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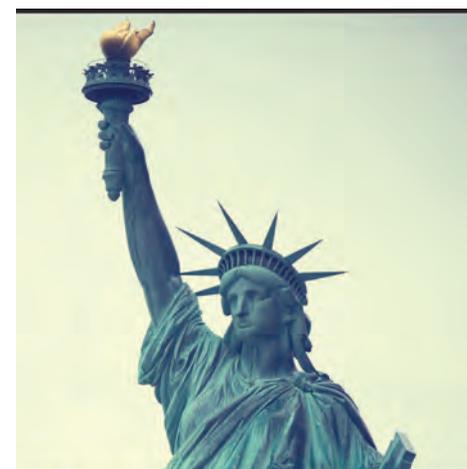
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New York - New Jersey
Club



New York-New Jersey Club gives community a summer social

By Will Peterson

The New York-New Jersey Club gave our community something to look forward to this summer.

A Meatball Social on Aug. 16 was soldout with 108 people attending. Tables were decorated in blue, the room was festive and there were very few empty seats.

Pat Hayes, our president, started the evening off with the Pledge of Allegiance and welcomed everyone.

Mama Felice served the main course for the night - meatballs - but she also prepared pasta in a traditional red sauce, along with broccoli and pasta in a delicious white sauce.

Individual salads were placed on each person's table and there were rolls and butter along with parmesan cheese, for those who wanted them.

Coffee was provided, along with a delicious sheet cake, half vanilla and half chocolate, and even a sugar free cake for those who have dietary restrictions.

No one left the dinner hungry and there were left-

overs so many people got to take some of the delicious food home with them.

People were happy to see friends whom they had not seen during the summer and, all-in-all, it was a very enjoyable evening.

It was nice to have a summer social and the response from the attendees showed how much it was appreciated. We hope to do this every year and we encourage other clubs to do a summer activity.

On Sept. 22, from 6 to 9 p.m., we will host our Welcome Back Cheesecake Social in the East Activity Center.

We also will receive nomination of officers and discuss upcoming club events. There will be guest speakers from other On Top of the World clubs. Cost for the event is \$5.

Hawaiian Shirt Night will take place Oct. 20 in the East Activity Center Auditorium from 5 to 9 p.m. and we will have the election of officers.

Mama Felice will cater and the food will consist of: ham with pineapples, barbeque chicken, pasta primavera, sweet potatoes and apple crumb pie. Individual salads will be set at your table and, of course, water and coffee.

Cost is \$25 with entertainment provided by DJs Cathy and Paul.

Do you have an ugly sweater? Why do I ask?

Well, on Dec. 1, our club will host an Ugly Christmas Sweater Night in the East Activity Center from 5 to 9 p.m. The entertainer will be a new DJ, "Les-N-Moore."

We are working on something special for the new year and we will keep you posted.

The New York/New Jersey Club is open to anyone who lives at On Top of the World and has a valid activity card. The cost to be a member is only \$5. We have an information table in the East Activity Center every Monday and Thursday from 8:30 until 10 a.m. so come out and see us and buy your ticket for one of our events.



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Safety is the reason why management will shut down some services during a severe storm

Emergency Suspension of Services

From time to time, especially during tropical storms/hurricane events, you may find that the Management Company has suspended certain services as a precaution.

The services temporarily interrupted may include elevator, laundry and trash services. It is never an easy decision to make, but safety of the residents and the community guides many of these difficult choices.

During tropical storm events, Duke Energy may experience widespread power outages similar to the interruptions that the community experienced during Hurricane Irma in 2017. Outages of that magnitude may take days or weeks to remedy. During one of these outages, if elevators were not shut down, it would be highly possible that someone could become entrapped inside of an elevator. Alternatively, if the power surges, it may damage the elevator electronics.

As a precautionary measure, if wind speeds have exceeded a safe operational threshold, whereby vehicles should not be on the roadways, the Management Company suspends elevator services.

County and local municipalities also suspend many essential services, including 911 call response, under such conditions.

If there were an entrapment in an elevator during those conditions, it could be hours before the person could be rescued.

Given this possibility, and for your safety, the Management Company acts accordingly by suspending services during such storm conditions.

Power outages are also one of the many reasons laundry services must be suspended. Trash service interruptions during tropical storms/hurricanes occur as well out of a concern for the safety of the employees who provide those services. Recognizing that it is simply unsafe to be outside of your unit during extreme weather events, like these, should assist in an understanding of why the Management Company makes the decision to temporarily suspend these services.

Unapproved Occupants and Underage Tenants

The On Top of the World Condominium Community is designated as housing for those persons fifty-five (55) years of age or older. At no time may minors under the age of 18 reside in any unit.

These same age restrictions are also applicable with the leasing of units which, as a reminder, requires approval for occupancy by your Association.

When each unit owner purchases their condominium and accepts their deed, they are bound to abide by the rules. Not following the rules is NOT an option. The rules apply equally and fairly to every owner and their tenants.



With that being said, the Management Company receives many correspondences and the majority of the letters tend to arise from either rule violations or perceived violation of rules for residing in our community.

A common theme lately has been concerning unapproved occupants, who have not been approved by the Association. With your support, we will continue to succeed in compliance efforts of removing underage and/or unapproved occupants from your community. While this process can take some time to achieve, we remind you to please be patient while your Association pursues the available legal remedies.

Please continue to notify the Association of any suspected underage/unapproved occupant rule violations. A complete set of the Third Amended and Restated Rules of the On Top of the World Condominium Association, Inc. may be obtained by visiting the Community Service Office at the East Activity Center or by going online at otowclearwaterinfo.com (under the Association Tab: Governing Documents).

Did You Know

One of the duties of the Board is enforcement of the provisions of the Declaration, By-laws and Association rules.

Enforcement action may only occur on valid Association matters reinforced by factual information.

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

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

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

Did You Know

Common elements are parts of the

condominium community that are for the use and enjoyment of all owners. This includes "bump-outs" or walkway extensions that are located on many walkways or end stairwell areas.

Typically, this space may provide the perfect spot for a nice table and a few chairs -- Association approved, of course. It also provides the opportunity for disagreements over who "owns" the space and who has a right to use the space to put items there.

Remember, even if the "bump-out" is located directly in front of your unit, it is not a part of that unit. Rather it is common space for the entire building. And, yes, this includes any table and chairs placed there.

Along with use also comes the responsibility of residents to take care of this area. Anyone who uses the space must take responsibility for cleaning and maintaining any items placed there. A quick wipe off of tables and chairs provides a nice clear area for everyone to enjoy. There is also the matter of maintaining the proper egress in these walkway areas.

Life safety codes provide legal guidelines that must be adhered to. In the case of emergency, or if access is needed by first responders, a clear pathway must be maintained at all times.

If you find your belongings in these areas have been tagged with a compliance notice for either violation, please satisfy the notice by complying.

Thanks for doing your part in keeping the community clean, neat and safe.

Community Service Office Information

The Community Service Office (CSO) 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.

If your call goes to voice mail, it is because staff is working with someone else. Please be patient. Calls and voicemails will be responded to during normal business hours. Once the requested service matter 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 request and to determine if it is an emergency or non-emergency. Once the matter is assessed, a plan to resolve the matter will be made and work scheduled. Generally, all non-emergency service requests are assessed and addressed in the order in which they are received.

From time to time, it may become necessary for us to contact you with questions or clarification of your request. It is not necessary to report service requests more than one time. If you have any questions regarding your request and until

the Community Service Office reopens, please call the Service Request Line at 727-683-6981.

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

Service Request Line

If you are unable to visit the Community Service Office, 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. 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.

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.

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OTOW Alerts

Signing up for OTOW-ALERTS (powered by RAVE) is incredibly easy. Simply go to otowclearwaterinfo.com and from the home page scroll down to the bottom of the page and the "Sign Up Now" box will be located to the left of the screen. Click to enroll.

You can also sign up from the "Stay Informed" tab located at the top of the home page. This is without obligation or cost to you. Your email and cell phone numbers are secure, never shared, and never solicited.

Alternatively, you may visit the Community Service Office to apply.

OTOW-ALERTS provides advance warning of severe weather events as well as other matters of critical concern to the residents of OTOW Clearwater Condominium Community.

It is not hyperbole to say an advanced warning may save lives!

Transition to Summit Broadband

Cable and Internet Update

Summit Broadband (SBB) contractors are rolling along with installation of their fiber lines.

As of Aug. 12, they have completed 40 percent of the installation of underground conduit; completed 30 percent of the building molding and fiber runs; completed 18 percent of fiber installations within individual condos; and were unable to access 6 percent of units attempted.

We have heard from Spectrum and it is official that Oct. 16, 2022, will be the termination date of their off-air “free” service provided to the community at no additional cost. Current customers of Spectrum will have an opportunity to continue receiving the same services they are currently receiving on an individual retail basis at Spectrum’s current rates.

I caution that anyone wishing to sign-up for Spectrum service may wish to sign up for the short-term, retail rate package only, as there may be penalties for early termination of service if you are into a long-term contract.

As Summit Broadband starts turning on service to the units they have connected to fiber, Spectrum subscribers may possibly want to terminate their contract with Spectrum in favor of the bulk services provided by Summit Broadband through your Association. Terminating service from Spectrum will be a great cost advantage for many residents.

For those residents who wish to retain with Spectrum, the service should remain available. No effort is being made by your Association to have Spectrum remove their facilities from On Top of the World. Who you choose for your service provider is entirely your choice. The difference is that Summit Broadband bulk internet and video services are now included in your monthly Community Services Fee.

Summit Broadband held a series of informational meetings with residents in August. A great deal of good information was provided. One point I want to clarify, is that although Summit Broadband offers a “travel” rate where a subscriber can suspend service for up to nine months under a retail plan, this will not apply to the bulk rate provided through your Association.

Because the bulk rate is already heavily discounted, this option is not available.

On Top of the World residents who have established Summit Broadband service will have full access through the IPTV app and to their programming and email while traveling.

On a side topic, publishing the channel line-up was delayed as Summit Broadband had asked the Association if they wanted additional channels from the higher pay tiers added to the basic service. In all my years of dealing with cable companies and programmers, this was a first! Bottom line is that we put forward 11 channels. Summit Broadband was able to provide 10 of the 11 higher-tier channels into the basic service at no added costs to the Association. This speaks to how serious Summit Broadband values this community and their relationship with it.



Chairman

Healthy Boundaries

No one likes an unsolicited phone call, a knock on the door, a note wedged in the door, and yes, a threatening voice mail.

If you’re like me, you consider these actions an invasion of your right to privacy.

Recently several Board members have been directly approached in this manner by some residents, who shall we say, have poor boundary controls. Yes, there are limits to what one may do to assuage one’s burning curiosity.

As Board members, we are private citizens first and volunteer Board members second. We enjoy life in this community and value our privacy, as I’m sure the majority of the residents also do.

More to the point, when it comes to questions about rules, practices and procedures, or any other topic relating to the Association, all questions should be addressed in writing to the Chairman.

There are certain practicalities to this procedure.

First, all communications regarding Association matters need to be logged so they can be responded to and so they can be maintained as part of the official records of the Association, if appropriate.

A telephone call does not meet that test.

Second, correspondence sent to the Chairman will meet that test, as will a hand-written letter. The writer will receive a written response in short order. Contacting the Community Service Office by email or visiting the office in person will serve the same function of starting a written record of the transaction or request.

Leaving a threatening voice mail on a Board member’s personal phone may get you a visit from the Pinellas County Sheriff’s Office and possibly an introduction to the judicial system.

In other words, the violator will win loads of unwanted and negative attention that may follow that violator for a very long time.

Same with posting someone else’s private telephone numbers or home addresses on Facebook chat groups or on Nextdoor, as this may be viewed as harassment or stalking, which may also create more problems for the violator than for the intended victim.

A third legitimate way to contact a

Board member is to request time to address the Board at a duly noticed meeting of the Association. Informal, verbal communications are not logged because the conversation amounts to hearsay (he said, she said) and cannot be relied upon.

It must also be pointed out that no Board member may speak on behalf of the entire Board, or otherwise commit to taking a Board action.

So please, respect your neighbors’ privacy. Avoid being an impetuous sort of person and letting people know what you are really all about.

Hurricane Season Insurance Check

With hurricane season in full swing, it is time for an insurance review: The recent NOAA update on the 2022 hurricane season was concerning to say the least.

The organization is predicting 14-21 potential Atlantic storms and this must be taken seriously.

The Management Company is reevaluating its resources for storm preparedness and recovery to ensure they are ready for the challenge multiple storms may pose.

Hurricane 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.

However, if you missed that call, you have another chance.

If you 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. Please don’t feel you can be “lucky” and go without insurance!

Contents coverage may vary greatly depending what you own and choose to insure. While the condominium insures the building structure, it DOES NOT insure anything of a personal nature owned by a unit owner, including but not limited to your furnishings, personal items, floor coverings, appliances, 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).

Your individual insurance coverage on these items listed above would cover this type of loss.

In addition, all insurance carriers write an HO6 rider that provides for loss assessment coverage in the event a special assessment for unforeseen casualty losses is made by the Association.

The other critical element of a condominium owner’s policy is coverage for loss of use should you be unable to occupy your condo following a casualty. This coverage is very inexpensive, but can provide funds for living expenses while you are displaced.

Experience has shown that recovery to having a habitable dwelling can range from 18 to 24 months.

Please consider having the loss of use coverage in your HO-6 policy to cover the cost of rent, living expenses, and all that entails while you live away from your condo for 24 months.

Why would anyone not want that sense of security that a loss of use property rider could provide?

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.

At the direction of the Association, the Management Company is actively seeking reimbursement from the unit owner for repair work made as a result of owner negligence.

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 building 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 otowclearwaterinfo.com. From the main page go to “Association” tab and then scroll to “Insurance Forms.” From there you may download the PDF document entitled: “Insurance Responsibility of the Individual Unit Owner.”

News from the Department of Economic Opportunity

The 2022 Atlantic Hurricane Season began June 1 and all Floridians are encouraged to have a plan.

If you do not have a plan and need help making one, please visit FloridaDisaster.Biz

Following the impact of a hurricane, residents may lose access to basic services, such as power and water, and be subject to limited or a lack of access to essentials, like food, drinking water and medicine.

With these situations in mind, all individuals and families are encouraged to stock up on essentials and build a disaster supply kit to last for a minimum of seven days.

For information about how to create a plan, what to include in a disaster kit, where to find storm updates, and many other subjects, please visit the following resources:

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fiberoptics continues in September

Ready.gov

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) disaster preparedness website contains detailed planning guides for families, businesses, pets and special populations, as well as detailed information about disasters and emergencies.

FloridaDisaster.org

The Florida Division of Emergency Management's website is the best resource for Florida specific evacuation maps, shelter information, and storm updates.

PrepareFL

The Florida Department of Financial Services provides a printable Emergency Financial Preparedness Toolkit available in English, Spanish, and Haitian Creole.

ALERT Florida

Sign up for emergency emails and text messages from your city and county emergency management officials.

DBPR Hurricane Guide

Compiled by the Florida Department of Business and Professional Regulation, the DBPR Hurricane Guide contains an

emergency kit checklist, emergency planning guidelines, hurricane safety tips, and more.

FloridaDisaster.Biz

For information about hurricane preparedness and how to stay informed, please visit FloridaDisaster.Biz.

Upcoming Projects

Painting/Waterproofing

September of 2022 will see the community's painting contractor continuing to operate on the west side of property with the front façade of buildings 89, 66 and 63 being next on the re-paint schedule.

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 as well as the listed order of work.

The installation of new unit address numbers will continue in September as this community improvement project is another that is close to reaching its conclusion. To date, and since its inception, the management company has completed more than 85 buildings, which equates to roughly over 4000 unit number installations total!

As stated prior, this community improvement project has accompanied the application of all front façade coatings.

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 painting work advising 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, Large-Scope and other community projects

As with many autumns past, a state licensed life-safety vendor will be returning to the community to perform the annual inspection of the property's fire hydrants, as well as the fire sprinkler systems located in the Paradise section of property.

These inspections take roughly three days to complete and require that water supply systems be opened up in order to test flow values and equipment reliability.

If you're driving through the community and happen to see a steady stream of water shooting out from a fire hydrant, know that it's more than likely just the vendor confirming that our suppression systems are at the ready should the need ever arise.



PREPARE NOW FOR A HURRICANE

Your Pre-Storm Checklist

Sign up for the RAVE alert system from OTOW.

Hurricane Damage at OTOW from 2017.
Yes. It can happen here.

1. Purchase a battery-operated radio and a supply of batteries.
2. Purchase flashlights with batteries. Use caution when using candles.
3. Get an ice chest. Stock up on one week's worth of water and food that won't spoil.

Don't forget pet supplies, toilet paper, a battery-operated fan.

4. Refill medical prescriptions.
5. Go to an ATM or bank and get cash.
6. Fill your vehicle with gas. Get acquainted with OTOW's rules for using generators.
7. Recharge cell phone batteries and use only when necessary.
8. If you are evacuating, tell people where you are evacuating to and leave your contact information with different people.
9. Bring lawn furniture and outdoor decorations indoors.
10. Make sure you have a first-aid kit, including bandages and ointments.
11. Make sure important documents are safely stored.
12. Don't forget rain gear, blankets and home entertainment.

**For more information,
visit
www.ready.gov/hurricanes**

WHEN A STORM HAS PASSED

Do not go outside and clean up property. Let OTOW employees remove limbs and debris.

Recurring reminders for community residents

The Management Company would like to thank the residents who live on the second and third floors for their cooperation in making the On Top of the World community a safer and more aesthetically pleasing place to live by removing their floor mats from these common areas.

The community's response for compliance was astounding, as has been the feedback regarding these efforts. Once again, thank you for your support in this undertaking.

Now that the notification and compliance piece has been completed, the Management Company has begun the laborious process of cleaning the walkway areas where mats were once located, as well as re-painting areas that could not be cleaned to community standards.

As a reminder to all residents, and in keeping with condominium rules governing common areas, any floor mats placed in the second or third floor balcony walkways or center core areas will be removed without any further notification.

Please assist us in keeping these walkway areas clear while making your community a safer and more beautiful place to live!

Another reminder for all community residents

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

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

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

Walkway coating improvements will contin-

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

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

Inspection Services Division

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

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

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

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

Residents are also reminded that only resin-style, not ion exchange or salt, water softeners are permissible in the community. Please make sure you apply for a permit and receive approval prior to contracting with a service to avoid a compliance visit by the management company. 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 2021/2022 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 stones at the earliest convenience.

The Inspection Services division is continuing to find many awnings with compromised connection points to the common element. In response, 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 is installed without the advance approval of the association, and the removal and disposal of these items becomes the responsibility of the violator.

Please, always apply for approval before you install.

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 barbeque 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 recurring 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.



Effective Immediately
OTOW BUS
 (727) 799-3417 Ext. 7

Wednesdays, 8:15 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.
Walmart Neighborhood Care

Thursdays, 8:15 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.
Publix Neighborhood Care

Fridays, 8:15 a.m.
Sprouts Neighborhood Care

Fridays, 11:00 a.m.
Aldi Neighborhood Care

The Neighborhood Care Transportation bus is currently doing all Wednesday, Thursday and Friday routes at On Top of the World. The Tuesday schedule has been temporarily dropped.
 The bus driver will only pick up passengers who are registered with Neighborhood Care and who have reservations.
 Registration forms are available in the Community Service Office or you can email Nancy Rogers at general_activity@otowfl.com. Reservations are first-come, first-served, and can be made from 7 a.m., Monday, through 1 p.m., Thursday, for any day(s) in the current week.
 NO reservations will be accepted after 1 p.m. for the next day to ensure the morning roster can be prepared before staff leave for the day. When making multiple reservations for your week ahead, please ensure careful planning to prevent the need to cancel. To cancel a ride, please call the bus line as early as possible.
 You must present your valid activity card before boarding. Please be visible to your bus driver outside your center core. No eating or drinking on the bus. Shopping time is limited to 90 minutes. Questions? Call Activity Department Manager Nancy Rogers at 727-799-2734.



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Mr. Mittens

Good day everyone! Let me introduce myself. I am Mr. Mittens - king of a condo located in the Chetnik Building (61). My owners, Jim and Irene Piper, have no idea what I have been doing behind the scenes for the past 10 years. That's right. I am 10 years old, but don't look a day older than 5. I have a great window perch where I can watch my neighbors day or night. Quite an interesting show. We recently moved here from Boston and I love the weather. My favorite thing is to pose for photos, so if you are into cats, just let me know and I can pose for you. If you are not taking pictures, I am shy. I would love your vote for Pet of the Year in January. Thank you in advance.

Each month, OTOW News 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 at 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 the same household can be one entry. The winner this month will receive a 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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Look for us in the Tampa Bay Times



In August, Tampa Bay Times Columnist Stephanie Hayes, left, visited the On Top of the World newsroom to write a story about our community newspaper. Editor Doug Kates told Stephanie about our 'good news only' vision and bragged about the 80 writers on staff. Stephanie's story will appear in early September. Keep your eyes open. *(OTOW News photo by Bob Rittner)*



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ENTERTAINMENT COMMITTEE

Shows, dances and Sunday Meet & Greets all return for the month of September

By Mary Ann O'Neil

Summer has come to an end and our Snowbird friends will be returning to our Sunshine State before too long.

As we look back at this past summer, we all have endured the tremendous hot weather - even those of you who were up North.

We look forward to a little less heat, but like I have said in previous articles, we do live in Florida!

