The Dorado Building has new residents.

They are Patricia and Bob Giere. Originally, they are from Ohio and Colombia, South America, but lived in South Florida for more than 30 years working in the school system there.

After retiring, they moved to Boston and Virginia for five years, and now they are back in Florida enjoying Clearwater and our beautiful weather.

Pat and Bob enjoy going on long walks in the evening, going to the movies, and just relaxing and reading. They have a son who lives in Boston, who enjoys visiting them in their new home.

We are a blessed community to have so many things to do here at On Top of the World.

Our walking trails with benches



Welcome to our new Dorado residents, Bob and Patricia Giere.

along the way are a great place to meet other people, plus get in the exercise we all need. Of course if it's too hot outside, we have wonderful pools and a fabulous new gym. Retirement is great, especially here at On Top of the World.

Faces of Granada change frequently



An example of popular monthly Granada luncheons is this recent gathering at Johnny's Italian Restaurant.

Over the last several months we have had several changes. Lots of new people, new future friends. I think this may happen in many buildings.

I want to welcome the new residents to our building and invite each and every one of you to check the bulletin board for monthly events. We have our monthly lunches as well as the "Gathering on the Green."

We decide each month at lunch where to go the following month and welcome new suggestions always.

Our "Gathering on the Green" is always the last Thursday of each month starting at 4 p.m. Bring a chair and a beverage and settle in to meet your neighbors. If it's too warm to sit out, we usually meet in the first-floor lobby of our Granada Building.

Also, pick up a copy of the On Top of

the World News to see all the great things that are offered here. Lots of clubs to join, activities offered, classes and businesses who advertise, who we recommend you try. You choose how busy you want your life to be.

If you see a new face that you do not recognize, say "hello" and welcome them.



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New England island cruise delights Villa reporter



One of the beautiful vistas observed by Viennese Villa reporter Fran Fairfield and her son, Mike Leonard, during a memorable island cruise. The image is of the Isle of Shoals Light off New Hampshire and Maine aboard the "Isle of Shoals Photography Cruise" out of Rye, N.H. The light and clouds in this lovely photo look to be a bit heavenly. (Photo by Mike Leonard)

Fall is upon us and the last of summer is unofficially ending on Labor Day. Up North, it means haul boats and floats, close up the camps and cottages and dig out the woolies. Down here it means buy a new swim suit and shorts.

Sharon Clifford celebrated her retirement after 14 years as a third-grade teacher at Brooker Creek Elementary School in Tarpon Springs. She said the one thing she will miss the most is the kids she got to know every year.

About 40 prior students, parents and faculty came out to the Varsity Club for a get-together to reminisce and celebrate her years at school. "Once a teacher always a teacher," Sharon's plans include volunteering at school as well as being a tutor. We all wish you a wonderful retirement, Sharon.

I understand there have been some hits and misses with cars and bikes of recent.

Cars are bigger than bikes and remember to please give bikers and pedestrians the right of way on our streets.

We were in Maine and Boston for much of the summer and it was very hot. When quizzing our Amazon Alexa, we found it sometimes warmer in Maine than in Clearwater!

Son Mike treated me to a lighthouse cruise off the Isle of Shoals between

New Hampshire and Maine. It was my first boat ride in years and it was delightful. Nothing like the ocean to clear your head. The setting sun made for a nice backdrop for the lighthouse in the image.

We extend a "tip of the cap" to the On Top of the World crew who maintain the Villa. They certainly do a good job mowing the fast-growing grass between the rainstorms.

Son Mike and his sweet Colleen celebrated their first Chicago wedding anniversary on Sept. 1.

A special thank-you to all of my friends at OTOW for the uplifting correspondence. We certainly do have great caring people in our building.

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New picnic tables and grills arrive at park



In the month of August, work crews continued making final preparations to the On Top of the World Pavilion Park. In the beginning of the month, new sod was placed and railings were installed on a new dock. In the middle of the month, several concrete pads were added, followed by new picnic tables, grills and trash cans. Work continues on the horseshoe pits, pavilion kitchen, adding power to the pavilion and night lights. Keep reading OTOW News to stay up-to-date on the progress. (OTOW News photo by Doug Kates)

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Recent visitors to Hawaii are (left to right) Fran Heffron, Virginia Upton, Kathy Sheldon, Reta Carney. They spent a week in Maui exploring the area, shopping and participating in a luau, as shown here.

Fun trips to New York and Hawaii

Ronald Huber flew to Saratoga to meet with his family for a week.

They all went to the Saratoga race course to see the horse racing. A good time was had by all the family.

Reta Carney, Virginia Upton, Fran Heffron and Kathy Sheldon recently spent a wonderful week in Maui, Hawaii. The first day was marred by a rental car problem (a/c not working), but the car was swapped for another and they were able to continue on.

They stayed in a condo with beautiful views of the sea. They enjoyed a trip to Lahaina, where they shopped before having lunch to celebrate Virginia's birthday.

They took a day to explore the popular road to Hana. The road is about 64 miles and takes about five hours to drive because of hairpin bends and 59 single-lane bridges. Fran was the driver, mostly driving at 25 mph. She did a fantastic job



of driving, as it can be quite scary, but the view is spectacular. This is a must if you go to Maui.

The ladies also went to a luau dinner at their hotel, where they wore the leis provided to them. They really enjoyed themselves. This was a trip to remember.

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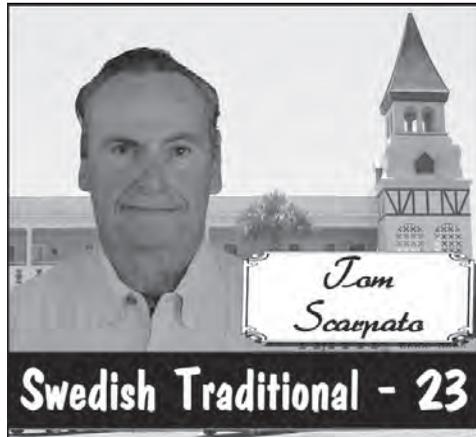
High school graduation made for a nice trip to N.Y.

August flew by just as fast as July. This month's luncheon will be at Rumba's. We are looking forward to it.

August certainly did give us fantastic sunrises and sunsets along with rainbows. Some even saw a rocket launch or two!

Our neighbor, Joan Sopok, traveled to Elizaville, N.Y., for her great-granddaughter's high school graduation. She graduated from Germantown High School with an Advanced Regents Diploma and the James Coldwell Memorial FTA Award. She is furthering her studies in biology at the SUNI Cobleskill. She has a position on the women's soccer team.

A reception of over a hundred



family and friends followed that evening where loving memories were made.

Looking forward to more stories as Snowbirds return.



Joan Sopok recently attended the graduation of her great-granddaughter in Elizaville, N.Y.

Bohemia residents are out and about

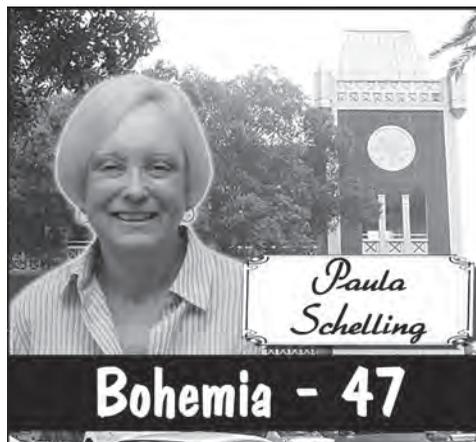
Summer moves on and Bohemians are on the move.

Jerry and Carol DeLisle recently returned from an extended trip to their home state of Michigan. They visited their children, grandchildren, nieces and nephews. They report that it was rejuvenating seeing and spending time with their loved ones.

Their travels took them to the Upper Peninsula to spend two weeks with a couple of Bohemia winter residents. They spent their time together touring, shopping and trying out the local pubs and cuisine.

Iris Freitas traveled west to Tustin, Calif., located in Orange County, to spend time with her granddaughter. When she headed off to work, Iris entertained herself getting reacquainted with California where she and Max once resided.