On Aug. 13, Bittersweet returned to entertain us once again, Tony Orifici and Deb Bowen did a great job performing. These two performers are very talented, and we appreciate them coming back twice this summer.

On Aug. 27, At Large performed for our End of the Summer Dance. We always enjoy this duo when they come as they make sure to get everyone out on the dance floor for a fun evening.

In September, we will resume our regular schedule for shows and dances. We will have one show and one dance per month through December.

On Thursday, Sept. 15, Will Yancy will perform for us. Will is known for his country, '50s, 316 Rhythm and Blues, and Gospel music.

For all of our line dancers, there will be country music and Will is looking forward to seeing all of our lovely ladies out on the dance floor.

OK. All you guys out there who do line dancing are welcome as well. Let's show Will how well we all dance and know how to party!

Show tickets are \$20 per person so gather your neighbors and friends for a fun evening out.

Our Saturday, Sept. 17, Autumn Dance will feature A Taste of Love with Bart and Jan.

This husband and wife duo enjoy performing for our community so let's welcome them back. They will cover hits from many decades sure to please a wide



Will Yancy

range of guests. I'm sure, if you have a request, they will be more than happy to do it. You will always have a good time

with A Taste of Love on stage.

Remember, dance tickets are only \$10 per person. Just a reminder: shorts are not

allowed at our dances and this includes both females and males.

We have had to ask people to leave who have worn shorts, so please keep this in mind.

New Year's Eve dance tickets are on sale now so get your friends together to reserve your table. The earlier you purchase your tickets, the better chance you have of selecting the table you want.

This is our biggest dance of the year and we are always sold out.

Cost of tickets is \$30 per person. If you haven't gotten your ticket(s) for New Year's, now is the time to purchase them as you don't want to miss out on our first New Year's Eve celebration in three years.

On Sunday, Sept. 18, we will have our first Sunday Meet and Greet in three years. It starts at 2 p.m. in the East Activity Center. There will be a short meeting and then we will have a fun afternoon of horse racing. So bring your money and get ready to bet on your favorite jockey and horse.

Our popular raffle tickets and light refreshments will be available. This event has always been a fun time for our residents, so spread the word to your neighbors.

Don't forget to stop by the Entertainment Committee table on Mondays and Thursdays between 8:30-10:30 a.m. to purchase your show and dance tickets.

We have pamphlets that list all our shows and dances that will help you plan ahead.

Remember you can purchase several show or dance tickets in advance. You don't need to purchase one at a time or wait for the month of the event.

If you have any questions regarding dances or shows, please call (727)449-9243 or (215)431-4799.

Thank you all for a wonderful summer and supporting your Entertainment Committee.

**The Entertainment Committee New Year's Eve Dance
returns for the first time in three years.**

Tickets are on sale now ...

8:30-10:30 am Mondays & Thursdays in the EAC Auditorium!

Monthly Calendar

ENTERTAINMENT COMMITTEE



Tickets on sale 8:30-10:30 a.m. Thursdays in the EAC Auditorium.
View our entire schedule online at otowboxoffice.com

SEPTEMBER

- 15 Will Yancy in Concert, 7:30, \$20
- 17 Autumn Dance - A Taste of Love
7:30, \$10 per person
- 18 Sunday Meet & Greet, 2-4 pm, including a
short meeting and horse races

OCTOBER

- 27 Tribute to the Doobie Brothers
with J. Todd Plant
- 29 Halloween Dance (Costume Contest)
with The Shakes Society

NOVEMBER

- 17 The NYCE GUYS – ‘50s, ‘60s, Motown with
“RAT PACK” Style Humor
- 19 Harvest Dance with The Southshore Cruisers

For more information about the Entertainment Committee call (727) 449-9243.

Veterans Group coffee social



There was a full house during the On Top of the World Veterans Group coffee social held in August at the East Activity Center Kitchen/Clearwater Room. Pictured above is guest speaker Gary Gilchrist from the Honor Flight of West Central Florida. His report sparked great interest with our veterans. Beginning the first week in September, our group will bring back its information table at the EAC on Thursdays between 8:30-10 a.m. Your veterans team will then begin having dinner socials at local restaurants with our first on in September at Duff's Buffet in Clearwater. You can sign up and get details at our information table. Our annual barbeque is planned to take place in November. Stay tuned more details to follow.

Important Information



Summit Broadband

Please be advised that Summit Broadband contractors have started their groundwork in our community.



Access to your unit is paramount in ensuring successful completion of phase one of the project. If you are not going to be home, please plan to provide access to your unit by any of the following ways:



1. Provide a neighbor with a key
 2. Drop off a key at the Community Service Office
 3. Mail key to: On Top of the World Condominium Association Inc
2069 World Parkway Blvd East, Clearwater, FL., 33763
- (If dropping off or mailing a key, or leaving a key with a neighbor, please use the form at right)

Keys dropped off or mailed in will be returned upon completion of phase one. Please note, the dates provided are approximate and subject to change. Upon request, please plan to clear an area as required for an access point. Your cooperation is appreciated.



Dropping Off Keys

If you are dropping off a key to your condo for Summit Broadband contractors to use to access your unit while you are away, please fill out this form, cut out and submit with your spare key.

Name: _____

OTOW Address: _____

Building # _____ Condo # _____

Phone: _____

I have left a spare key with a neighbor in my building. The spare key is in unit _____



Activity Office Wants To Know

Please answer these three questions and return to the Community Service Office.

1. If OTOW started showing documentaries in the Auditorium over the winter season, would you attend at least one showing? **YES NO** (circle one)

2. In some cases, OTOW needs you to register for upcoming events. What is the easiest way for you to register. (Circle as many answers as your would like)
 A. Voice Mail B. Email C. Visit a Website D. Sign-up in Community Service Office E. If I have to register, I won't attend

3. Where do you find out about upcoming events at On Top of the World.
 (You may circle more than one)
 A. Building Bulletin Boards B. Newspaper C. Nancy's Bulletin Board D. Box Office E. Social Websites F. OTOW-TV

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Fall Festival & Expo returns on Nov. 5

Labor Day Holiday – Closed

In observance of Labor Day, the activity centers and pools will be closed on Monday, Sept. 5. All other outdoor amenities will remain open.

OTOW Annual Fall Festival Returns – Saturday, Nov. 5

On Top of the World's Fall Festival & Expo is set to take place on Saturday, Nov. 5, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The weather is always beautiful in early November and how great will it be to have our very own Fall Festival right here at home with no need to fight traffic.

Please mark your calendars right now and plan to attend.

Long-time residents can meet up with old friends and new residents will become better acquainted with the community. Visit one of the club tables and maybe join a club. Take in the entire event while working up an appetite and stay for lunch!

This is your opportunity to meet local arts and 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!

Upstairs in the East Activity Center find a variety of local companies, non-profit and cultural arts organizations, health vendors and 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.

The Pinellas County Department of Health will have flu shots and a variety of necessary vaccinations.

Free On Top of the World tote bags will be passed out to attendees upon entry while supplies last. Free stuff from the vendors and raffle prizes to close out the day.

Outside it's a Fall Festival all the way!

To add some color, OTOW club vendors will be competing for a prize for the best-decorated display.

Arts & Crafts and food vendors predominate outside.

Glen Edmead will play his steel drums and Caribbean-style vibes. You can listen to the live music - maybe even dance.

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

The food vendors are the very best, tried and true: Mama Felice, from Felice's Italian Deli, will be serving her finest Italian specialties. (Hands down the best Italian cuisine in all of Florida and better than NY's San Genaro Feast).

Thurston's Catering will take a break from the ballpark to serve us the Americana fare: hot dogs, hamburgers, French fries, funnels cakes, Italian ice and more!

Talk about fresh tacos! Sea Dog Cantina always delivers the best, plus ice-cold beer, margaritas and fantastic service.

She's back! Our very own BBQ Queen, with a full menu of slow smoked



chicken, ribs and side dishes.

Last, but not least, the Good Neighbors Association will serve up a variety of hot and cold beverages and homemade desserts at a great price!

Please show your support for our Good Neighbors Association and buy raffle tickets, which give you a chance to win great prizes!

Also, bring a food donation for a great local charity "Helping Hands," and you will receive a free raffle ticket. The raffle winning numbers are announced in the auditorium starting at approximately 1 p.m. If you're outside caught up in all the festivities, no worries, our entertainer, Glen, will make an announcement 15 minutes before the raffles are called.

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 East Activity Center will be limited to accommodate our vendors, so please walk, bike or take the On Top of the World shuttle bus. The driver 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!

Good Neighbors Association "Get Acquainted Coffee"

The Good Neighbors Association took a much-needed break over the summer, but will be back on Thursday, Sept. 8, from 8:30 – 11 a.m. with Opera Tampa at Get Acquainted Coffee.

It has been nearly three years since Opera Tampa has performed at On Top of the World and I want to encourage everyone to attend. The performance starts after our announcements at 10 a.m.

The Big Red Bus will be here the same day from 10 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. at the East Activity Center North Parking Lot (near Lawn Bowls). Residents can register to donate blood at Nancy's Bulletin Board on the otowclearwaterinfo.com website, in the Community Service Office or just show up at the bus before or on your way home from the Auditorium.

In thanks, you will receive three gifts - a \$20 E-gift card of your choice, an awesome beach towel and a mini physical.

See more details at Nancy's Bulletin Board.

A special thanks to the residents who participated last month. The honor roll is as follows: Ann Setkowicz, Borrelli Conchetta, Christine Nason, Katherine Choi, Patricia VanHise and Tina Davis.

Thank you so much for saving lives! Your donations helped patients.

Movie Night "Being the Ricardos"

Movie Night will return to the East Activity Center Auditorium on Wednesday, Sept. 21, with the film "Being the Ricardos."

Throughout the 1950s, Lucille Ball and her husband, Desi Arnaz, dominated prime time television as its leading comedic duo. Yet over one week, alarming allegations and a political scandal threatened to upend their livelihood. Crisis followed that had the potential to dismantle their marriage as well.

This movie is directed by Aaron Sorokin and cast members include Nicole Kidman, Javier Bardem, J.K. Simmons, Nina Arianda and John Rubenstein.

Runtime is 125 minutes. Movie Time is 4-6:05 p.m. The movie will start promptly at 4 pm.

Registration is required because for the best sound and tech quality, seating must be limited to 70.

To register, please call 727-799-2734 or email nancy_rogers@scaclw.com. Reference the movie and give your name, building and unit number, and your phone number.

If there are open seats at 4 p.m. the afternoon of the movie, residents are welcome, first come, first served.

The movie and popcorn are free! Our Good Neighbors Association will be selling soda and water from the Good Karma Outpost.

The 2022 Halloween Pet Costume Contest

The 2022 Halloween Pet Costume Contest will be back on Saturday, Oct. 8.

For the first time in three years, the event will be live in our dog park.

The contest is open to On Top of the World owners/renters and dogs only. The dog must live here.

Dress your pet in a costume and arrive at the dog park between 9-10 a.m. Owners can dress up, too!

Judging begins right at 10 a.m. There will be several sponsors at the contest and each sponsor is a judge and will donate a prize.

Judging is based on three criteria - originality, Halloween spirit and "awww-www."

Prizes will be awarded about 10:30 a.m. The contest is organized by OTOW News.

Medicare Open Enrollment

The Medicare open enrollment period is Oct. 15-Dec. 7. SHINE will be here to make a presentation on Oct. 24 in the East Activity Center Auditorium at 10:30 a.m.

Registration is not required.

Did you know that Medicare health and drug plans can change every year? It is important to review your coverage for changes in things like cost, coverage, drug formularies, and provider and pharmacy networks.

The open enrollment period is the time to make any necessary adjustments to your plan to ensure that you have the best coverage to meet your health needs for 2023. Medicare can be a daunting subject and open enrollment only runs from Oct. 15 – Dec. 7!

Take this opportunity to utilize a local, valuable resource by attending the Oct. 24 Medicare Educational Event at 10:30 a.m. in the Auditorium being held by the Florida Department of Elder Affairs' SHINE (Serving Health Insurance Needs of Elders) Program.

The SHINE mission is to provide free and unbiased information about Medicare and Medicaid for beneficiaries, their families and caregivers.

SHINE volunteers do not sell anything. SHINE also educates beneficiaries to protect, detect and report potential errors, fraud and abuse with their Medicare coverage.

To find out more, or to schedule an appointment, please call 727-217-8111 or visit the website www.agingcarefl.org or www.floridashine.org

Activity Card Renewal

Activity card renewal takes place at the Community Service Office located at the East Activity Center. The hours are Monday through Friday 8:30 a.m. to noon and 12:30-3 p.m.

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.

Activity Cards will not be punched or processed without proper identification and address verification.

In addition, 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.

As a reminder, you must bring your valid activity card with you when using SCA facilities and be prepared to show it upon staff request. Any noncompliance matters will be directed to the On Top of the World Association.

Residents can also obtain an electronic access card for the Fitness Center for \$7 (replacement \$25).

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OTOW Community Activities Calendar - September 2022

SPECIAL EVENTS

Activity Centers, Swimming Pools and Pavilion will be closed for Labor Holiday on Monday, Sept. 5
 Bingo will take place every Monday in September, except Sept. 5 & 26. Bingo begins at 6 pm (Doors Open at 4 pm), EAC Auditorium
 Coffee with a Cop: Thursday, Sept. 1, 9-11 am, East Activity Center Largo Room
 Aging Successfully: 10:30 am - 12 pm, Wednesday, Sept. 28, West Activity Center Dunedin Room
 WISE Aging Successfully: Thursday, Sept. 7, 14, 21, 10:30 am - 12 pm, EAC Largo Room
 Moving Night: Being the Ricardos, Wednesday, Sept. 21, 4-6 pm, Auditorium
 Keyboard Lessons: Monday, Sept. 12 & 26, 10-11 am, West Activity Center Learning Lab
 Get Acquainted Coffee: Thursday, Sept. 8, 9-11 am, EAC Auditorium
 Club Information Tables: Monday, Sept. 12 & 19 only, 8:30-10:30 am in Auditorium, Monday, Sept 26 Kitchen, Thursdays in Auditorium (no tables Sept 29)

CLUB AND GROUP EVENTS

Art Guild Painting Pals: 1-4pm, Wednesdays, East Activity Center Largo Room
 Art Guild Friendship Painters: 1-4pm, Thursdays, East Activity Center Largo Room
 Baby Boomers Group: Meetings, 5:30-6:30pm, Wednesday, Sept. 7 and 5:30-6:30 pm, Thursday, Sept. 15, Largo Room
 Baby Boomers Acoustic Jam: 10 am - 1 pm, Thursdays, West Activity Center Belleair Room (Sept 22 in Ozona Room)
 Billiards (8 Ball): 6:30-10pm, Mondays and Tuesdays, West Activity Center Learning Lab
 Billiards (Scotch Doubles): 6:30-10pm, Thursdays, West Activity Center Learning Lab
 Billiards (9 Ball): 1-3 pm, Fridays.
 Ceramics: (Thursday, Sept 1 only) 10am-12pm, East Activity Center Clearwater Room
 Coloring Book Group: Wednesdays, 12-3 pm, East Activity Center Crystal Beach Room
 Computer Club: Computer Help, 8:30-10 am, Wednesdays, West Activity Center Learning Lab
 Computer Club: Meetings, 8:30 - 10 am, Saturdays, West Activity Center Learning Lab
 Cornhole: (Monday, Sept 12 & 26 only in September), 1-3 pm, West Activity Center Belleair Room
 Democratic Club: Meeting, 2-3:30pm, Thursday, Sept. 8, East Activity Center Clearwater Room
 Democratic Club: Postcard Party, 1-3 pm, Thursday, Sept. 15, East Activity Center Ozona Room
 Democratic Club Happy Hour: 7-10 pm, Tuesday, Sept. 27, West Activity Center Learning Lab
 Democratic Club Board Meeting: 2-3:30 pm, Thursday, Sept. 29, East Activity Center Clearwater Room
 Entertainment Committee Show: Thursday, Sept. 15, 7:30 pm, East Activity Center Auditorium
 Entertainment Committee Dance: Saturday, Sept. 17, 7:30 pm, East Activity Center Auditorium
 Good Neighbors Association Volunteers Meeting: Thursday, Sept. 1, 1:30-3 pm, EAC Clearwater Room
 Good Karma Book Club: 10am-12pm, Thursday, Sept. 15, East Activity Center Crystal Beach Room
 High Vibe Tribe: 7-9pm, Thursday, Sept. 8, East Activity Center Kitchen/Clearwater Room
 Jesters Board and Membership Meeting: 6:30-9:30 pm, Wednesday, Sept. 14, West Activity Center Belleair Room
 Knitting Group: Wednesdays, 9-11 am, East Activity Center Crystal Beach Room
 Lambda Club: Social, 7-10 pm, Friday, Sept. 9, East Activity Center Largo Room
 Learning To Dance with Noland: Mondays, 1 - 3 pm, East Activity Center Largo Room
 Line Dance Club: 1-3 pm, Tuesdays, 8:30-10:30 am, Saturdays, East Activity Center Auditorium
 Line Dance Club Practice: 7-8am, Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, Fridays, East Activity Center Exercise Room
 Moving and Grooving Line Dancing: Tuesdays, 9-11:30 am, East Activity Center Auditorium (No classes Sept. 5)
 Moving and Grooving Cardio Dance: 12-2:15 pm Mondays, 12-2:15 pm Wednesdays, 9-10 am Saturdays, 10:15-11:15 am Saturdays, EAC Exercise Room
 New York-New Jersey Club: Cheesecake Social, Tuesday, Sept. 22, 6-8 pm, EAC Auditorium
 Philosophy Club: 10-11:30 am, Tuesdays, East Activity Center Crystal Beach Room
 Pickleball: 6:30-8 pm, Monday through Friday, 9 am-12 pm, Sundays
 Ping Pong: 10am-1pm, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays, West Activity Center Belleair Room
 Pray for America: Meeting, 10am-12pm, Saturdays, East Activity Center Crystal Beach Room
 Republican Club: Meeting, 7-9 pm, Tuesday, Sept. 13, West Activity Center Belleair Room
 Social Dance: 1-3 pm, Thursdays, West Activity Center Belleair Room
 Theater Workshop Social, Picnic and Meeting: Wednesday, Sept. 7, 6-8:30 pm, Pavilion
 Texas Card Game Club: 3-10 pm, Friday, Sept. 16, East Activity Center Kitchen/Clearwater Room
 TOPS: 9:30-11am, Thursdays, East Activity Center Largo Room (Sept 1 & 29 in Safety Harbor Room)
 Travel Club: 2-4 pm, Friday, Sept. 2, East Activity Center Oldsmar Room,
 Veterans Lunch: Duff's Buffett (date and time to be announced)
 World Quilters: 8 am-2pm, Tuesdays, East Activity Center Largo Room
 Writers Ink: 1-2:30 pm, Thursdays, East Activity Center Dunedin Room



Amenities will be closed
on Labor Day



BUILDING EVENTS

Valencia Building (72): Tuesday, Sept. 6, dinner, 5-9 pm, WAC Belleair Rm
 Flamenco Building (79): Friday, Sept. 2, dinner, 5-9 pm, WAC Belleair Rm

CARDS AND GAMES

Blackout (Canadian Club): 6:30-9:30pm, Thursdays, East Activity Center Largo Room
 Cribbage: 10am-12pm, Wednesdays, East Activity Center Ozona Room
 Double Deck Pinochle: 1-3:30pm, Sundays and Wednesdays, East Activity Center Ozona Room
 Duplicate Bridge (Beginners): 9am-12pm, Thursdays, East Activity Center Ozona Room
 Duplicate Bridge: 11:30am-4pm, Saturdays, East Activity Center Ozona Room
 Duplicate Bridge: 11-3pm, Saturdays, East Activity Center Dunedin Room
 Ladies Bunco: 6:30-10pm, Tuesday, Sept. 13, West Activity Center Learning Lab
 Mahjongg: 1-4pm, Fridays, West Activity Center Palm Harbor Room
 Mexican Train Card Game (Dominos): 1-5 pm, Thursdays, Safety Harbor Room
 Poker (Alonzo's Group): 5-8 pm, Mondays, Safety Harbor Room
 Poker (Bob's Group): 6-9:30 pm, Tuesdays, Safety Harbor Room
 Poker (Tom's Group): 5-9 pm, Wednesdays, Safety Harbor Room
 Poker (Carol's Group): 6-9 pm, Wednesdays and Fridays, Safety Harbor Room
 Poker (Barry's Group): 6:30-9:30 pm, Mondays and Wednesdays, East Activity Center Ozona Room

EXERCISES

Aqua Aerobics: 9-10am, Monday through Friday, East Activity Center Swimming Pool
 Bonesavers: 8-9am, Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays, East Activity Center Largo Room *
 Co-Ed Exercises: 10-10:45 am, Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays, East Activity Center Exercise Room
 Hatha Yoga with Marilyn: 10-11 am, Mondays, West Activity Center Belleair Room (Sept 12 & 26 only)
 Hatha Yoga with Marilyn: 10-11:15 am, Thursdays, East Activity Center Exercise Room
 Ladies Exercise: 8-9 am, Mondays through Fridays, East Activity Center Exercise Room
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Salute your newspaper writers

In the average edition of OTOW News, there are 50 stories written by the Press Association staff.

Historically speaking, September is the slowest month of the year with the least amount of stories and the least amount of ads.

However, your Press Association staff out-did themselves this month.

There are 60 stories in this edition of OTOW News and enough ads to burst this newspaper into a 68-page publication.

Two years ago, during the pandemic, the September 2020 edition was 48 pages.

If you have a club or group writer who contributed to this newspaper, give them a "Thank You."

If your building reporter contributed to this newspaper, give them a "Thank You."

If your club or building is missing from the September 2022 newspaper, maybe someone needs to find out why?

"Congratulations to the OTOW News staff for an awesome September 2022 newspaper," said Editor Doug Kates. "And more recognition is coming."

Stay tuned.

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Three signs someone without authority is trying to get your Medicare number

Scam Alert: My friend Collette P. Small, a well-known and highly respected elder law and estate planning attorney in the Pembroke Pines area of Florida, posted or reposted an article about three signs of Medicare Fraud.

They are:

1. If Medicare is making unsolicited contact with you, keep your guard up. Medicare, (or anyone truly employed by it), does not need to call you to verify your information.

2. Be wary of offers for free medical supplies and freebies that try to lure you to exchange personal information for your Medicare number.

3. Be wary of people who are not your doctor and who are making health recommendations in exchange for personal information.

Look! What do we already know about phone calls, emails, text messages?

If someone is seeking information about any of our personal information, it is probably a scam.

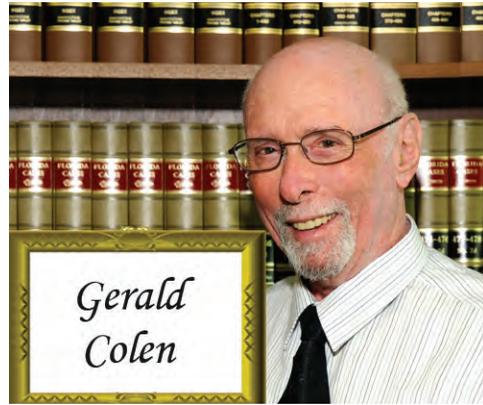
Collette Small's reposting, above, has three warning signs:

(1). The contact with you is unsolicited.

(2). The unsolicited contact offers you something for free or low cost, for your personal information.

(3). The unsolicited call comes from some government agency (such as Medicare). We must never let down our guard.

Q. I had a power of attorney that my attorney from (a western state) wrote for



me several years ago. I named my youngest daughter. I never changed my power of attorney and I now live in Florida and have for the last three years. My son says my power of attorney is not valid because it was made in another state. He says that because he is willing to become a Florida resident, I must name him (I really don't trust him and don't want to name him.)

Is my power of attorney not valid because it isn't from Florida and do I need a new one?

A. Well, I haven't seen the document and so I will make no comments about its validity.

I am fond of the saying "Legal 101: Read the documents!"

I haven't seen your document, so keep that in mind as you read this column. However, there are a few things I can say.

First, a durable power of attorney from another state is not necessarily invalid just because it's not from Florida.

We have a Florida statute that is very clear about that.

Second, you do not have to name your son, or your daughter for that matter. The residence of the agent under a durable power of attorney doesn't necessarily matter.

Third, you've already given me a terrific reason why you should not consider your son. You said you don't trust him. Full stop!

In my opinion, we should not be naming someone we do not fully, completely and absolutely trust, as the agent in a durable power of attorney.

Since you say you are now a Florida resident, I think you should consider having an attorney licensed to practice law in Florida, perhaps one where you now reside.

Q. I broke my hip and knee in an auto accident and am in rehab. Because of the extent of the injuries, I've been told to expect being here for at least six months or more. I have six children. One of them, my daughter, told me that I should protect my home by deeding it to her and her wife so they could have it for me when I get out. Do, I have to do that to protect it?

A. Nope.

A. OK, I didn't mean to be snarky. Well, OK, maybe I did.

See, sometimes I kinda, sorta, get to wondering if maybe a kid or kid-in-law feels the old bird has lived too long and is nowadays spending the kid's money.

Sigh. I didn't detect a Medicaid ques-

tion from you, so I will pass on any discussion about that.

However, you might want to meet with an attorney about Medicaid and asset protection. Otherwise, and in my opinion, the best way to protect your homestead for you, is to keep it in your name, alone, and not convey it to someone else, especially not to a kid who perhaps can't wait to get his/her hands on it....if you get my drift.

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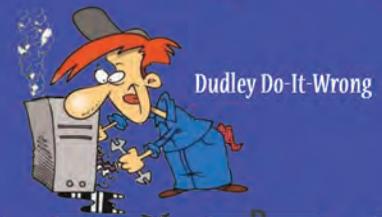
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ACTIVITY REPORTS



August was a great time to work together as a club to get people out voting

By Joanne Cordes

Weather-wise, it's the dog-days of summer. Club-wise, we're in overdrive!

There is so much going on and it's exciting.

In August, you may have noticed political sign-wavers at the intersection of Sunset Point and Belcher Road.

Some of those wavers were members of our Democratic Club.



Even if you didn't recognize us, it was encouraging for us to hear your horns honking or to get a wave and a smile. After all, don't we all want to support our most American value – the right to vote?!

In late July, several of us joined other Democratic neighbors from Pinellas County to get motivated to turn out Democratic votes for the August primary.

It's a given that a voter who votes in August is more apt to vote in November. And On Top of the World is noted for its high ratio of voting in all elections.

We even met a new OTOW resident, Millie Cantone, who we invited to our monthly happy hour event. Two days later she did attend and 16 of us enjoyed adult beverages, finger foods, friendship and like-minded political conversation.

The fun drinks in August were caffeine-laden Mountain Dew and 133-year-old Fosters beer, founded in Melbourne, Australia by two American brothers who sold the brewery a year later.

Our latest happy hour event was Aug. 23, the same day as the Florida Primary election. We had much to celebrate!

Our keynote speaker for our Aug. 11 meeting was Joe Saportas, candidate for Florida State Representative, District 58. Joe is a resident of OTOW and a member of our Democratic Club. His primary issues are: (1) gun safety; (2) women's rights and (3) elder assistance.

Joe's community service includes, Pinellas Democratic Hispanic Caucus, Vice President of the Florida Democratic Hispanic Caucus, Deputy Director for Elderly Services, and LULAC (the League of United Latin American Citizens of Florida).

Joe was also the former president of the Pinellas County Hispanic caucus. His extensive experience and sensibilities have uniquely positioned him to represent the people if elected to the Florida House of Representa-



Joe Saportas talks to members of the Democratic Club during a meeting here in August. Joe was running for State Representative of District 58.

(OTOW News photo by Doug Kates)

tatives.

You may visit Joe's website at www.electjoesaportas.com to learn more about his campaign for November's general election. His campaign slogan is: "Let's Go with Joe!!"

Please check club announcements on the Box Office: otowboxoffice.com. We are posting information on activities for the many election campaigns this year.

Or visit our information table at the East Activity Center Auditorium on Thursdays from 8:30-10:30 a.m.

You can also visit our Meta/Facebook page at On Top of the World Democratic Club Clearwater to learn about local political events or add commentary to current events.

And another way to connect with us is our new Blogspot, created by our board member, Dave Beaven. Visit worldddemsclub.blogspot.com for links to the latest info on Florida politics and our current club news.

Our schedule for September is on the monthly calendar on page 16. Note a room change for our social.

If you were with the Travel Club in July, you would have been spoiled with lunch at the Dunedin Country Club



By Janice Berman

Travel Club members escaped the heat for one afternoon at The Dunedin Golf and Country Club.

This was the setting for our Lunch Bunch social in July.

Forty members filled a private room at the country club and were served a three-course meal.

We enjoyed socializing and building friendships at this beautiful setting overlooking the golf course.

President David Berman did offer a few remarks and thanked everyone for coming. He closed by telling a couple of jokes to carry on his tradition of leaving us with laughter and smiles.

Our regular monthly meeting will be on Sept. 2 at 2 p.m. Come at 1:30 to purchase tickets, sign up for new membership or just to pick up your badge.

In September we will go back to having our information table in the auditorium on Monday and Thursday mornings from 8:30-10:15.



Travel Club members enjoy a three-course luncheon at the Dunedin Country Club in July. There were many tables of On Top of the World residents.

Lunch Bunch for the month of September is scheduled for Sept. 7 at Bahama Breeze Island Grill.

Seats are available for our September Mystery Train, November Mount Dora trip and December's holiday party. All of

these events are selling well.

Come for a fun time made even better as we experience them together.

We are looking for volunteers to fill our club board of directors for next year. We have an opening for either secretary

or treasurer. Our president and vice president have said they will continue in their positions for the year 2023.

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OTOW Acoustic Jam Group

Ukelele duo plays live

By Cheryl Kutchinski

It is one thing to play a ukelele in the West Activity Center with other On Top of the World residents, but on a hot, steamy evening in July, two musicians took their act on the road.

Cheryl Kutchinski and Don Ladner sang and played ukuleles at the Whistle Stop Bar & Grill in Safety Harbor.

It was their first time performing at "Open Mic Night."

Locals have been playing ukuleles there on the fourth Thursday of the month for more than 10 years.

Cheryl and Don played a three song set. They were enthusiastically supported by their fellow ukulele friends from the Baby Boomers Acoustic Jam group. This group has fun playing music together every Thursday at the West Activity Center.

It was during one of those sessions, Cheryl asked Don if he would consider playing with her at the Whistle Stop. He agreed without hesitation.

The work began once the excitement settled.

They selected songs that complimented their voices and practiced together every week. One day it all came together and they knew it was time to hit the stage.



When asked about their thoughts of this new experience, Don said, "the weekly practice paid off and we had fun!"

Cheryl said, "all the friendly faces in the audience made me relax and enjoy the moment."

Both Cheryl and Don are members of the Tampa Bay Ukulele Society which has more than 3000 local members. TBUS provides beginner instruction through the local library system. There are also workshops, events, local jams and an annual three day getaway hosting nationally-known ukulele artists.

So what's next for this duo?

Another "open mic night" at the Whistle Stop Bar & Grill. Stop by on Thursday, Sept. 22 at 6:30 p.m.



Cheryl Kutchinski and Don Ladner play their ukeles at the Whistle Stop Bar & Grill in Safety Harbor.

Boomers are trivia experts and still celebrate Woodstock

By Hope Tera

On Top of the World Baby Boomers love to have fun.

Case in point ... Tuesday, Aug. 9, was a busy day for the Baby Boomers. In the morning, some Boomers played a friendly round of "9-Hole, Best-Ball" golf.

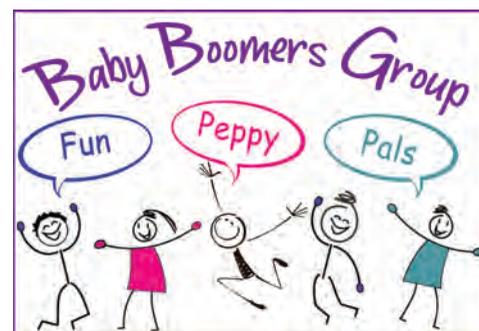
Later that day, some Boomers headed to a local bar/pub for Game Night and ready for a great time. And what a night it was. We started off with a round of trivia, with answers being submitted on our phones. The Boomers didn't fare well, but then people were invited up to try speed trivia. A Boomer reluctantly stepped up to the podium and did us proud ... even taking first place ... for a few minutes.

We teamed up with a local Meetup group for a fast-paced round of Pyramid (think Dick Clark's \$25,000 Pyramid) and we nabbed first place.

In Jeopardy, we struggled a bit. The sports category was our achille's heel, but it was still fun.

Then Family Feud came along. Again, we worked together with the Meetup group and won our game.

Here was one of the questions – Name something that comes in sticks?



The No. 1 answer was "gum."

It was an exciting, fun-filled day and night.

Another festive event brought the Boomers back to Woodstock at our weekly Acoustic Jam session. On Thursday, Aug. 11, we celebrated the 53rd anniversary of Woodstock, complete with bell bottoms, big hair and lots of great music from that time.

It was quite a trip.

The Baby Boomers group meets at 5:30 p.m. on the first Wednesday and third Thursday of each month in The Largo Room (behind the Auditorium). Once the weather cools off, we'll meet at the Pavilion. We invite you to stop by and say "hello." We're a friendly bunch.



Members of the Baby Boomers group celebrated the 53rd anniversary of Woodstock with appropriate clothing and music.

Bring your dowsing rods and pendulums on Sept. 8

By Laurie LeClaire

Join the High Vibe Tribe on Sept. 8 to learn how dowsing can help us find the answers.

Our featured presenter, Mark Blair, is inviting those familiar with dowsing rods to bring their own, to practice this ancient tool used by intuitives.

Mark has been a holistic healer, a wellness facilitator, and an intuitive since the 1970s.

We are so fortunate to have him here at On Top of the World as one of our founders of this group. He has so much to share with this community. He has used other tools as well, including

tuning forks, pendulums, oracle cards, drums and meditation.

So plan on learning a new skill or perfecting one you have dabbled in. It is time to play and allow your high vibrations to flourish.

Mark also invites those who have pendulums to bring them as well.

Our group meets the second Thursday evening from 7-9 p.m. every month in the East Activity Center Kitchen/Clearwater Room.

You may contact Laurie LeClaire at otowoowo@gmail.com or 727-265-1671 for more information.



Time to get creative again and make everyone better writers

By Lori Gottshall

Friendships will be renewed on Thursday, Sept. 8, when Writer's Ink resumes meetings for the fall season.

I look forward to seeing good friends, hearing about your summers and getting treated to good writing and camaraderie.

We are also looking forward to meeting anyone who cares to join us. New members are always welcome.

We meet each Thursday at 1 p.m. in the East Activity Center Dunedin Room on the basement floor across from the gym.

If you are curious about our group, stop by and just listen. This year there are no mask or social distancing requirements. Some of our members will continue to wear masks for their own health precautions.

Meetings are relaxed with a rotating moderator. There are only a few rules: Each member must bring copies of their own creation that they wish to share. In turn, the attendees read their work. The rest of the group listens without interruption and takes notes. After the reading, the group asks questions and makes comments about the work. The objective is improving the product.

The writer then has a chance to respond to comments. The focus is on the writing, not the writer or the topic.

What kind of writing? What topics? Any kind!

Prose, poetry, fiction and non-fiction, human interest, funny or serious.

The topics are as diverse as the members of the group. There are Northerners, Southerners, Snowbirds, full-time residents and maybe even a native Floridian.

Critiques are gentle and constructive. Praises also happen.

Do you have a story to tell, but need some help telling it? Perhaps we can offer some advice. And we can always use another point of view ourselves.



Writer's Ink

Jesters auditions begin Sept. 20

By Robyn Kumar

Yippee!

We are so excited to announce that The Jesters will be holding our first meeting of the new season on Wednesday, Sept. 14 at 7 p.m. in the West Activity Center's Belleair Room.

At that meeting you will be able to find out oodles of information about upcoming events.

We will be giving details about our new show. We will also have a list of songs that can be used at our auditions.

Auditions will be held in the auditorium in the East Activity Center. Singing auditions will be held on Tuesday, Sept. 20 from 3-5 p.m. and on Thursday, Sept. 22 from 1-3 p.m. Dance and comedy auditions will be held on Friday, Sept. 23 from 9 a.m. - noon.

Any singers who aren't able to come to the auditions on Tuesday or Thursday are welcome to meet with us on that Friday.

Remember, even if you don't think



Jesters

you would like to be a performer in the show, we want you to be a member of our group. We will welcome you with open arms. There are always so many things that must be accomplished behind the scenes as well as on stage.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Robyn Kumar at 516-662-9640. Always remember, being a part of our organization is "Jest For Fun!"

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Reaching the final four, in clockwise order from the bottom left, are Roger Perry, Gene Amature, Debbie Hall and Joe DeChiaro.

Final four split jackpot at July tournament

The Texas Card Game Club hosted its monthly tournament on Friday, July 22 at 5 p.m. in the East Activity Center Kitchen/Clearwater Room.

There were 12 members in attendance.

We had our newest member, Mark Ostrowski, join our club to make our total membership 40.

The club dues provide a 18 donuts for members to enjoy during the evening.

The tournament progressed until the final table had seven players. After three more were eliminated, the final four remaining decided to split the prize pool.

The next tournament will be on Friday, Sept. 16.

For more information to sign up, please contact Joe DeChiaro at



joegdechiaro@yahoo.com or just show up on the tournament date in September.

Cornhole challenge now awards a hand-made trophy to anyone with four straight perfect tosses

By Margaret LeTourneau

If you haven't tried cornhole yet, you don't know how much fun you are missing!

Every Monday, in an air-conditioned room, people are enjoying the friendly, yet competitive, game of cornhole.

Yes, it is played inside!

The Moving and Grooving Club started to sponsor this fun game in June and so far 70 people have come to play.

We average around 30 people each Monday.

Many are new to this game and some are experienced players. Some can sink four bean bags in a row into the hole!

That's pretty amazing!

Dick LeTourneau, one of our cornhole team leaders, wanted to honor each player who got four bean bags into the hole in a row.

He set out to create a unique trophy for each one of these excellent players. He wanted them to each have a special keepsake.

We are grateful to Dick for these trophy gifts. He is featured in our photo, with a sample of his beautiful homemade trophies.

Whether you are an accomplished cornhole player or just starting out, we can adjust the game to meet your needs.



Why cornhole?
 Everyone can play cornhole.
 It's just for fun!
 Cornhole allows for social time while making new friends.
 It's great exercise without overdoing it. It's cool, it's hip and it's free!
 Why don't you pop in for a few games?
 Cornhole is every Monday from 1-3 p.m. in the West Activity Center Belleair Room.



Dick LeTourneau has created hand-made trophies for anyone who can throw four consecutive bean bags into a cornhole.

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Republican Club last stop before primaries

By Marilyn Nelson

The On Top of the World Republican Club was happy to welcome Pinellas County Sheriff Bob Gualtieri and Congressional Candidate Kevin Hayslett at its monthly meeting in August.

Bob addressed a crowd of more than 65-70 people. He stated that his career started in 1982 as a detention deputy. He obtained a law degree, worked his way up the ranks and was recognized by both AG Barr and Governor Rick Scott to participate in fact-finding committees.

The sheriff is a supporter of “constitutional carry” whereby you do not need to have a permit to carry a weapon. He cited the importance of responsible citizens to carry due to the amount of carnage that can occur by the time police arrive.

Pinellas County is considered a safe community with an average death rate of 50 people per year usually associated with domestic abuse and people known to the victim.

He acknowledged that Florida falls short in the treatment of the mentally ill. Florida is the third largest state while it is 50th on the list of funding spent on the treatment of the mentally ill.

Unfortunately Pinellas County is greatly affected by drug addiction. On the average day, there are six calls for drug overdoses with two of those resulting in deaths. Border control, education and mental health support is needed to ad-



dress this crisis, according to Bob.

Kevin Hayslett is a lifetime resident of Clearwater. After obtaining a law degree, he started working here as an assistant state attorney in Pinellas County. He now has a private practice.

Kevin raised his children here in Clearwater. One is in the process of becoming a Navy Seal and another son is a senior at West Point.

Kevin acknowledges that family is very important to him and that he is proud of the leadership of his children. He admits that he had no interest in getting involved in politics until recently. He felt it was his civic duty to run.

He described himself as a Trump conservative who would be accountable to the community he lives in.

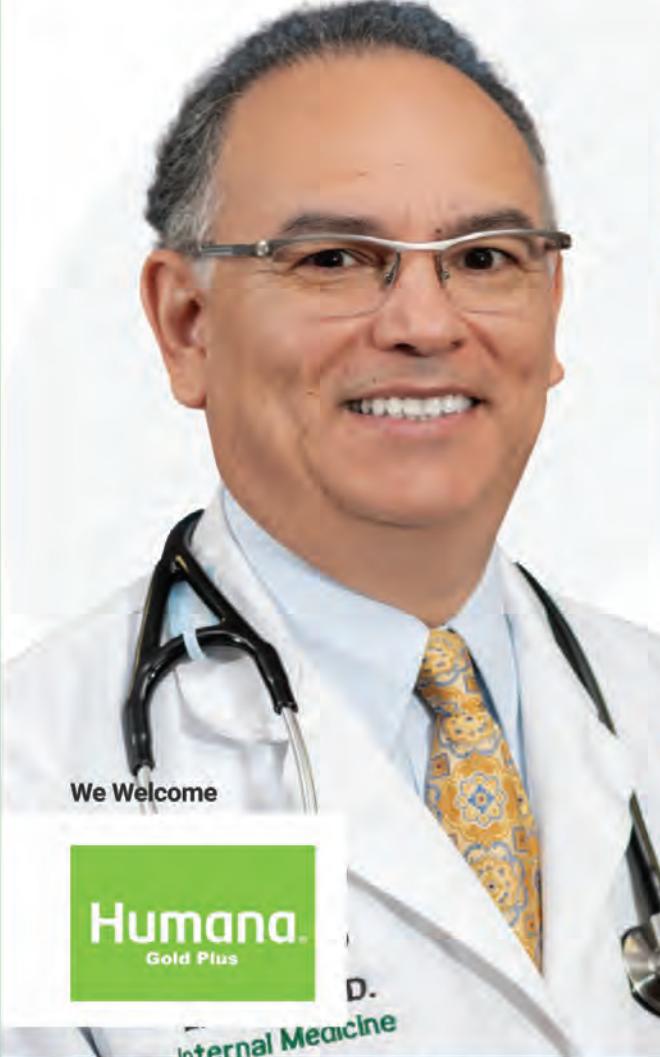
The Ronald Reagan Club meets on the second Tuesday of the month. The next meeting is Sept. 13. All are invited.