On weekends, the girls played tourists, visiting Downtown Disney, Universal



Studios, and viewing Christ Cathedral, which was dedicated July 17. Iris relates that this cathedral is the second largest in the United States.

Closer to home, the Bohemia Building's girls' day outings this time consisted of doing a comparative analysis

of movie theaters that serve food.

One evening they took in a show at the Cinema Café and Grill. They enjoyed both their meal and the show.

The girls decided to try Gigglegaters in Safety Harbor for comparison. The movies presented there are older classic films and change almost daily.

They enjoyed their meals and were among the first to know that a new luncheon menu was to be introduced soon and that their weekend brunches help support the local arts and charities.

They also learned that if you tell them you are from On Top of the World your movie ticket will be half price.

The building's "night out" was at Daddy's Grill on Tampa Road. It has a relaxed atmosphere that serves good food and generous portions.

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New residents make for a full-up building

The July building luncheon was at Johnny's restaurant with seven in attendance. The August building luncheon was held at Acropolis with 13 in attendance.

There are some more new people in our building I would like to welcome and would like for you to make them feel welcome also. Our building is now full and no empty units.

I would like to welcome Candy Alex. Candy has lived in Clearwater for 49 years, but was raised in upstate New York. She worked in retail most of her life. She has three children and five grandchildren. She loves playing bingo, traveling, dancing, and all the other amenities here at On Top of the World. She is content in her cozy little apartment.

Next, I would like to welcome Sandy Kleiman and Esther Ferrara. Ester was an



educator in Brockton, Mass., where she became one of the first certified reading teachers there. She lived in Massachusetts all her life until moving to Gulfport, Fla., in 2004, and then to OTOW in 2018. She has

one son in California, two granddaughters, two birds and a dog.

Esther's partner, Sandy, was born in Mt. Vernon, Ill., and grew up there. After college, she lived most of her life in Syracuse, N.Y., where she worked as a nurse for 26 years. She then went back to school and got her master's degree in nursing education and started teaching online classes for a college in Georgia, and still teaches there today.

Sandy has one daughter and one granddaughter. Her hobbies are spinning wool, weaving and knitting. She also likes to paint using pastel colors and watercolors.

She recently helped start a new group at OTOW called the O.W.L.S., an LGBT women's group. She and Ester have started several of these groups in the past.

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Ruth Eckerd Hall tour was enlightening

Malaguena residents Phyllis King, Sylvia Leubking, Steve Dukes, Larry Charchol, plus Teri McPherson and Jeri Hunter from the Flamenco Building, were recently treated to a backstage tour of Ruth Eckerd Hall.

We met at the administration office and from there we walked to one of the smaller theaters, the Murray Theater.

Under the umbrella of Ruth Eckerd Hall is the main theater on McMullen Booth, the Murray Theater, and the Bilheimer Capitol Theater, in downtown Clearwater.

From the Murray, we walked to the backstage area where we met the security team. With so much activity and so many shows at several different venues, ensuring everyone's safety is of utmost importance.

From there it was a short walk to the performers' area. When Celtic Thunder, Harry Connick Jr., or Julie Andrews come to do their shows, they and their entourage may arrive at the theater as early as 7 a.m. Whatever the performers and their entourage need, the staff tries to provide.



We learned several fun facts. For example, before entering the main stage from back stage, there are large signs to remind the performer that they are at Ruth Eckerd Hall in Clearwater, lest they forget where they are (which is possible, considering most performers have been on the road for months).

We walked onto the main stage and looked out at the 2,180 seats. Interestingly, there is no center aisle and no balcony, both of which would have negatively affected



This sign near the stage entrance is to remind performers, especially out-of-town ones, where they are as they go on stage.

(Photo by Phyllis King)

the acoustics. The stage is designed to accommodate large productions as well as smaller performances like a solo guitarist or a trio of singers.

Upstairs there is the Great Room, which holds up to 400 people and can be rented for weddings and events.

The tour lasted an hour. If you're interested in taking the tour, call Ruth Eckerd Hall.

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