Pinellas County Sheriff Bob Gualtieri, left, with Congressional candidate Kevin Hayslett prior to the August primaries.

The social hour is between 6-7 p.m. The business meeting starts at 7 p.m. Our tentative speaker will be Precinct Manager

Lori Green to discuss “What’s Next after the Primaries.” Membership cost is \$10 per year.



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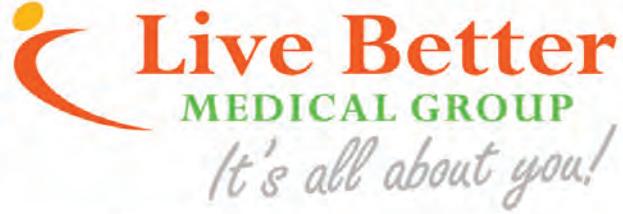
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New staff reporters learn about our newspaper's 54-year tradition of 'only good news'



By Doug Kates
Editor

The Press Association holds its only meeting of the summer in August and there were plenty of new faces in the room who represented the clubs, groups and buildings here at On Top of the World.

Some of the new staffers didn't understand the history of this community newspaper. So there was a brief review.

More than 50 years ago, this community newspaper was created to provide residents with news about their clubs, groups, buildings, entertainment and the people who live here.

Mr. Sidney Colen was the publisher and wanted "only good news" in his newspaper - a tradition that started in 1968 and has remained 54 years later.

During a recent Philosophy Club meeting next door to the newspaper office, a resident spoke up and mocked the community newspaper because it never reported bad news. After the statement, the room filled with laughter.

The following week I asked if I could address the Philosophy Club and was given permission. The conversation went like this:

The world is full of bad news. It follows us everywhere we go. We hear of deaths, disasters, crimes, disease and accidents all day long. The bad news is on our living room TVs first thing in the morning and when we "relax" in the evening. The same news is in our vehicles when we drive and on our computers when we browse the Internet.

Some people even voice anger or displeasure on signs outlining our streets.

That type of news is everywhere. You cannot avoid it.

So I asked members of the Philosophy Club, isn't it nice to have one source of information that never prints bad news?

Most of the people in the room nodded their heads, "yes."

You will never find an obituary in OTOW News. There are no fires, accidents or crimes reported. There are no political ads, or promos for life insurance, funeral homes or attorneys.

Fifty-four years ago, Mr. Colen wanted you to pick up your community news-



On Top of the World News Editor Doug Kates introduces new leadership to the Press Association. In the middle is Vice President Joe DeChiaro and at right is President Tom Butcher. In August, the Press Association meeting was streamed live on YouTube for Snowbird reporters who were away from home. Below is a scene from Canada where reporter Connie Stanley asked her dog, Darby, to take notes from the meeting. When Connie returned to get those notes, Darby was sleeping. (Top photo by Mary Lou Wall)

paper knowing you were not going to see any - not one - negative story from front page to back cover.

There are actually people outside our gate who don't believe a newspaper can have only good news. But guess what? We do.

OTOW News has a dedicated news staff to making sure Mr. Colen's vision for the News remains as it started out. And current Publisher Kenneth Colen continues to honor that philosophy.

There will always be people in our community who want to read bad news - we're not stopping you. It's out there. Everywhere. Go read it.

But if you want 70 pages of "good news only," then continue to pick up our newspaper and read it.

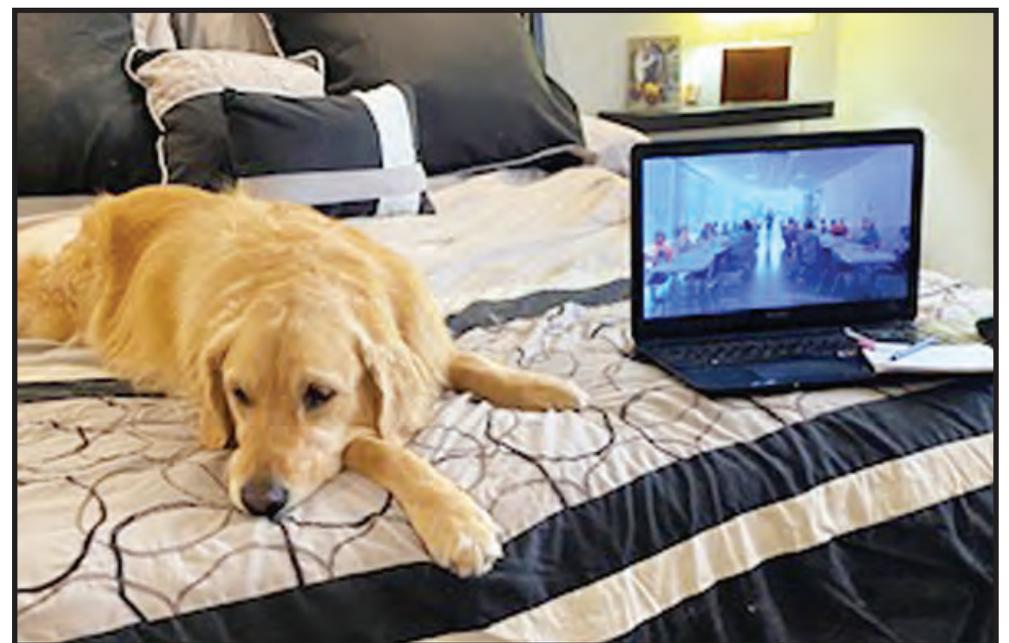
During my 14 years at On Top of the World, I have had the pleasure of working with hundreds of residents who have been able to write "good news" stories.

There is actually great pride in sharing people's amazing stories and spreading the good word about what clubs and groups are doing inside our gates.

As the winter season approaches, and our Snowbirds return, the newspaper tradition will continue. More than 60 residents contributed stories to OTOW News this summer. There will be about 90 writers come November.

Every story will be positive and informative.

In the meantime, more good news. The Press Association is proud to announce our annual Halloween Pet Cos-



tume Contest will return in October and will be live for the first time in three years.

Many of you are new and don't know about our contest.

On Saturday, Oct. 8, dress your big dog or little dog in a Halloween costume and proceed to our own dog park. You can dress in costume, too.

There will be sponsors. There will be prizes. Your dogs can play and socialize and you can meet your neighbors.

The contest is open to OTOW residents and pets only. Look for a photo page in the November newspaper, which

will come out on Halloween Day.

The next Press Association meeting is Thursday, Oct. 6, 1:30 p.m. in the East Activity Center Crystal Beach Room.

Our biggest meeting of the year is Thursday, Nov. 3, at 7 p.m. This will be our annual Writer's Workshop in the auditorium. This is the only time all year I teach basic journalism to staffers. Please attend.

Would you like to join our staff? There are about 50 buildings at OTOW that do not have reporters. If your building is one of them, ask if you can join.

Our line dancers are now TV stars so you can practice in the comfort of your own condo



Line dancers take time to celebrate after filming multiple routines you can practice at home.

“What’s new?” you ask. Well, maybe you haven’t heard the good news.

As many people know, line dancing with the Moving ‘n Grooving Club means having lots of laughs, while learning a variety of dances in person.

It also means that most of us are now good friends who love to joke around and have fun.

You may also know that there’s nothing better than to come to the Auditorium for our fabulous, one-of-a-kind, line dance classes, which are a combination of great music, fun dances and warm-hearted people who make this experience so wonderful.

However, what if you love to line dance, but you cannot attend our classes for any number of reasons?

How can you still take part in this exciting experience?

Well, hold onto your dancing boots because we have the perfect solution.

Margaret LeTourneau’s classes are now televised on OTOW-TV channel 732!

In order to view them, just press the numbers 7-3-2 on your remote control ... instead of using up and down arrows to this number.

Then, like magic, on Mondays, Thursdays and Fridays, at 11 a.m., you’ll be able to join in the fun and line dance in the comfort of your home.

Margaret teaches different levels of line dancing. She will walk you through the various dance routines before she starts the music. She will also cue you by saying each dance step, so you can join in.

As you will see, her amazing students thoroughly enjoy the experience of dancing for you to the music.

Why don’t you check it out?

The classes are quite entertaining.

Also, the Moving ‘n Grooving Club

offers Hope Tera’s cardio dancing on OTOW-TV. Her classes are televised on Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays at 1 p.m. and again at 6 p.m.

We hope that you’ll take advantage of this opportunity to line dance, as well as cardio dance, in the comfort of your home.

The off-peak season is an ideal time for year-round residents to explore a bit, try out something new.

The line dance and cardio dance schedules are posted at right.

The Moving ‘n Grooving Club is always welcoming new ideas and new beginnings. If you’d like to check out an inclusive line and cardio dance club that teaches to all levels, guarantees great fun, and promotes an atmosphere of kindness and creativity, please contact Hope at 914-217-9206 or send an email to movingandgroovingotow.com, or come to any of our classes to try them out.

You can also learn more about our club on the OTOW Box Office (otowboxoffice.com). Look for our logo.

As always, we hope to see you on the dance floor.

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10:30 - 12:00: Levels 3 & 4 - Beginner/Advanced Beginner

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2:30 - 4:00: Levels 3/4 - Beginner/Advanced Beginner

CARDIO DANCING

East Activity Center Exercise Room

Mondays

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Wednesdays

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Register for membership at the Fall Festival

Canadian Club membership includes dinner dances, golf, lawn bowling, a spring training game, happy hours and more

By Connie Stanley

The new Canadian Club Executive Committee has already met for the first time in the new 2022-2023 season and is really anxious to kick-off the new season of events!

To start, Blackout runs year-round at On Top of the World. Coordinator Tom Jamrozy is available to train new players, who join the Canadian Club, at 5:50 p.m. each Thursday in the West Activity Center Belleair Room. Practice games follow from 6-6:30 p.m. with regular games running from 6:30-9:30 p.m. Bring your own beverage of choice. Please note, on Sept. 22, Blackout will be in the East Activity Center Largo Room while the WAC Belleair Room undergoes maintenance.

Come and look up the Canadian Club at the OTOW 2022 Fall Festival and Expo on Saturday, Nov. 5, for early registration. Membership is only \$5 and don't forget to bring a valid OTOW Activity Card. We



Canadian Club

will be at the red and white table from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m!

We will host our formal membership registration on Nov. 16 in the East

Activity Center Auditorium at 5 p.m. Join our fun club followed by a free wine and cheese social hour. Meet some new friends and renew old acquaintances! By becoming a member you may enjoy social games-Blackout (weekly year-round), lawn bowl doubles, Golf Fun Day, a Blue Jays spring training game, A Day at the Races at Tampa Bay Downs, a picnic, happy hours (cabarets-karaoke) and enjoy membership pricing for any or all of the three dinner-dances and more!

Membership registration is only \$5 and all you need to bring is a valid OTOW Activity Card. Members of any nationality are always welcome to join. Sales Coordinator Lydia Côté will be selling tickets for the Dec. 5 Christmas dinner-dance. Costs is \$35 for members and \$40 for guests.

Also, sign-up during Registration Night for the Golf Fun Day, A Day at the Races and various other events.

Your membership includes a wine

and cheese social on Registration Night as well as a second wine and cheese social at the annual General Meeting at no additional cost.

Finally, none of the fun can exist without volunteers! On Registration Night, please sign up as a volunteer with our Volunteer Coordinator Jackie Cornett Small. The success and viability of any organization is dependent on the number of volunteers who are available to do various tasks in support of the activities of that group.

The Canadian Club has benefited from all those who have volunteered in the past and the volunteers have benefited through the new friendships they have made. We continually need to add new people to the volunteer list. As they say, "Many hands make light work!"

I hope that everyone enjoys a safe, happy and healthy Labor Day on Sept. 5 and for those of you coming home to OTOW, safe travels!

Join Art Guild in September and enjoy local artist Robert Simone as our guest speaker on Nov. 11

By Julie Awot

The Art Guild is excited to participate in the Good Neighbors Association Get Acquainted Coffee event on Thursday, Sept. 8.

Please be sure to visit our information table. We want to meet you and share our vision for the 2022-2023 season.

We will have a handout of upcoming events. You can also preregister for any of our November or December events.

Right now, with summer winding down, we are still enjoying our Painting Pals on Wednesdays and Friendship Painters on Thursdays from 1-4 p.m. We meet in the East Activity Center Largo Room.

Have you ever thought about instructing?

Do you have an art form or technique you would like to demonstrate?



Art Guild

Let us know.

Please speak to one of us at Art Guild or email Irene LeBel at imeems@comcast.net.

Listed below is a summary of activi-

ties scheduled in November and December. Mark your calendar as I'm sure we have something for everybody.

On Friday, Nov. 11 at 1 p.m., we officially kick off the season with our first Art Guild meeting.

What? You still haven't joined the guild? This is the day. We will welcome all members and have a short meeting from 1-2 p.m.

At 2 p.m. we welcome Robert Simone, painter. Local to St Petersburg, Robert is inspired by coastal and marine subjects. He will share his creative process from blank canvas to finished piece.

On Tuesday, Nov. 29, from 7-9 p.m. we will be hosting a paint and sip. We will be painting a holiday-themed project. The location is the EAC kitchen.

This is a fun time, but you need to

register. The cost is \$25, which includes everything, but the wine. This is a bring your own beverage event. Don't miss the fun of creating your own masterpiece.

On Friday, Dec. 9, at 1 p.m. we will have our monthly Art Guild meeting and our Christmas party. Location is the EAC Largo Room.

On Thursday, Dec. 15, a lecture and field trip to the Salvador Dali museum is planned. Cost for this outing is \$15 and you must register by Dec. 1.

Please pick up information about these and other coming events at our Art Guild table on Sept. 8.

In the meantime, beauty surrounds us and the creative spirit dwells within us all. Why not join the Art Guild and let your creativity flourish?

Interested in live theater at OTOW, attend our picnic on Sept. 7

By Maxine Sutcliffe

With 20 members on hand at our Aug. 3 monthly meeting, Theater Workshop had a very pleasant social gathering.

There were the usual goodies, followed by a general meeting led by Assistant President Keith Elder.

A sign-up sheet for our Sept. 7 cookout at the Pavilion was available – this is so we know how many guests to tell the caterer since the club will be grilling hamburgers, hot dogs and providing salads, beans, bread rolls, condiments, soda



and water (of course you are welcome to BYOB).

Remember, there are no tickets for

this event and no charges, although a donation box will be available (and appreciated).

At the time of this newspaper going to print, there was still time to sign up. You can register by Sept. 3 by emailing Maxine Sutcliffe at maxjust43@yahoo.com or calling Keith at (813) 731-4530.

We will be setting up from 6:30-7 p.m. Dinner will be served starting about 7 p.m.

Our cookout invitation is extended to existing and yet-to-renew previous members, their guests and any interested pos-

sible members from within the On Top of the World community.

Come and find out more about our club and be part of our interest in anything theatrical.

A photographer also will be on hand. After enjoying our food and drinks, there will be a brief general meeting that will include details of preparations for our show planned for March 2023.

Membership interest sign-up sheets will be available and our annual fee remains at only \$5.



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Introducing six ladies who keep Line Dance Club dancing

By Leila Walker

What do these lovely line dancers have in common?

They are dedicated to the On Top of the World Line Dance Club.

You can see them dancing on Tuesdays and Saturdays. They love to dance and participate in OTOW line dancing activities. They are very special ladies.

Debbie Mayo helps to set up and take down items being used during line dancing sessions. She also helps to cue in the dances. She is always available to lend assistance.

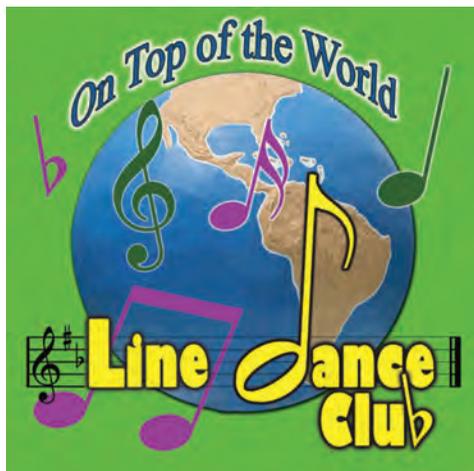
Madeleine Fontaine and Vonnie Oto also step in to help Debbie and substitutes for her when she is not available.

The OTOW Line Dance Club officers want to thank these ladies for their assistance and their dedication. It takes many people to make a club successful.

Join these ladies for line dancing.

Line dance sessions are held every Tuesday from 1-3 p.m. in the East Activity Center Auditorium. Advanced Beginner is offered from 1-2 p.m. and Improver from 2-3 p.m.

Line dance sessions are also offered every Saturday from 8:30-10:30 a.m. in the



EAC Auditorium. Advanced Beginner is offered from 8:30-9:30 a.m. and Improver from 9:30-10:30 a.m.

Practice sessions take place on Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays from 7-8 a.m. in the East Activity Center Exercise Room. These sessions prepare you for the Tuesday afternoon session and the Saturday morning session.

If you need additional information, contact President Leila Walker at Leila.g.walker1@gmail.com or text/call at 443-845-7842.



From left to right are Cheryl Pollock, Pat Van Hise, Debbie Mayo, Madeleine Fontaine, Vonnie Oto and Laurie Le Claire.

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Maureen Bjorgo has blue spots all over her bingo cards. Must be good luck from her trinkets as she closes in on a bingo.

Bingo Marathon set for Oct. 15

By Diane Like

On Top of the World Bingo has announced its first Bingo Marathon since the start of the pandemic.

The big event is scheduled for Saturday, Oct. 15. Doors at the East Activity Center Auditorium will open at 10 a.m. and bingo will begin at noon.

Why is the marathon event so exciting to our bingo players?

It's the prize money!

Awards for each game range from \$70 to \$200 per game.

The 28 games to be played will vary to provide a change of pace.

One person was recently heard saying, "I'd love to go, but I don't know if I can play bingo all day."

While it is called a "marathon," it really only lasts approximately four hours and lunch is provided during a break.



In addition to lunch, everyone gets a complimentary donut when they arrive. Goodie bags will also be provided.

We only have room for 200 players. If you're interested, please stop by during regular Monday night bingo to get your tickets soon as we've already sold more than half of those available reservations.

Tickets are available on Mondays from 4-6 p.m. in the East Activity Center Auditorium and the cost is \$30 per ticket.

Tickets must be purchased in advance.

If you have a group of six players or more, buy your tickets at the same time and we'll reserve a table just for you.

Get your tickets soon, we look forward to having you join us!

Monday, Sept 18 is "Support the Troops Night"

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| Socks, Mostly White | Cookies (sealed packages) | Twizzlers |

Football season is here: Dress accordingly for the next Lambda Club fall social

By Dave Beaven

Ahh, September.

Known for the start of fall and football season.

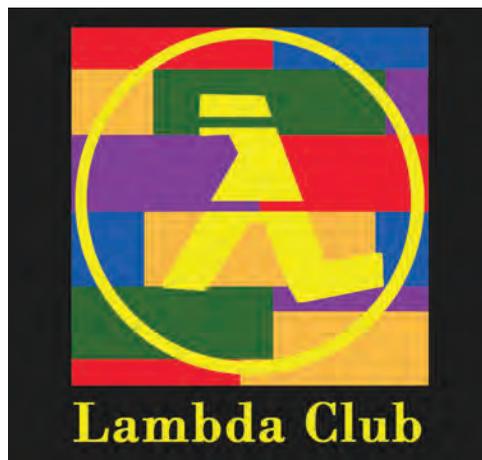
A time when people go down to their favorite pub, order a pitcher of beer and watch their favorite team on a big TV.

In keeping with that tradition, our Lambda Club monthly social will have the theme: sports bar!

Wear your favorite team shirt and come on down.

Doors will open at 7 p.m. in the East Activity Center Largo Room on Friday, Sept. 9.

We'll have a big game playing on TV, of course. Meanwhile, the club bar will be serving Touchdown Punch. Don't drink too much or you might find yourself out



of bounds!

As usual, our Lambda chefs will be putting on a nice spread of hors d'oeuvres,

A weasel walks into a bar. The bartender looks at him and says, "Wow, I've never served a weasel before. What can I get you?" "Pop," goes the weasel.

main dishes and desserts to keep up your strength as you root for your team while catching up with old friends and making new ones.

A favorite activity in bars is exchanging jokes. Most of them are quite silly. There are two with this article.

If you have any other bar jokes, we'd love to hear them. Join us on Sept. 9. We'll save you a seat.

Lambda is a social club for the LGBT

A man walks into a bar and orders 12 shots of whiskey. The bartender sets them up and the man gulps them down quickly.

"Why are you drinking so fast?" said the barkeep.

The man replied, "You'd drink fast too if you had what I have."

"Why? What do you have?"

"Only 12 cents."

residents and any other residents of On Top of the World who would like to get to know us. If you are interested in finding out more about the Lambda Club, visit our webpage: lambdaclearwater.blogspot.com, or call Dave at 727-410-7566.

Information about clubs and groups: otowboxoffice.com

If you enjoy mixing colors and creating beautiful art, give the Coloring Book Club a try - we love butterflies

By Elsie Paulan

Congratulations to this year's Coloring Book Club contest winner.

Check out the winning entries on page 68.

There were so many entries this year that it was really hard to pick the winner, but members of the Coloring Book Club got together and did it. This gets more challenging each year.



Judging started with anonymous drawings. We did not know the names of the artists. We judged based on uniqueness, staying within the lines and overall color matching.

There were six judges. Three liked one entry the best. Three like a second entry the best. With the judges unable to decide one winner, we picked two winners.

Do you remember from your grade school days that a blue and yellow crayon color makes green? Blue and red makes purple. Red and yellow makes orange.

Gel pens and felt markers don't do this today, but pencils and, of course crayons, still do.

So if you colored in the contest picture in the August newspaper, or if you think you would enjoy coloring in the butterfly on this page, join us and see what



By Midge Weatherwax

else you can create.

We meet Wednesdays in the Crystal Beach Room in the East Activity Center from noon until 3 p.m.

This month's butterfly picture was colored by Midge Weatherwax, who is a fairly new resident to On Top of the World.

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SPORTS

Jack Gow and Ted Rost prove you can play tennis past 80

By Joe DeCiaro

They may not be the best tennis players in our world, but they are the longest-tenured players in the On Top of the World Tennis Club.

Jack Gow has been playing tennis the last 25 years and Ted Rost has been playing the last 18 years. Jack is 84 years old while Ted is 93 years old.

Jack has been a part of many other clubs that include golf, chairman of the Entertainment Committee and chairman of the Good Neighbors Association. He has excelled in the tennis club, winning tournaments in the '90s in singles, mixed double and men's doubles. He is also a previous Men's Golf Association club champion for Flight A.

Jack's motto has always been and still is, "let's have some fun! fun! fun! Missing a shot in tennis means nothing. Consider this, you are alive. Enjoy."

Ted used to play in another tennis club outside of OTOW. He enjoyed playing card games with his wife, Ann, until COVID appeared. He has been a 20-year supporter of the Florida Sheriff's Youth Programs.

Both men have agreed that OTOW is a great place to live, meet new people and play tennis.



Pictured above are two of the longest tenured players in the Tennis Club. Jack Gow has been playing tennis the last 25 years and Ted Rost has been playing the last 18 years here at On Top of the World.



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There is no scientific explanation why golf courses have 18 holes - unless you believe there are 18 shots in a bottle

By Barney Harahan

As I prepared this news report, I wanted to try to enlighten our fellow golfers as to some of the interesting history that led to our game's creation.

We hope future reports will share many of the achievements we have at our two courses. But for now, we raise the question: Why are there 18 holes in golf rather than 19, 20 or more?

Rumor has it that the original concept of 18 was introduced by a member at St Andrews Golf Course in the early 1800s. Legend is that the reason 18 holes were created was because a bottle of whiskey contained the same number of shots as holes on a course, thus providing just enough drinks for each hole.

Although this bit of lore is very interesting and has charm, it is not true.

The Old Course at St. Andrews is the oldest recognized course in the world, and anything repeated from its members seems to carry a lot of weight. Golf, although not called that in the beginning, dates to 1552 in Scotland.

St. Andrews' course dates to 1574. Later, the Old Course of St Andrews opened in 1764 with two courses comprised of four holes played twice. Eventually converting to a 10- and eight-hole course, and later combined to become the 18-hole game in 1858. St. Andrews claimed to have 22 holes at one time.

There were courses dating back as far as 1744 that had five, seven, eight, nine, 11 holes, and one course actually had 25

Men's Golf

holes. This was Musselburgh of Scotland that eventually converted to 18 holes.

By 1891, the three foremost golf courses (St. Andrew - Prestwich - Muirfield) had 18-hole courses and offered these to the Open for competition.

Ironically the 18 holes began play in 1933 but never reached Rules of Golf acceptance until 1950. The PGA used the 18-hole guideline starting in 1933 but only recognized it officially in 1950.

OK. Enough of the grand history of the game we love so much. Good luck to you all.

Now to current scores.

Weekly Flight Scores

July 13

Flight A

Top Scores: Jim Anzalone, 63, Stanley Doran, 64, Mike Schuyler, 66, Roy Monthieth, 68, Mike Crittendon, 69.

Flight B

Top Scores: Mike Smith, 62, David Johnson, 65, Sal Vasapolie, 68, Ken Nield, 75.

Flight C

Top Scores: Ronal Murray, 57, Dave Combs, 58, Gerald Morrissette, 63, Jack Gow, 63, Bob McGrogan, 67.

Flight D

Top Scores: Jay Laracuate, 59, Joe

Ventimiglia, 64, Henry Rejman, 64, Les Meneilly, 73.

July 20

Flight A

Top Scores: Jere Keiser, 63, Roger Amundson, 63, Jim Anzalone, 65, Mike Crittendon, 65, Bill Whipps, 65

Flight B

Top Scores: David Johnson, 58, Dave Cox, 64, Mike Smith, 64, Sal Vasapolie, 67,

Flight C

Top Scores: Dave Combes, 61, Patrick Mahoney, 63, Peter 64, Sonny Morris, 64, Gerald Morrissette, 64.

Flight D

Top Scores: Joe Ventimiglia, 67, Phil Perez, 69, C.J. Messina, 69.

July 27

Flight A

Top Scores: Jim Anzalone, 62, Stanley Doran, 62, Roy Monthieth, 64, Lester Whynot, 67, Mike Schuyler, 70.

Flight B

Top Scores: Dave Cox, 64, David Johnson, 64, Ken Nield, 66, Ed Fox, 70, Sal Vasapolie, 71.

Flight C

Top Scores: Bob McGrogan, 61, Jack Gow, 62, Ronald Murray, 65, Sonny Morris, 65, Gerald Morrissette, 65.

Flight D

Top Scores: Les Meneilly, 67, Jay Laracuate, 70, Phil Perez, 73, Joe Ventimiglia, 73.

August 3

Flight A

Top Scores: Lester Whynot, 62, John Taylor, 63, Stanley Doran, 63, Jim Anzalone, 66, Roy Monthieth, 66.

Flight B

Top Scores: Ronald Murray, 60, Gerald Morrissette, 61, Dave Combs, 61, David Johnson, 63, Marc Schell, 66.

Flight C

Top Scores: Ken Nield, 62, Jack Gow, 64, Chuck McAllister, 65, Peter Rode, 67, Tim Palmquist, 68.

Flight D

Top Scores: Harry Crawford, 63, Henry Rejman, 65, Joseph Dowe, 66, Joe Ventimiglia, 66.

August 10

Flight A

Top Scores: John Taylor, 62, Roger Amundson, 63, Nilson Sabadin, 55, John Lewis, 65, Stanley Doran, 66.

Flight B

Top Scores: Dave Combs, 62, Jay Schwallie, 65, Ed Fox, 68, David Johnson, 68, Marc Schell, 68.

Flight C

Top Scores: Sonny Morris, 57, Ken Nield, 62, Tim Palmquist, 67, Chuck McAllister, 68, Sal Vasapolie, 75.

Flight D

Top Scores: Joe Ventimiglia, 61, Jay Laracuate, 69, Harry Crawford, 69, Phil Perez, 71, Les Meneilly, 73.

On Top of the World

Movie Night - September

"Being the Ricardos," Wednesday, Sept. 21, 4-6 pm, EAC Auditorium

Throughout the 1950s, Lucille Ball and her husband, Desi Arnaz, dominated prime time television as its leading comedic duo. Yet over one week, alarming allegations and a political scandal threatened to upend their livelihood - a crisis that had potential to dismantle their marriage as well.

Cast

Nicole Kidman, Javier Bardem, J.K. Simmons, Nina Arianda

The movie and popcorn are free!
Good Neighbors Association will be selling soda and water from the Good Karma Outpost.

To register please call 727-799-2734 or email general_activity@otowfl.com. Reference the movie and leave your name, building, unit number and your phone number.
If there are open seats at 4 pm, residents are welcome, first come, first serve.





OTOW Softball League rules enable anyone to play regardless of skill levels

By Bob Rittner

In college, my friend Ron would wake up one morning, sniff the air and announce, "Softball season is here. Get your glove. We will play today."

Snow might still be on the ground, the temperature might be hovering around freezing, but who were we to question the oracle.

These days, our decision to play is more regularized.

Our first game will be on Thursday, Oct. 13, because that is the day our contract starts with the Safety Harbor recreation department. We will play every Tuesday and Thursday, except Thanksgiving Day, until April 13.

The On Top of the World Softball League is a coed organization fostering fun and camaraderie. Everyone, regardless of age, skill or physical condition, enjoys the experience of being on the ball field,



much like when we were children playing ball with friends.

We expect players to arrive each game day no later than 7:45 a.m. so we can set up the teams to play at 8 a.m.

Whenever possible, we try to place people in positions they prefer, but expect everyone to be willing to shift around so all can have an opportunity to play where they like.

Before we begin the season, we will meet at the Paradise Restaurant in Safety Harbor for a pre-season meeting where we expect to introduce new players and discuss issues, such as rule changes.

If you wish to join, you may come to the restaurant on Thursday, Oct. 6 at noon where we will provide everyone with pizza and ask you only to pay for drinks from the restaurant. The league will pay the gratuity.

New this year, we will have a batting practice day at the Safety Harbor field on Tuesday, Oct. 11. If you miss the meeting, show up by 8 a.m. at the field and register with us. Should you be unable to do so, just attend our game that Thursday or an-

other one later and sign up. The dues are \$50 for the season, which include three shirts - one red, one white and one blue -- provided by the Paradise Restaurant, our sponsor.

The reason for three shirts is that last season we had so many players, we often played three-team softball to accommodate all the participants. It is the same game, but with three teams, one team hits, one fields and one "sits."

We rotate so everyone hits and fields each inning in the course of a game.

For more information about our softball league, contact Bob Rittner at 727-735-1762 or send an email to bobrittner@yahoo.com. You can also visit our web page on the Box Office at otowboxoffice.com

Fred Schick, Len Howell tie on 'short course'

The Friday Mixed Golf League held a nine-hole tournament in August and used the 18-hole course.

How did they do that?

Holes 1-4 were used, and 14-18.

The "short course."

First place was Fred Schick with a plus 7. Second place was Len Howell with a plus 7. Third place was Bruce MacPherson with a plus 6.

First place was decided by a match of cards.

Closest to the pin on hole No. 3A was Rick Muchler, on hole No. 3B was Fred Schick, on holes No. 15A was Sheryl Barbin, on hole No.15B Bruce MacPherson, on hole No. 16A was Bruce MacPherson

Friday Golf

son and on hole No.16B was Paul Meyers.

Skins were recorded by Rick Muchler, on hole No. 3, Fred Peace on hole No. 5, and Harry Barbin on holes No. 15 and 17.

Low Gross was Bruce MacPherson with a 60.

Friday Aug. 12

First place was Andy Polselli with a plus 14. Second place was Len Howell with a plus 7. Third place was Harry Barbin with a plus 4.

Closest to the pin on hole No. 3 was Bruce MacPherson, on hole No. 5 was

Andy Polselli, on hole No.6 was Ken Oatsvall, on hole No. 9 was Sheryl Barbin, on hole No. 13 was Dave Pittenger, on hole No. 15 was Sonny Morris and on hole No. 16 was Ken Smith.

Skins were recorded by Harry Barbin on holes No. 1, 2 and 8, Ken Smith on hole No. 4, Fred Peace on hole No.12 and Ken Oatsvall on hole No.16.

Low Gross was Harry Barbin with a 64.

The Friday Mixed Golf League was created to provide On Top of the World men and women with a venue for competition using the United States Golf Association rules of golf. Our league uses the USGA Stableford scoring format, which

is a Quota Point system used by many leagues throughout the country.

In this format each player has a point quota and they try to play above their quota, not directly against other players. This allows players of all skill levels to compete fairly each week.

We play every Friday, weather permitting. The championship season is November through April. Summer and fall golf continue May through October.

Volunteers are needed to help run the league and form committees that oversee and govern the league.

If interested, contact Harry Barbin at 215-514-1280 or send an email to harrybarbin1@gmail.com.

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Ladies 18-hole golf season starts Oct. 4 with some optional perks

By Gloria Sayer

It is that time of the year when the On Top of the World Ladies 18-Hole Golf Association fall season begins Tuesday, Oct. 4.

The shotgun start is 8:30, however, we would like everyone to arrive at the golf course at least 20 minutes prior the shotgun start. You need time to sign in at the Green Shack, participate in our optional Chip-In Contest (\$1 extra), participate in our optional Closest-To-The-Pin contest (25 cents) and purchase 50/50 tickets (\$1 for 1 ticket or \$2 for three tickets).

All the optional events are sure to make the game more fun and maybe make us play just a little better to cash in.

League volunteers will be at the Green Shack to help with your sign-in and help you participate in the optional items.

Ladies 18 Golf

Suellen Dowe is the October chairperson. You can call her at 727-301-6973 to sign up for golf or if you need to cancel golf.

Sherry Ivey will be at the Green Shack, at the 18-hole golf course, from 7:45-8:30 a.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 27, to accommodate the ladies signing up for golf on Oct. 4.

You can call Sherry at 727-797-8354 if you have any questions regarding sign-up for Oct. 4. Please make sure you bring your updated Activity Card and your dues, cash or check on Sept. 27.

The first day of our golf season we ask that you bring your updated On Top

of The World Activity Card and your dues. The dues for the 2022-2023 season are \$35 and can be paid in cash (receipt available) or by check made out to On Top of the World Ladies 18-Hole Golf Association.

If you are interested in joining our golf group, we welcome you with open arms.

Joy Walker is our membership chairperson and you can contact Joy at 585-703-0757 with any questions or concerns you may have. All members must have an updated Activity Card.

Our 2022-2023 officers are President Sherry Ivey; Vice President Joy Walker; Secretary Donna Osborne and Treasurer Verna Lundgren. We welcome present members and new members to the On Top of the World Ladies 18-Hole Golf

Association.

You may reach out to our officers or any member of the association to answer your questions, but Membership Chairperson Joy Walker is your best source for information.

Please check the golf course bulletin board across from the pro shop for information regarding our association and upcoming events.

We are excited about our season starting Tuesday, Oct. 4, with an 8:30 a.m. shotgun start.

I, for one, am excited to see everyone and continue or renew our friendships, and I hope to welcome new members.

If you want to golf with the girls come join us. I promise you will love it.

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More days added to work in our jewelry-making room

By Jesse Tiamson

Good news for jewelry-making hobbyists!

The On Top of the World Jewelry-Making Room, formerly called the lapidary shop, will now be open Monday through Friday from 1-3 p.m.

Jewelry-making is part of the Fixers, Fiddlers and Fumblers Club that deals with stoncutting, facet making and gemstone polishing.

Charlie Fuhr, the man in charge of jewelry-making, has agreed to change the hours of operation from Tuesdays and Thursdays only, to the new schedule, to accommodate residents who are actively participating in morning events and activities.

We hope this change will encourage residents to learn the art of stoncutting, and gem polishing.

Membership to the club costs \$35 a year and automatically gets you in the woodshop as well as the jewelry-making room. You also get a chance to volunteer and learn how to make wooden toys at the toy shop under the leadership of Bob Patrick.

These new hours will be effective Sept. 1 when the woodshop goes back to its regular hours of operation, Monday to Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The woodshop will be participating in the Fall Expo on Nov. 5 and the Craft



Jewelry Making

Show/Flea Market on Nov. 12. They will be offering wood projects at suggested prices to residents as part of fundraising efforts.

Club members have been busy making artisan pens, cheese-cutting boards, kitchen cutting boards, jewelry boxes of all shapes and sizes, wood flower vases and bowl dishes, coasters, ice cream scoops, fruit scoops, coffee scoops, cookie scoops, walking sticks, wine bottle stoppers, wood boxes, wooden game puzzles, step stools, and wooden bracelets, etc.

Residents who are interested in joining our club can drop in at the woodshop any time between 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday to sign up.

All that is required to show proof of residency is your activity card and \$35 for the membership fee.



On Top of the World resident Sandy Carter does facet work under the guidance of Charlie Fuhr.



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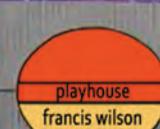
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Something new! Music bingo

The Good Neighbors Association of On Top of the World will be presenting a unique bingo experience on Sunday, Oct. 16.

The event is called Music Bingo.

If you love music of our generation, as well as bingo, this event will be a treat.

If you've never heard of Music Bingo, then all the more reason you should come and experience it.

And for a bonus, dinner will be served for a very reasonable price, on a pre-sale basis.

Attendees can opt out of the dinner.

More information will be available at the Good Neighbors Association information table during club ticket sales every Monday and Thursday starting on Sept. 1.

Mark your calendars and drop in!



Get Acquainted Coffee returns Sept. 8

Opera Tampa will be back at On Top of the World for the first time in three years and Get Acquainted Coffee is back for the first time this summer.

Get Acquainted Coffee, hosted by Good Neighbors Association, will take place 9-11 a.m. in the East Activity Center Auditorium. Clubs and groups will have information tables starting at 8:30. Opera Tampa will perform live at about 9:30 a.m.

There will be free refreshments, community announcements and raffles. We will also welcome new residents.

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Fred's classes are open to all residents with a valid activity card. Social Dance takes place every Thursday afternoons, 1-3 p.m., in the West Activity Center Bel-leair Room.

Shuffleboard Club

Monday through Sunday

6:00 - 7:30 p.m.

Philosophy Club is back

The On Top of the World Philosophy Club is meeting again. The group will get together from 10-11:30 a.m. every Tuesday in the East Activity Center Crystal Beach Room.

Join us for interesting and lively conversations. Each week is a different subject. You may come just to listen. You may volunteer to present a topic, but we do not discuss religion or politics. Please be respectful of different values. Coffee, water and tea are available. Everyone must wear a mask.



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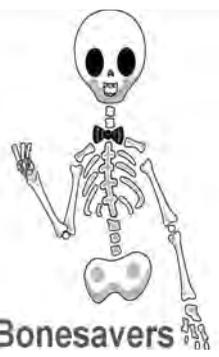


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Bonesavers

The Bonesavers exercise group meets every Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 8-9 a.m. in the East Activity Center Largo Room.

We use hand weights and ankle weights, a towel and a chair.

If you want to try it out, just come over and borrow the weights we already have available.

Men and women are both welcome.

Ballroom dance classes



Ballroom dance classes will take place at 1 p.m. every Monday in the East Activity Center Largo Room.

The instructor is Noland Shade, who teaches beginner dancing to help couples learn how to dance socially.

Dance lessons are taught at a slow pace so anyone can learn how to dance over time.

No pre-registration is necessary. Simply show up and learn.

Majongg players wanted over the summer

Wanted: Mah Jongg players to fill in at our afternoon games. We play Monday and Wednesday afternoons from 1-3:30 p.m. in residents' condos. Please call Libby at 727-669-1486. NO EXPERIENCE NEEDED!

Billiards

9-Ball Tuesdays 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.
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Ceramics

Thursdays

10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Clearwater Room

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Saturdays

10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Crystal Beach Room

Two new recipes for one of the world's favorite meats - chicken



Chicken is the most common type of poultry in the world.

In fact, about 50 billion chickens are harvested worldwide each year.

(www.weforum.org/agenda/2019/02/chart-of-the-day-this-is-how-many-animals-we-eat-each-year)

Because of the relative ease and low cost of raising chickens, in comparison to mammals such as cattle or hogs, chicken meat and eggs have become prevalent in numerous cuisines.

Chicken Types

Chicken falls into several categories - all of which relate to age. Age dictates the cooking method.

A broiler chicken, for instance, may be broiled or roasted, but its very tender flesh becomes dry and stringy if it is fricasseed.

The full-flavored stewing hen, on the other hand, must be fricasseed or stewed as its flesh is too firm to be cooked in any other way.

Defrosting

Frozen Chicken Best Method

According to those in the business, leave your chicken in its transparent wrapper and let it thaw in the refrigerator. Chicken will lose much less of its juice and flavor.

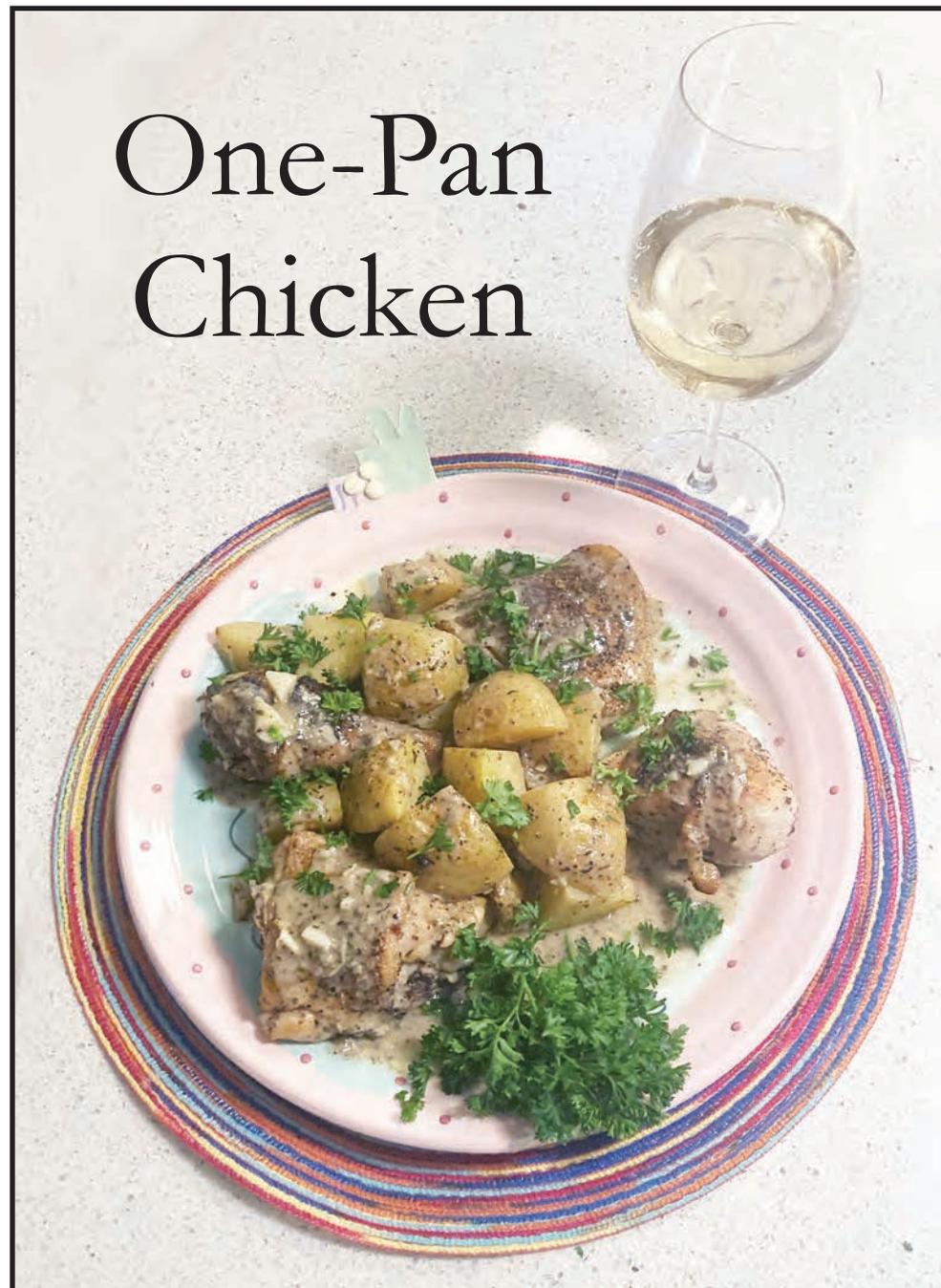
The best alternative is to unwrap your chicken, put it in a basin of cold running water, removing the package of giblets from the cavity as soon as it can be pried loose, and pull the legs and wings away from the body as soon as they will move.

Chicken can be prepared in a vast range of ways, including baking, grilling, barbecuing, frying and boiling.

Since the latter half of the 20th century, prepared chicken has become a staple of fast food. Chicken is sometimes cited as being more healthful than red meat with lower concentrations of cholesterol and saturated fat.

Chicken after thaw can be kept in the refrigerator for three to five days. If you freeze chicken and properly wrap it, it can be kept to one year.

Cooked chicken will taste best if kept frozen up to four months. Cooked poultry casseroles, or pieces covered with broth or gravy, will taste good after being frozen for six months. Chicken nuggets or patties will still taste good one to three months after frozen.



One-Pan Chicken

Here are a couple recipes I put together that I think you will enjoy:

Indoor Pulled Chicken

Ingredients

1 cup chicken broth
2 tablespoons molasses
1 tablespoon liquid smoke
1 teaspoon unflavored gelatin
salt and pepper
2 pounds boneless, skinless chicken thighs, halved crosswise
2 cups of your favorite barbeque sauce
1 tablespoon sugar

Directions

Bring broth, molasses, sugar, 2 teaspoons liquid smoke, gelatin and 1 teaspoon salt to a boil in a large Dutch oven over high heat.

Stir to dissolve sugar.

Add chicken and return to simmer.

Reduce heat to medium-low, cover and cook, stirring occasionally, until chicken is easily shredded with fork - about 25 minutes.

Transfer chicken to medium bowl and set aside.

Strain cooking liquid through fine-mesh strainer set over a bowl (do not wash pot). Let liquid settle for five minutes. Skim fat from surface. Set aside fat and defatted liquid.

Using tongs, squeeze chicken until shredded into bite-size pieces.

Transfer chicken, 2 cups of barbeque sauce, 1/2 cup reserved defatted liquid, 3 tablespoons reserved fat, and remaining 1 teaspoon liquid smoke to now-empty pot.

Cook mixture over medium heat, stirring frequently, until liquid has been absorbed and exterior of chicken appears dry - about 5 minutes.

Season with salt and pepper, and add hot sauce to taste.

One-Pan Chicken and Potatoes

For this recipe you'll need a roasting pan that measures at least 16 by 12 inches.

Trim all the skin from the underside of the thighs, but leave the skin on top intact.

Ingredients

2 bone-in chicken thighs, trim
2 chicken legs
Kosher salt and pepper
1 pound Yukon Gold Potatoes, cut into 2 to 3 inches in diameter, halved crosswise
2 tablespoons vegetable oil
10 garlic cloves, peeled
1 tablespoon lemon juice
1 teaspoon dried oregano
1/2 teaspoon dried thyme
1 cup dry white wine
2 tablespoons parsley

Directions

Adjust oven rack to upper-middle position and heat to 450 degrees.

Pat chicken dry with paper towels and sprinkle on both sides with salt and pepper.

Toss potatoes with 1 tablespoon oil and salt. Mince 2 whole garlic cloves and immediately combine with lemon juice in small bowl. Set aside.

Heat remaining 1 tablespoon oil in large roasting pan over medium-high heat until shimmering.

Place chicken, skin side down, in single layer in pan and cook, without moving it, until chicken has rendered about 2 tablespoons of fat - 2 to 3 minutes.

Place potatoes cut side down in chicken fat, arranging so that cut sides are in complete contact with surface of pan.

Sprinkle chicken and potatoes with oregano and thyme. Continue to cook until chicken and potatoes are deeply browned and crisp, 8 to 12 minutes longer, moving chicken and potatoes to ensure even browning and flipping pieces when fully browned.

When all pieces have been flipped, tuck garlic cloves among chicken and potatoes. Remove pan from heat and pour wine into pan (do not pour over chicken or potatoes).

Transfer pan to oven and roast until potatoes are tender when pierced with tip of a knife and the chicken registers 185 to 190 degrees - 15 to 20 minutes.

Transfer chicken and potatoes to deep platter, browned side up. Place pan over medium heat and stir to incorporate any browned bits.

Using slotted spoon, transfer garlic cloves to cutting board. Chop coarse, then mash to smooth paste with side of knife. Whisk garlic paste into sauce.

Continue to cook until sauce coats back of a spoon - 3 to 5 minutes. Remove from heat, whisk in reserved lemon juice mixture and 1 tablespoon parsley. Pour sauce around chicken and potatoes. Sprinkle with 1 tablespoon parsley and serve.

Cooking Tip

Frozen food that is vacuum-sealed lasts an average of 2 to 3 years, while a regular seal will only last 6-12 months.

Most vacuum-sealed food will last in the refrigerator 1-2 weeks, which is much longer than the typical 1-3 days food will last when stored conventionally in a refrigerator.



Now is the time to plant your own garden

Now is the best time to seed gardens in West Central Florida.

With the advent of cooler weather and the diminished presence of insects, September through April is the optimal gardening season.

It is valuable to know the source of your food. Plus, it is good to discover local alternative sources of healthy food in the face of inflationary pressures and possible food shortages this season. Farmers are concerned about fertilizer supply shortages and inadequate workers.

Plus, gardening is good exercise.

Did you know digging in the dirt is good for you - physically, mentally and spiritually?

Even light gardening is exercise and can be more effective in strengthening bone density than other forms of exercise. This is likely due to its weight-bearing motion.

Getting dirty exposes us to diverse soil microbes and this is beneficial to our own microbiomes.

Being out in nature reduces anxiety, depression, and stress.

There are On Top of the World folks who can recall past days when they cultivated gardens or flower beds and enjoyed reaping the rewards at the dinner table.

Maybe you'd like to do so again?

Well, here is an opportunity to do so:

A new, beautiful community garden is

Science of Cooking Healthy Food
By Marie

Email questions, suggestions and comments to
Marie
marieshealthyfood@gmail.com

open now just two miles east of OTOW at 2754 Sunset Point Road. The place is called Garden of Ridvan (Paradise).

This is a 20-acre garden envisioned by Kam Rouhani of Clearwater.

The Garden is an all-inclusive, spiritually-uplifting opportunity open to all races or creeds, and ages.

It contains 19 zones organized according to soil characteristics, water and light needs, etc.

The zone determines what type of plants are appropriate, for example vegetables, fruits, flowers, spices, herbs, etc.

A two-member family would likely

desire a 4-foot by 4-foot portion. Or an OTOW club might come together and plant an entire 10-foot by 10-foot plot.

There are no fees to do so at the present time.

A food forest exists on the property. More than 300 orange trees and many other fruit trees are planted.

A greenhouse is under construction. Common areas are maintained by the garden manager.

The vision is to offer science and nutrition classes about organic foods.

Cooking classes will teach techniques and recipes for preparing these foods.

The goal is to teach a family of four to be able to grow and eat organic food for under \$10 a meal.

And while, yes, there will be classes on how to grow organic food, the best learning will come from actually doing the growing.

Volunteers are needed for a wide variety of tasks. Examples of tasks include garden monitors, office workers, tour guides, and public speakers to inform others of the garden opportunities.

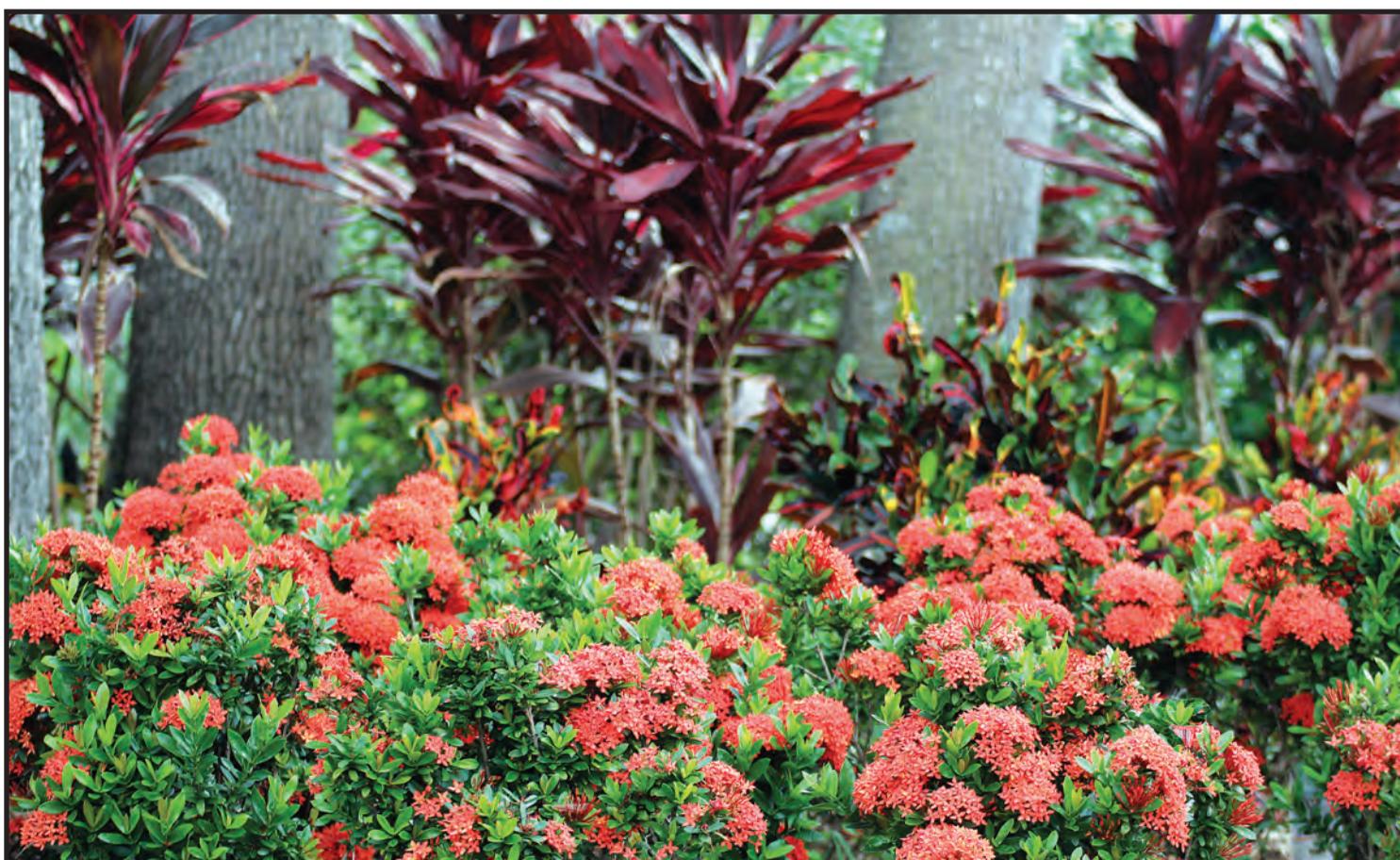
Volunteers eventually can partake of the bounty of the garden as it grows.

Many volunteers are needed!

The Garden of Ridvan is a noble and wonderful gift to our community. Check out this website to watch a video tour of the garden: www.gardenofridvan.org.



OTOW News photos by Doug Kates



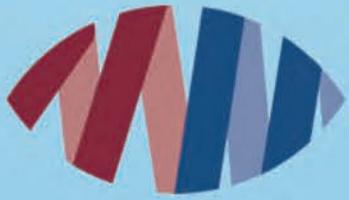
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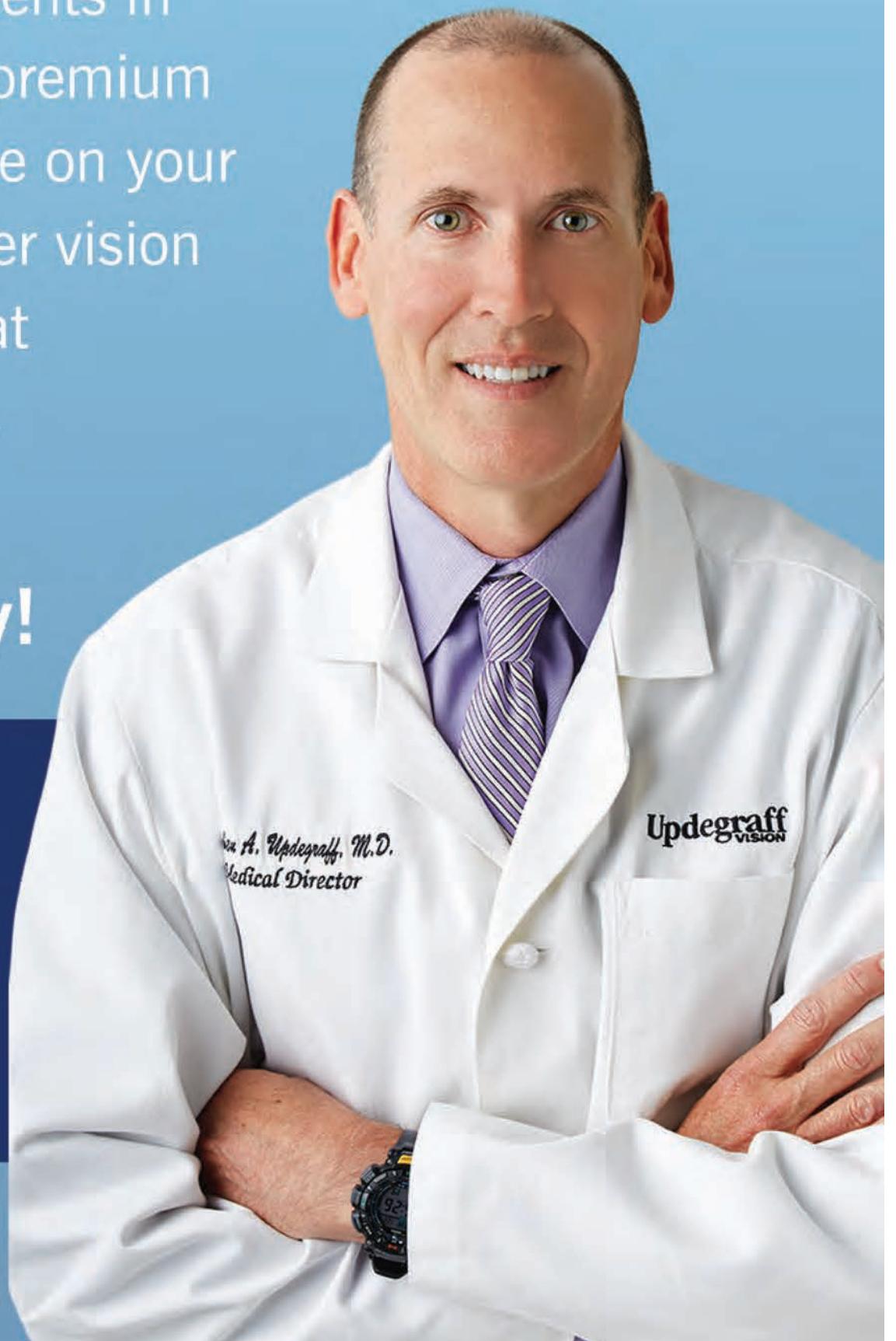
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Chetnik couple proves you can ride a bike from Maine to Key West in 50 days



At left, Beth and Jim Calvert bicycling down the east coast. Below, Beth and Jim arriving at Key West.

Most mornings I take my walk around On Top of the World and meet lots of interesting people.

One day I had the pleasure of meeting Jim Calvert and Izzy (his beautiful rescue dog) and found out they also live in the Chetnik building. We started talking, as neighbors do.

I soon learned about an amazing adventure.

Can you imagine what it would be like to ride your bicycle from Maine to Key West?

How about from the Poconos in Pennsylvania to New York City?

Or Chicago to St. Louis?

Well, meet Jim and Beth Calvert! Whether for personal pleasure or earning money for a charity, Jim and Beth have done all of them.

Jim and Beth Calvert have been living at On Top of the World for more than six years. Happily married for 51 years, Jim and Beth were childhood sweethearts who met when they were 14 and 15 years old in Virginia.

Now retired, Jim spent more than 30 years working at the corporate level for a national hardware store and 16 years working at a global beverage company.

Their first bike ride for charity was a five-day affair, 80 miles per day, from Chicago to St. Louis.

The charity was started for a young member of their family who was diagnosed with diabetes. Of course, Jim and Beth had to train for it prior to their journey.

Another scenic adventure was a bike ride on the shore coastline from the Poconos to New York City.

One of their bike rides, in 2013, started in Maine and ended in Key West. This adventure took them fifty-three days.

Jim and Beth are active members at the Country-side Christian Church (non-denominational) and are involved in fundraisers for children. The fundraisers helps children go to camp.



Jim and Beth are a very giving couple who are always helping the less fortunate.

They adopted their rescue dog, Izzy, four years ago. Izzy is from Puerto Rico and a survivor of Hurricane Maria. She lost her home and roamed the streets for more than two months until rescuers brought her to Tampa for adoption.

Izzy is about 12 years old, and Jim and Beth have enjoyed her as part of their family.

With the love and kindness that Jim and Beth have shown Izzy, she is now a perfect pet.

Jim and Beth love spending time with their two sons, two granddaughters and one great granddaughter who all reside in Florida.

Not sure who I will introduce you to in my next article from the Chetnik building, but hope they are as interesting as Jim, Beth and Izzy!

From beach-life to wilderness-life, OTOW resident catching salmon for grilling at our Pavilion



Greeting from Anchorage, Alaska, my summer home away from On Top of the World.

For those of you who don't get the chance to enjoy hiking, fishing and nature, I wanted to share my latest adventure with you.

I am having a fantastic summer hiking trails in Alaska. I have had guests from all over the country.

I still get around to playing pickleball, but in my part of the wilderness instead of my favorite OTOW courts.

I really enjoy fishing for red salmon on the famous Kenai River.

I have a friend, Bob O'Donohue, whom I place bets with. We bet first fish caught, last fish caught, largest and smallest.

Bob wins most of the time.

If you belong to the OTOW tennis or pickleball group, be pre-



pared for salmon on the Pavilion grills. You will undoubtedly get treated this fall or winter when I get back.

Doesn't this picture make you hungry for a filet?

Bob and I are also currently playing golf and tennis at the International Senior Games in Fairbanks. I will share the results in a future newspaper edition.

Greetings from Alaska.

At left, Karen French shows off a wild-caught red salmon in Alaska.

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Caroline Veach

Chorus is excited to have a new pianist

By Sylvia Rieder

Fall is upon us, bringing with it our first meeting of the On Top of the World Chorus.

The meeting was originally planned for Sept. 20, but has been rescheduled for Tuesday, Sept. 27, at 7 p.m. in the East Activity Center Oldsmar Room.

Chorus has an exciting announcement to make!

Caroline Veach has been hired as our new accompanist.

Caroline is an accomplished pianist and expert vocal, choral and instrumental accompanist. She provides piano accompaniment for solo singers, choral rehearsals and performances, vocal and instrumental ensembles, voice lessons, and auditions.

Caroline and her husband recently moved from California to Clearwater to be near their daughter and grandchildren. She began playing the piano at age 3 and accompanying groups at age 12.

Caroline's credentials are wonderful. She has a degree in music from the University of California-Berkeley, and certifications from many master music workshops. She has been associated with the Delphi academy of Los Angeles for many years.

We are thrilled to have such a talented pianist accompany our group.

A reminder to all residents who love to sing, please come and check us out.

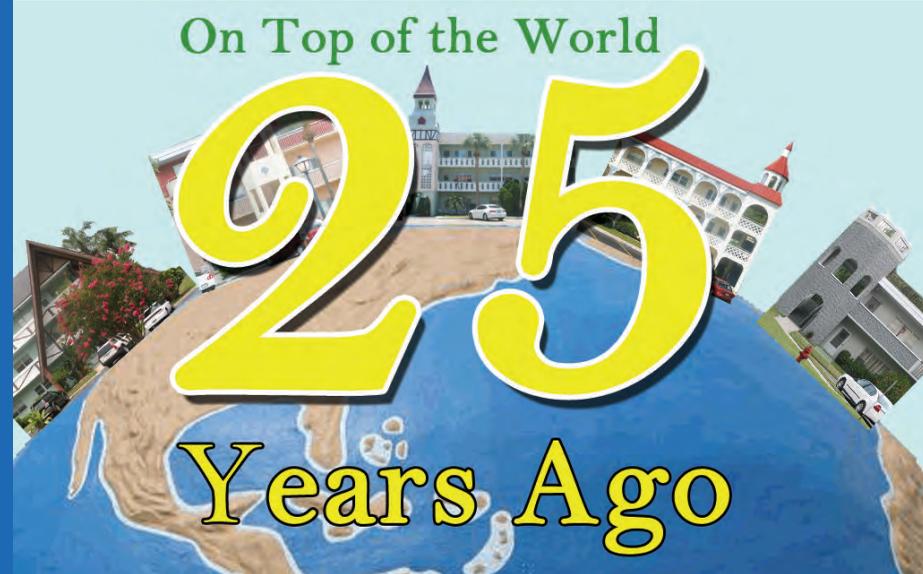
Former members, we invite you to rejoin us now that health restrictions have lessened.

We especially need more male voices. No need to get the jitters. Just bring your enthusiasm to sing. Our club members laugh and sing and just have lots of fun.

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Chorus



By Dave Hart

September 1997 Newspaper

- Great Lakes Club: We hope all of you enjoyed your summer activities and are now making plans for the fall. Don't forget Oktoberfest, Friday, Oct. 17, 1997. The party starts at 7 p.m. Tickets go on sale Sept. 22, 1997. Those of you who have attended know why this affair is so popular. Beer, wine and soda will be served, as well as a snack buffet which consists of cold cuts, cheese, German potato salad, pickles, bread and crackers. Music for your listening and dancing pleasure by the Bill Murphy Trio.

- OTOW Library News: Now is not the time to think about washing windows, polishing the silverware or rearranging the furniture! The true Floridian sits down in a favorite lounge chair, turns down the thermostat, opens a book and relaxes! Good advice? Well, first drop by the OTOW library on Tuesday or Friday afternoon for a good book. Here are a few new books purchased for the library: "Unnatural Exposure" by Patricia Cornwell, "Murder in the House" by Margaret Truman, "The Obsession" by Catherine Cookson and "River Without End" by Pamela Jekel. Large Type: "Sanctuary" by Nora Roberts and "Acts of Love" by Judith Michael. Happy Reading!

- Tuesday Men's Bowling: Hey fellows, the OTOW Tuesday Men's Bowling League at Rainbow Lanes starts the 1997/98 season on October 14, 1997. Also remember practice begins about 12:15 and bowling starts at 12:30 sharp. It's not too early to think about getting ready or getting back in shape through practice bowling. Several the bowlers are showing up every Tuesday at Rainbow Lanes to practice. They start arriving between 8:30 and 9:30 A.M. and form groups. New bowlers are most welcome and needed. If interested, please call Ed Gust.

- Shuffleboard Club: As you will notice, we have a long list of three-game winners this time, the reason being, we were on vacation, but our great shufflers kept up the good work while we were away. Also, it is nice having Jim Lavelle back with us. (All 1997): June 16: Rose Marie Starr, Tom Bradley. June 17: Dave Fraser, Anna Mae Fraser. June 19: Tom Bradley, Marx Kristek, Betty Aldrich. June 23: Jerry McQuinn. June 30: Tom Bradley, Marx Kristek, Rose Marie Starr. July 1: Marx Kristek. July 7: Betty Aldrich, Marx Kristek, Beverly Kristek.

- South Seas Building: Big South Seas welcome to new residents David and Roseanne Pert from Scotland. Also, the same welcome mat is out for Donald and Patricia Viane from Park Ridge, Ill. You may only realize after a few weeks with us that you have been astute enough to pick one of the most pleasant buildings to reside in. We hope that you will all join us for the building activities. We look forward to having you share our lifestyle. Summer comings and goings at the South Seas: Ruth and John Orban attended their grandson's wedding in Ithaca, N.Y., then visited Cape May, N.J. and Delaware.

- Brittany Farmhouse: Mae and Larry Herschelman celebrated their 11th wedding anniversary with friends. The couples had a lovely evening attending the Musicana Dinner Theater which included a delicious dinner and a very entertaining show. Congratulations Mae and Larry. A close friend of Barb Page that she worked with for eight years in Beardstown, Ill., Peggy Miller, was Barb's guest for five days. They drove to Sarasota and shopped at St. Armand Circle. Peggy enjoyed the beaches and sand in that area. It was a long cold winter in the Midwest, and she thoroughly enjoyed the Florida lifestyle.

OTOW-TV Channel 732
For people with Spectrum

Villa Riviera votes Carl Turner as building captain - now Carl has to figure out what building captains do

What does On Top of the World in the early 2020s have in common with Rural Mississippi in the late 1940s?

Carl Turner.

Carl made a very quiet entry into the world in 1949 in Turnertown, Miss.

The town of close to 20 was named for his grandfather who had opened the first cotton gin and general store.

Anyone who thought the child had made an inauspicious debut was sadly mistaken. He excelled at school, becoming one of the early participants in Mississippi State University's nuclear engineering program and working in that industry for the first 20 years.

Next he would work 13 years with Jay Abraham - a marketing consultant whom he had met through Tony Robbins - before returning to the nuclear field for the last 10 years, then retiring.

When Carl moved into Villa Riviera in November of 2021, again he made a quiet entry.

He was so quiet, many thought he was in witness protection.

Boy, were we wrong.

Carl soon became vice president, then president of the OTOW Republican Club as well as captain of Building 32.

It is in that latter capacity that I caught up with him to ask a few questions.



Q: So Carl, how did you become building captain?

A: One morning friends in the building informed me that I had won the top secret building captain election. My first question was, "What is a building captain?"

They explained to me it was a very special person to whom others in the building go to any time they had a problem with garbage, bike room issues, keys etc.

But the main responsibility would be planning parties.



Building Captain Carl Turner

Q: And how did that make you feel?

A: Since my main goal in retirement, other than having fun at OTOW, is giving back to the community, I said, "Sign me up."

I also enjoy travel, dances, political clubs, the gym and the golf courses.

Q: Then what did you do?

A: I went to the OTOW office and told them about the election. They said congratulations and told me to put my picture up. They said the only training was on the job training, but they were planning future get togethers where building captains could learn from each other.

Q: How's it going so far?

A: I've enjoyed my first week. I look forward to meeting all the people in the building, having fun scheduling parties and celebrating birthdays.

Q: Any final thoughts?

A: With this extensive knowledge of my new position, I can highly recommend this rewarding way of giving back to everyone here at OTOW.

But first you have to be lucky enough to win your building's top secret election to this very prestigious position.

Seriously, if your building does not have a building captain to help your neighbors, you should consider volunteering to fill the position to provide needed help to others and to get a good feeling for giving back!

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Family of former resident sends money for pizza

We often have happy hour at the New World French building, but in recent months it has been too hot outside so several neighbors have hosted it in their homes.

In August, happy hour was held at this reporter's place.

One of our previous neighbors, John Nguyen, used to love attending our happy hours. In fact, he enjoyed the get-togethers so much, that his daughter and son-in-law decided to send a nice card and money to pay for us to have a pizza party. Carlee Layton, John's neighbor, received the money and we had a party with it.

Gene Carney made a very large container of margaritas, which was so, so good! Best part was, no one had to drive home.

As you can imagine, a good time was



had by everyone. About 16 residents attended.

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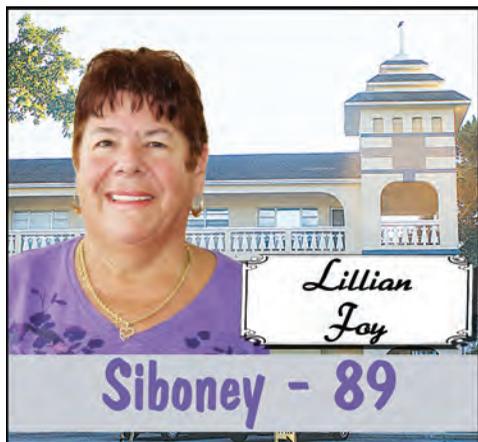


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Happy Labor Day month to all.
Can you believe our hottest three months are over and our hurricane season so far has been very mild?

Here at Siboney, we are preparing for our monthly meetings and core parties to start up again.

We also plan on having monthly luncheons for all residents to get together and enjoy local restaurants.

Recently, seven residents went to Rumba's bar and grill for lunch and we enjoyed food and friendly conversations with each other.

Just a reminder, don't forget to leave your condo key with a neighbor if you plan on going away this month. Summit may be here to install your new fiberoptic TV and internet line and will need access if you are not home.

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the installation so let's help them with the installation process. Please leave your condo key with a trustworthy neighbor.

This summer season has been extremely hot and my husband, Michael, and I recently took a trip to New Jersey in an attempt to cool off. Guess what? We

found out it was just as hot there!

We enjoyed visiting family and we were amazed to see all the restaurants that closed due to the pandemic. Many stores at the local mall were closed.

I snapped the picture above and wanted to share it with you. Sometimes

we forget how beautiful other parts of the country are with green, rolling hills.

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Shortly after moving in, Cheryl and Tom Butcher asked, What can we do to help the community?

It was our lucky day when Cheryl and Tom Butcher decided to move to the Emerald Isle building.

They came here from St. Louis in 2015. They were quite busy for awhile remodeling their first-floor condo which, by the way, turned out amazing.

With remodeling out of the way, they turned their attention to how they could serve our community.

Let's begin with Cheryl.

Preretirement, Cheryl was the manager for the legal department of a large corporation. She retired in 2008.

Cheryl is our building captain. She sees to it that everyone has a copy of the building list. She plans monthly socials. She loves to bake and often provides us with her goodies at our outdoor socials.

Cheryl is the treasurer of the Knitting Club and writes the club's monthly article for our community newspaper, of which she is also a member of the Press Association.

In August, Cheryl was working on an afghan using leftover yarn, which should turn out to be an eye-turner.

Cheryl also plays golf on Thursday mornings and helps to proofread the newspaper.

Outside her door is a huge box filled with books for trading. Help yourself.

Tom is the newly-elected president of the Press Association. He writes a monthly article for the newspaper in which he



includes a recipe of his own creation.

Tom loves to barbecue and will cook anything, but his favorite is baby-back ribs.

Tom and Cheryl volunteer at the Bethel Church to cook for Advent and Lent.

In pre-retirement days, Tom was an information technology manager at a data center. He is retired from the Air Force and once owned a gourmet deli and wine shop.

He has organized a men's group in our building which meets for breakfast every Tuesday.

He has been a Master Judge for the Kansas City Barbeque Association for 15 years.

Tom is a wine connoisseur. He has held wine-tastings and judged wines.

Both Cheryl and Tom love to travel.



Cheryl and Tom Butcher

They recently returned from a five-week trip to celebrate his 80th birthday. Places they visited include Venice, Milan, Zurich, and Paris, including a seven-day river barge trip.

On another note, thanks to Jen Han-

son for sponsoring our building's July social which was held at Ford's Garage.

Also, muchos gracias to MaryAnne Nargi for our June party at the Clear Sky Draft House in Dunedin.

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Trips to Brazil and Ireland highlight amazing travel summers for Austrian Alpine residents



Neighbors from the Austrian Alpine building have been traveling to exotic and marvelous places. Now that they have returned, let's take a peek at their spectacular adventures.

Arthur Kinne and Nilda DaSilva traveled to Brazil for a few weeks where Nilda celebrated a milestone birthday with family and friends.

They visited Copacabana, Rio de Janeiro and the magnificent Christ the Redeemer statue overlooking the city of Rio de Janeiro.

From there, Arthur and Nilda continued on to San Diego and Catalina Island and then on to the South Pacific and French Polynesian Islands.

They cruised for 35 days around the islands on Holland of America cruise lines. Nilda said the cruise was wonderful with top-quality service.

Some of their notable highlights and stops along their way included: The Hawaiian Islands, Tahiti, Bora Bora and Taputapuātea, which is a sacred area steeped in ancient culture.

Arthur says this trip was an essential on his bucket list.

Bob Young and his son spent three weeks in Ireland. Bob told me that "this may well be our best trip ever!"

Some of Bob's travel highlights in-



Nilda DaSilva and Nilda DaSilva in Bora Bora.

cluded Sean's Pub, which is a 1,000 year old pub. It's been said that this could be the oldest pub in Ireland and maybe the

world.

Other notable sites visited were The Cliffs of Moher, Killarney National Park,

Kylemore Castle and Abby.

Bob said, without question, that the locals were all friendly and willing to share their knowledge of the area and guide them along.

"It's the people that make the trip!" Bob said.

Austrian Alpine residents would like to thank Mike McDowell and Rich Hayes for maintaining the flags on our two flagpoles.

Tiffany Schad hosted an early morning coffee and promised more coffee socials in the future.

As we meet and greet new neighbors, we invite everyone to attend our coffee socials. Watch for future notices on bulletin boards, which are artfully managed by Kim Anastasi and Donna Gagnon.

Austrian Alpine unanimously voted on and were permitted to install colorful wreaths in the core. It was a process but the result is undeniably lovely.

Ginny Donlon said that everyday, while sitting on the bench in the core, she looks at the wreaths and it makes her smile.

"The wreaths add color," she said.

A huge thank you to Joyce Jennings for assisting with the selection and enhancing the quality of our purchase. We're blessed to have Joyce's talent and friendship.

Christmas in July was celebrated by a group of neighbors at a nearby restaurant. These dinner outings are another way to meet and greet our neighbors.

Volunteers are important to our building and we are grateful to everyone who has played a part in contributing.

We have friendly people, kind and thoughtful neighbors, joyful volunteers and inclusive activities.

As Marcia Fisher always says, "spread kindness."

August was a popular time for families to reunite

By Tara Still

The Fujiwara parking lot is half empty as folks have moved out permanently, fled for the summer or given up driving.

However, some residents have been fortunate to have family visit.

This reporter's brother, his wife, and their two teenage daughters trekked in from Chicago to Bonita Springs, and worked their way back up to Clearwater to take her to dinner.

They were fascinated by the community, particularly the globe at the Sunset Point entrance.

When I mentioned that I was the building's reporter, my brother insisted I include the visit in the article for this month.

In other news, Diana Bartoli enjoyed the week she was able to spend with her daughter, Christine, granddaughter, grandson and granddog, who hail from



Norwalk, Conn.

Libby Christensen entertained her former in-laws who came from Yulee, Fla.

Joyce and Bob Burd had their grandkids visit from Pittsburgh.

Janis Catapano celebrated her birthday with her daughter and family who



Pictured above are Tara Still, left, with her sister-in-law and nieces.

traveled from West Virginia. She was especially happy that her grandson, who is in the Coast Guard, and her granddaugh-

ter, who "galavants the globe," were both able to make it to the festivities.

Our building happy hours should be resuming in September, so grab a beverage and a chair, plus something to share, and head to the core between 5 and 8 p.m. on Fridays beginning Sept. 9. All are welcome, including residents from other buildings.

Please be responsible pet owners and clean up after your pets, including urine and feces in the core and/or approaching the core.

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Please be sure to share any good news with me, Tara Still, 727-577-8145, or email me at taracpa@gmail.com.

OTOW couple has been to all 30 Major League Baseball cities

By Dianne Hanrahan

Some of my favorite memories as a young girl were listening to baseball.

I would sit out front with my grandfather and his neighbors on the stoop outside of their row home in Philadelphia. We would listen to the play-by-play on the radio holding our breath and listen for the cracking of the bat.

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Life was great. I was fortunate enough to be living in Philadelphia when the Phillies won the World Series in 1980. I later married and moved to Chicago where I witnessed the Cubs win the 2016 World Series.

Have you ever wondered what it would be like to visit all the Major League Baseball cities in the United States?

Well, we have a couple living in building 31 that has done just that.

Let me take you through their most rewarding journey of visiting 30 baseball stadiums in the country.

Meet Jeff and Gerri Martin who moved to On Top of the World in 2016.

Jeff grew up a Boston Red Sox fan, like his father, who followed Ted Williams until Ted retired. Jeff became a fan of Carl "Yaz" Yastrzemski.

Jeff moved in the '60s to Joliet Ill., where he also became a fan of the Chicago Cubs. He would listen to Lou Boudreau, Vince Lloyd and Jack Brickhouse



announce the Cub games.

Jeff and Gerri met in Utah in 1979 while they were both employed in the automotive industry. They later married in 1987 and the road trips began.

Gerri's first game was when the Red Sox hosted the Oakland A's in Boston and she promised to be a fan of whichever team won. Oakland prevailed.

Gerri eventually changed her allegiance. Vacation road trips planned around home games helped them cover all the fields and by 2017 their last trip was to Miami to see the Marlins.

Gerri does remember Pittsburgh and San Francisco as being the most beautiful fields. Happy to report they now have a favorite team, the Tampa Bay Rays.

They even visited the Field of Dreams field in Dyersville, Iowa, in 2014. The field was used in the movie, "Field of Dreams."



Gerri and Jeff Martin have been to every Major League Baseball city for a game. The last stop was in 2017 to see a Miami game.





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Mission accomplished twice this summer at Brahman building



Residents at the Brahman building have learned they can get a lot achieved during a happy hour.

On Friday, July 29, our many friends in the Brahman Building gathered on the Costa Rican side. Our aim was to celebrate happy hour as the sun set.

Our mission was a great success. Not only did we enjoy each other's company, but also some cocktails for an hour or two.

The group agreed to meet again on Aug. 13 and we did, but this time with Queen's Pizza. Our new mission was to

take time and break bread with our friends and neighbors, and plan future events.

We are very proud to announce we once again accomplished our goals and a very good time was had by all who at-

tended.

The events committee has planned an active summer and we intend to expand the number and size of our activities into the fall and winter.

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Entertainment by Laurie Fischer

For a touching, funny, melancholy show, check out 'Follies' this month

As we leave the heat of summer behind us and head into the fall, you can take a haunting, wistful trip down memory lane as "Follies" takes to the stage at the Francis Wilson Playhouse (Clearwater's favorite theatre for over 90 years) from September 1-18.

This musical is touching, funny, beautiful and melancholy.

On Sept. 3, the Australian Pink Floyd Show makes a stop at Ruth Eckerd Hall.

This group is a Pink Floyd tribute band formed in 1988 in Adelaide, South Australia. Their live shows attempt to recreate the look, feel and sound of Pink Floyd's later world tours by employing visual aids such as lasers, inflatables and a large display panel.

Billy Currington is an American country music singer and songwriter who will perform at Ruth Eckerd Hall on Sept. 9. He was signed to Mercury Records in Nashville in 2003 and has released seven studio albums for the label.

At the Straz Theatre in Tampa on Sept. 10, "Lost '80s Live" is a collection of musical artists from the 1980s who will perform a live concert.

The tour usually consists of seven to nine bands which span the musical genres of new wave, synthpop, rock, pop and electronic music.

On Sept. 14, two bands, Collective Soul and Switchfoot, take to the Ruth Eckerd Hall stage.

Collective Soul went from obscurity to popularity after the song "Shine" became an underground hit based on radio play. Their album was rereleased by Atlantic Records in 1993.

After early successes in the Christian rock scene, Switchfoot first gained mainstream recognition with the inclusion of four of their songs in the 2002 movie, "A Walk to Remember." This recognition led to their major label debut, The Beautiful Letdown, which was released in 2003 and sold more than 2.6 million copies.

They have been noted for their energetic live shows.

On Sept. 16, the timeless Ringo Starr appears with his All-Star Band at Ruth Eckerd Hall.

As almost everyone knows, he is an English musician, singer, songwriter and actor who achieved international fame as the drummer for the Beatles.

He occasionally sang lead vocals with the group (usually for one song on each album including "Yellow Submarine" and "With a Little Help from My Friends").

He also wrote and sang the Beatles songs "Don't Pass Me By" and "Octopus's Garden."

Also on Sept. 16, The Fixx, a rock band from London, England, founded in

1979, will perform at the Capitol Theatre in Clearwater.

The band's hits include "One Thing Leads to Another," "Saved by Zero," "Are We Ourselves?" and "Secret Separation" each of which charted on the U.S. Top 20 Billboard Hot 100.

At the Mahaffey Theater in St Petersburg on Sept. 24, The Secret of Illusions by JC Albert is a great magical adventure created to entertain the entire family.

The show will keep audiences stunned and awestruck. It will be sure to mesmerize you after seeing all the impossible magical illusions produced on stage combined with spectacular special effects and incredible lighting.

The magic happens all around the theater so come prepared to experience an exciting magical ride.

For great family entertainment on Sept. 30, the Blue Clues show will be at Ruth Eckerd Hall.

A human host welcomes his young audience to the "Blues Clues" house where his animated puppy, Blue, helps find three clues to something they are trying to figure out.

Audiences are invited to participate with Blue and her friends stopping to listen to what the audience has to say.

With the Tampa Bay Rays fighting for a playoff position, the team enters Sep-

tember in the wild card hunt. With several key series this month, the Rays hope to make up ground as the season draws to a close in early October.

Making appearances at Tropicana Field in St Petersburg in September are the New York Yankees from Sept. 2-4, the Boston Red Sox from Sept. 5-7, the Texas Rangers from Sept. 17-19, the Houston Astros from Sept. 20-21 and the Toronto Blue Jays from Sept. 22-25.

The Tampa Bay Rowdies continue their Major Soccer League season at Al Lang Stadium in St Petersburg with three matches starting on Sept. 3 hosting the Las Vegas Lights FC followed by Sept. 23 Birmingham Legion FC and Sept. 28 El Paso Locomotive FC.

Believe it or not, another National Hockey League season is about to get underway as our Tampa Bay Lightning will be taking to the ice at the Amalie arena for preseason games on Sept. 28 against the Carolina Hurricane and Sept. 29 against the Nashville Predators.

The regular season gets under way in October. Stay tuned for more details to follow next month.

Enjoy September. Before long, another wonderful winter season will be upon us as our northern Snowbirds return to their winter homes!

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While some buildings don't have any captains, Bavarian Chalet has five dedicated captains



Friendships and happy smiles are the reasons five ladies agreed to be co-captains for Bavarian Chalet, building 25.

These five ladies are from different parts of our beautiful America and Canada.

Each lady was very active and involved in many fun activities where she lived prior to moving to On Top of the World.

JoAnne Wallend, the leader and treasurer for our building, has lived here for 11 years - moving from Stonybrook, N.Y.

Madeleine Fontaine has lived here six years moving from Quebec City, Canada. She is the person responsible for keeping the bike and storage areas in order. She also makes sure all new residents get a welcoming gift.

Betty Spoerl arrived here two years ago from Clifton, Tenn., and is the secretary of the building, recording minutes of meetings and making sure the emergency forms are completed by residents,

Yvonne Rodriguez moved here more than a year ago. She is originally from New Windsor, N.Y. Her responsibility is send-



Betty Spoerl, JoAnne Wallend, Madeleine Fontaine, Yvonne Rodriguez and Annette Haagensen are the five building captains for the Bavarian Chalet building.

ing out emails to our building residents about upcoming events.

Annette Haagensen has been here eight months. She arrived from Lytle Creek, Calif. Annette is our top assistant doing whatever needs to be done and always willing to help.

These ladies meet monthly to plan fun things for the residents of Building 25

- maybe a lunch at a new restaurant or a cookout at the Pavilion.

Our latest gathering was around our new flag pole on July 4 which helped celebrate America with a poem, a prayer, a song and the Pledge of Allegiance.

Our outing for August was a luncheon at Outback Steakhouse.

One of our favorite projects is to

keep the core in our building decorated and welcome all who enter. The bulletin board is checked and updated for our residents to see the upcoming events in our building and other activities at On Top of the World.

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Don't be offended if someone tells you to 'Google it' - they are just telling you to look it up



Computer Club

By Mike Woods

OK. When someone tells you to "Google it," this doesn't mean you actually have to use the Google search engine to find information.

"Google it" is a new English phrase for "look it up on the Internet."

Remember when we used to say "Xerox it" when we meant to say "make a copy?"

Or how about needing a tissue and asking for a Kleenex?

Did you ever think about asking for any cola soda and just saying, "May I have a Coke?"

Using a popular name brand item to define an action goes back to the beginning of marketing and the American desire to create shortcuts.

With that said, the On Top of the World Computer Club recently decided to delve deeply into app offerings provided for Google customers. What we found were the following apps, all offered for free when you sign up for a Google account or Gmail account:

Maps, YouTube (which Google now owns), News, Gmail, Meet, Chat, Contacts, Calendar, Drive, Translate, Duo, Photos and Shopping ... are several of these free apps and that is only the first



Everything old is new again. Pictured above on the left is Amanda Perkins reading an actual book at the East Activity Center swimming pool. Mom, Kathy Perkins, is at right reading her book on a Kindle. Just goes to show that technology is not age specific.

page.

Finance, Docs, Sheets, Slides, Books, Blogger, Hangouts, Earth and Classroom are just a few more apps we found on page two that are included for use for free when you obtain your Google or Gmail Account (and this is not the end of the list, there's more).

What this means is that with a little bit of training (offered by Google in the app tutorials and in a plethora of YouTube videos), you can do just about anything you need for free thanks to these app offerings.

Would you like more information about all that Google has to offer for your computer needs?

Just shoot the Computer Club a quick email with your question to otowcc@gmail.com, or come down to one of our computer help sessions from 8:30-10:30 a.m. on Wednesdays in the

West Activity Center Learning Lab.

Or ... you can just "Google it."

About the Computer Club

The Computer Club meets every Saturday morning from 8:30 to 10 a.m., both in-person at the West Activity Center Learning Lab and using the Zoom virtual meeting platform.

Visitors are welcome. Sessions usually consist of presentations or discussions led by club members or guest speakers. Time is also made available to ask questions.

In addition to the Saturday meetings, the club offers assistance to any OTOW resident with basic technology-related questions or issues. The Learning Lab is now open in the West Activity Center Wednesday mornings from 8:30-10 a.m. Knowledgeable Computer Club volunteers offer basic computer, tablet and smart phone program assistance and app

help. The services are free to all OTOW residents with a valid Activity Card and Computer Club membership is not required to get assistance.

If residents have in-home computers that require service in their condos, the Computer Club does not offer an in-home repair service, but the Computer Club can offer guidance and assistance in locating service providers who can address other-than-basic service needs or in-home computer issues.

Computer service-related questions can be sent to the Computer Club at otowcc@gmail.com. Responses normally are made within 72 hours after the request is received.

For more information about the Computer Club, email us at otowcc@gmail.com, visit our website at www.otowcc.com or click our link in the OTOW Box Office, otowboxoffice.com.

1942 was a long time ago, but we still celebrate birthdays from then

It was a warm summer day in August 1942, when British Prime Minister Winston Churchill met with Joseph Stalin in Moscow to discuss the war.

It was a long time ago. It was before there was a man on the moon. Before there was a Google. Before there was a Yahoo. Before there really was a personal computer or an internet.

However, it was also the birth date of Lorraine Gendron in Southbridge, Mass.

Since then, the world has truly changed in her lifetime.

Several of her friends in the Flamenco building (79) joined her with cake, Scotch and wine to celebrate the birthday of a kind and generous woman.



Lorraine Gendron celebrates 80.

Florida is beautiful and warm, but at my campsite I am free and with nature



Carmel and Jim LeBlanc at the campsite in New York.

Ever been camping? Then you know how sad it can be the day you have to leave. My wife, Carmel, and I bought our On Top of the World condo in 2017. We had no idea how tough the decisions were going to be after we made the purchase. We love camping and we own a seasonal campsite in New York. But after retiring in 2020, and spending our first full winter at OTOW, we decided we didn't want to be Snowbirds - we wanted to be full-time Florida residents. But this past June we traveled to our campsite one last time and were prepared to sell it. Everything was set, except we found it hard to leave. The camping atmosphere, seeing our campground friends and having family

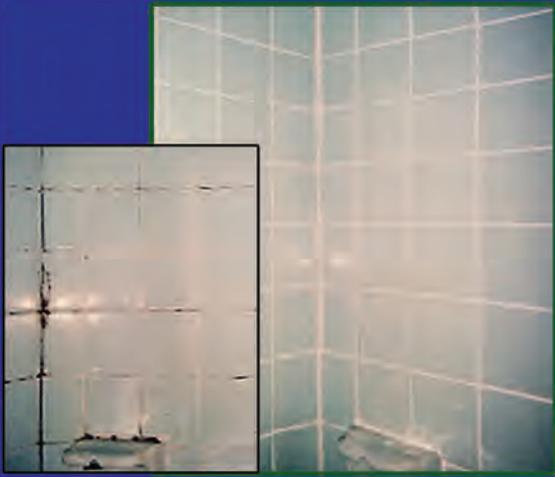
close by left us with a tough decision. We enjoy our grandkids coming to camp with us. We enjoy sitting by the campfire, hiking the mountains and trails, kayaking and snorkeling in the local lakes and ponds,

and biking on the trails around the campground. In New York you don't have to worry about alligators in the water, but the bike trails do have hills. It was a tough decision, but with per-

suasion from all sides, we have decided to keep our trailer and the campsite. Look at our picture from Waubeeka Family Campground in Copake, N.Y. Would you want to leave? In the picture, we are not confused. We are free! So people have now asked, what are you going to do? Our answer is, "We don't know." We don't have to make any more decisions until we have to make a decision. Being retired is all new to us and we're loving every minute of it. We can try different things to find what we want and like to do. For now, we're stuck in the middle between loving OTOW and loving Waubeeka Family Campground even though they are 1,250 miles apart. The only decision right now is Snowbirding and enjoying each day as it comes. Both ends of the east coast offer everything we enjoy doing. Florida keeps us away from the cold, snow and ice. New York keeps us free in the outdoors. So what are we doing today? Exactly what we want to do today. Enjoy the rest of your summer wherever you are. Stay healthy and happy! If you have a story you'd like to be published, contact Jim LeBlanc.

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Here's a birthday party idea - make a banner to remind someone how old they really are



Labor Day arrives with picnics and hopefully cooler weather.

Another advantage of living in Florida - white clothing is not tucked away after Labor Day.

Sheryl McKay and friends got a taste of the wild west being "cowgirls" on vacation at a Dude Ranch here in Florida.

They went on hay rides, line dancing, airboat rides, horseback riding, cookouts and other cowboy stuff.

Sheryl said it was loads of fun. Her new nickname is Dale Evans.

Earl Balance and Mike Murphy are back home after catching up with family in the Carolinas.

The travel bug nipped me as well. Maine beckoned for my son's 60th birthday celebration. I tell people I adopted him at 10. That's my kid pictured by a banner a friend had made for the party.

Mike's wife, Colleen, somehow kept a surprise party for some 30 pals under wraps from Mike. That was quite an accomplishment since she made arrangements from Chicago.

The celebration was at Brady's Dockside in Boothbay Harbor. Lobster, of course, was on the menu, along with a great cake.

Mike was totally surprised.

This was a fun trip - island hopping,



Want to make someone feel really old? Make a banner and list everything going on in the world the year that special person was born. Michael Leonard celebrated his 60th birthday and was pleasantly reminded the Toronto Maple Leafs won the Stanley Cup in 1962 - that was a long time ago. Average house prices were \$18,000.

boat rides, cookouts, catching up with friends, and lunches by the Atlantic.

Was good to get back to cooler weather.

It was in the high 90s with no central air.

I do want to thank Lynn Costanza for walking Kevin (my pooch), and Chris Tuttle for giving him loving care as a house-

guest while I was gone and Pat Brennon for transportation.

I put a squirt of WD40 in my cranky mail box key slot. Not cranky anymore.

WD40 also works wonders on retractable leashes. Mine has a few knots. Cotton ball with that magic spray got them out. Does wonders on the lead as well.

Kudos to our maintenance crew who

keep Vinnesse Villa in such good shape.

There is a notice on the board about a new trash policy. Hopefully, I will have more information next month.

Until October, happy Labor Day.

Anniversary and birthday wishes to all who celebrate.

Remember, any news fit to print send to fresca@maine.rr.com.

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BLACKOUT

In September,
 West Activity Center Belleair Room
 on Thursday evenings at 5:50 pm for training and practice games, followed by regular play starting promptly from 6:30-9:00 pm.

Please note that on Sept. 22, Blackout will move to the East Activity Center Largo Room while the Belleair Room undergoes some floor maintenance.

Bohemia residents enjoy socials at home and at fancy restaurants on the road



Bohemia residents enjoy a meet and greet together in August.

The Bohemia building hosted a meet and greet in August.

Building officers served wine and cheese, presenting residents with an opportunity to socialize, ask questions and make suggestions on ideas they would like to see implemented.

Our building dinner this last month followed an Italian theme. Dinner was held at Country Pizza Inn in Largo. Twenty residents participated in this event and enjoyed the evening just being together.

Girls Day Out was in Dunedin at the Historical Museum. The museum is located in what was the old Atlantic Coast Line

Railroad station. It contains many clothing and household items that belonged to the early Dunedin settlers.

Among other interesting exhibits

were artifacts from the first bank and post office in Dunedin.

Another interesting item was an alligator tank used by the U.S. Marines during

World War II.

Following our museum visit, the nine girls enjoyed lunch at the Crown and Bull restaurant.

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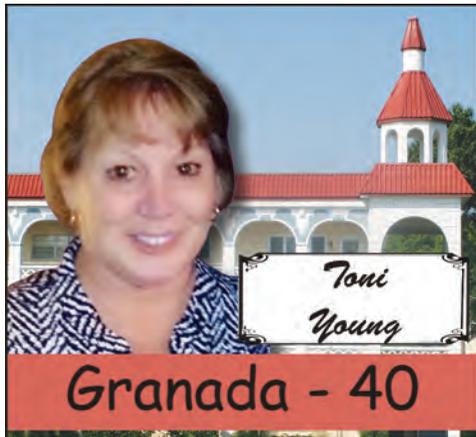
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Granada residents get organized to solve a variety of building issues



With some unattended matters lying dormant over the last couple of years, residents at the Granada building have gathered together to form a new committee.

The purpose is to address common concerns to protect the investment in our condos.

Common concerns include water intrusion, ground and building maintenance issues, health and safety issues, and rules.

These issues involve bicycle storage, assigned storage spaces, orientation for new owners and communication with current residents.

The committee members include Linda Faust and Toni Young as captain and co-captain, respectively.

Linda will be overseeing secretary/treasurer responsibilities. Toni will keep keys to storage units and primary communications with committee members.

We have new wing coordinators: Bob Carpentier, Homer Atchison, Bill Houser, and Jacqui Dolan. A new roster is for distribution.

We have had lots of success with organizing the storage units and updating our roster. The emergency phone number list has proven to be working already. Please text Toni with your emergency contact number or if you have any questions.

Everyone extends a big birthday wish to Tom Jamrozy. We celebrated his 75th birthday at the August luncheon that was held at the Ozona Blue.

Tom was very surprised as he was greeted with cupcakes, balloons and a party hat. Everyone had a great time. Tom kept everyone entertained as always!

Our next luncheon will be held on Monday, Sept. 12 at noon. We will meet at Eddie's Bar and Grill located at 1283 Bayshore Boulevard in Dunedin. Please join us for fun and good food. Please sign up on the sign-up sheets by the first floor elevator. Do not include your unit number. Ride-share can be made available if needed.

Please give a special thanks to Tony Cocco for staying on top of our maintenance department for us. He coordinated having our pesky little crawling critters



exterminated in our garbage room. Tony commented how quickly the maintenance department responded and what a good job they did spraying for insects.

Thank you, Tony!

Has anyone noticed the big beautiful picture hanging in the first floor lobby across from our mail boxes near the Franciscan side?

Please thank Bill and Bella Houser for the wonderful contribution! Also, ask Bill about his special happy water!

Join us at 4 p.m. on the fourth Thursday of each month for "Meeting on the Green." Meet your neighbors, meet your coordinator and express yourself!

Bring a chair, share ideas and a happy drink, and let's get happy!

A surprise treat just might be made available. We are all looking for reasons to celebrate every day. Would all of you please text me with special news, ideas, birthdays, anniversaries and special moments? My number is always open (770) 313-1450.

Until next month – Stay Safe, Be Blessed and Let not your heart be troubled!

Above, Tom Jamrozy celebrates his 75th birthday at Ozona Blue. Below are the new building coordinators. From left to right are Linda Faust, Homer Atchison, Bob Carpenter, Jacqui Dolan and Toni Young.



New email address for Nancy Rogers in the Activity Office: nancy_rogers@scaclw.com

Proof: It could happen here

At about 1:30 p.m., on Thursday, July 21, this funnel cloud had thoughts about visiting our On Top of the World golf course.

The thunderstorms were heavy with significant lightning.

The funnel cloud was well-defined.

The only question was whether a tornado was ready to touch down in our community.

The light pole you see in the picture is from the East Activity Center back parking lot. That's how close this weather situation was to our area.

But on this occasion, the cloud didn't cause any problems. We were spared.

During thunderstorms with weather watches, keep your eyes to the skies and listen for RAVE alerts posted by OTOW.

During the remainder of hurricane season, make sure you are prepared. Don't wait until a tropical storm or hurricane is off of our coast. Take preventative steps.

It is easy to say the big storms never hit here. Well, this picture is proof it could hit here.

During even minor wind events in our community, power has been out for a week. Are you ready?

There is a list of guidelines to learn on page 5 of this newspaper. If you haven't already done so, take five minutes to review.

Question: There has been a county-wide power failure. Every traffic light in Pinellas County is out. Do you know what to do if you are approaching an intersection and there are no operating traffic lights?

Answer: You treat the intersection as if a stop sign is there.

If you didn't know this answer, you are not ready for a storm. Please review the provided guidelines.



(OTOW News photo by Doug Kates)

OTOW LIBRARY



NEW BOOKS

“The Book Woman’s Daughter” by Kim M. Richardson

“The Mayfair Bookshop” by Eliza Knight

“Last Stage to El Paso” by William Johnstone

“Something’s Guava Give” by Carrie Doyle

“Daylight” by David Baldacci

Hours: 10 am-12 pm Mondays, 1-3 pm Wednesdays

DID YOU KNOW?

All applications for occupancy of a condo are available in the Community Service Office or on our Website!

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Which application do you need?	
Application for Approval of Owner	If you... <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • are purchasing a condominium • have inherited a condominium • are being added to a deed of a condominium
Application for Approval of Residency	If you... <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • plan to reside in a condominium in which you are NOT the owner (you are NOT listed on the deed)
Direct Owner Application for Lease Approval	If you... <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • are leasing (renting) a condominium

OTOW NEWS
WORDMIX

Unscramble the six words listed below.
 If you unscramble correctly, the first letter of each word will spell out the secret word of the month.
 If you cannot come up with the secret word of the month, then redo at least one of the six scrambled words.

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SECRET WORD

Last month's scrambled words: Group, artsy, double, greedy, economy, typhoon. Secret Word Last Month: gadget

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OTOW-TV Channel 732
Daily Schedule

8 AM and 12 Noon: Exercises with Jessica and Cammy from Ocala

9 AM: Do-it-at-home Slimnastics

11 AM: Do-it-at-home Line Dancing

1 & 6 PM (Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays): Hope's Cardio Workout

4 PM: Aerobics with Jessica and Cammy from Ocala

7 PM (Friday-Sunday): Shows from our Past

Good Karma Book Club

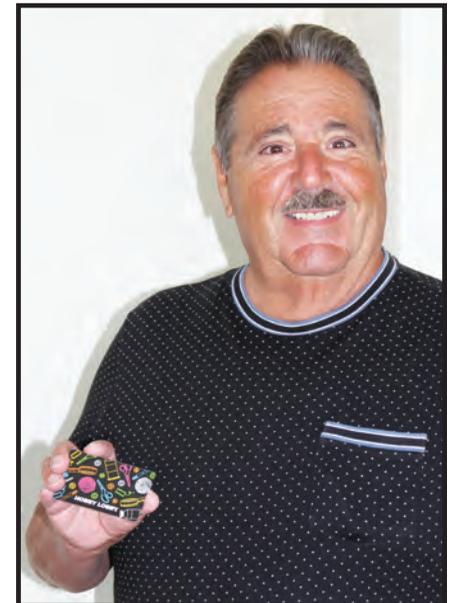
10 a.m., Thursday, September 15
 "Death at the Chateau Bremont"
 By Mary Lou Longworth

10 a.m., Thursday, October 20
 "The Orphan Master's Son"
 By Adam Johnson

All of our meetings take place in the EAC Crystal Beach Room
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 otowboxoffice.com - look for our link

Need more information, write to Jslantz1948@aol.com or call 727-754-3823

Annual Coloring Book Club Coloring Book Contest



Don Guidara



Jean Grizzell

By Doug Kates

There were so many wonderful entries in this year's Coloring Book Club Coloring Book Contest that the judges had a very difficult time picking a winner.

Judges narrowed down the field to their two favorites, but still couldn't pick one winner.

So, we decided to have a tie.

Don Guidara of the Capistrano building (82) and Jean Grizzell of the Victorian building (42) both receive a gift certificate for Hobby Lobby.

Don's entry is A - shown above. Jean's entry is D - shown below.

One \$20 gift certificate will be donated by On Top of the World in care of the Coloring Book Club. The other gift certificate will be donated by the Press Association, which agreed to purchase the second gift card so we could have a tie.

This contest started several years ago in conjunction with National Coloring Book Day, which is held every August.

Our own On Top of the World Coloring Book Club came up with the idea to host and judge an annual contest. OTOW News agreed to print an original drawing for residents in our community to color.

If you didn't give it a try this year, the contest will be back next year.

If you think you might be interested in joining our Coloring Book Club, just stop by and say hi. Bring a coloring book, some tools and color. The group is very sociable and has a great view from the air conditioned East Activity Center Crystal Beach Room. You can join them anytime between noon and 3 p.m. The club meets year round. It is free to join.

Don Guidara (above)

Jean Grizzell (below)

