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New York-New Jersey Club keeps summer busy and even brought in a live hot dog for August

By Pat Hayes

The New York-New Jersey Club is a full-year club. We host events over the summer to keep our full-time residents busy.

In August we hosted our annual Dirty Dog Night featuring Sabrett hot dogs, beans, chips, dessert and coffee.

Not only were there hot dogs and side dishes, but there was live music and dancing.

Our DJ was Frank Lebano from Brooklyn, who got people out of their chairs and dancing most of the night.

The event took on the feel of an old fashioned block party. There was no better way to spend the evening or \$10.

The party was made possible by the efforts of our many volunteers. Once again, Gene Amature and Kevin Murphy cooked and served the hot dogs. Our morning information table sold the tickets and Melanie organized the Share the Wealth drawing.

Speaking of which, Treasurer Anna Amature reported a balance of \$4000. A review of presold tickets revealed an additional \$1000 for future club events.

Thank you to everyone who attended.

The New York-New Jersey Club cordially invites you to join us as a fun summer continues!

We have two more events left before those pesky Snowbirds return from wherever it is they go. But here in Clearwater, we know OTOW is the place to be all summer long.

At 5 p.m., Tuesday, Oct. 7, our club will host Sports Night. Cost is \$18.

Come out wearing your favorite sports shirt or hat. There is an extra \$1 charge to Boston fans and \$1 off for Jets fans, if you admit it.

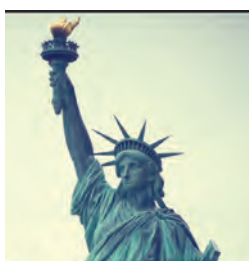
We will serve Felice's Italian Catering pork store subs with pasta salad - your choice of sausage and peppers, meatball parmigiana, chicken parmigiana, Italian (Godfather), tuna or turkey and swiss cheese.

The DJ will be Scott McParland. Desserts will be by Lou. Coffee and water and ice.

Oh. Sorry. I guess we cannot charge Boston fans \$1 extra. Everyone pays \$18.

On Tuesday, Dec. 9, our club will host our annual Ugly Christmas Sweater Party. Cost is \$28.

Frank Lebano from Brooklyn will both DJ and once again judge our Ugly Christmas Sweater Contest. There will be a prize for both the ugliest



New York - New Jersey Club



Sports Shirt Night



Rays, Buccaneers, Gators, Seminoles
Yankees, Mets, Jets, Giants
White Sox? Red Sox? Patriots?

Every shirt from every team is welcome.

Even Chiefs' shirts.

5 p.m., Tuesday, Oct. 7, East Activity Center Auditorium - \$18.

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The DJ will be Scott McParland. Desserts will be by Lou. Coffee, water and ice provided.
Tickets sold 8:30-10:30 am, Thursdays, at our Club Information Table.

and prettiest sweaters!

Dinner will include ham, mashed sweet potatoes, ziti, meatballs, salad and rolls. Dessert, coffee, hot chocolate, coffee, water and ice will be available.

On Sunday, Dec. 14, at 5 p.m., our club will be proud to host Lenny and Kathy for a night of karaoke Christmas tunes in the Auditorium.

We are pleased to bring a free event for all residents. No tickets are necessary!

There will be a lot of fun with singing, dancing, hot apple cider and hot chocolate.

Bring your grandchildren as Santa and Mrs. Clause will be making a surprise visit.

Oops. There goes the surprise.

There will be no tickets sold at the door for any of our events. Membership is only \$5. If you join now we will include all of 2025 and 2026. So come meet our friendly volunteers at our information table.

If you would like to volunteer, stop by on Thursday mornings and say hello to Vicky Cicia, Laura O'Conner, Ray Willis, and Anna and Gene Amature.



In the photo on top, guests from one table take turns going through the hot dog line. The lines were long because hot dogs come with many condiments. In the photo above, a live hot dog joined the group. The hot dog was even spotted on the dance floor relishing the moment.

(OTOW News photos by Mary Lou Wall)



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Hurricane season and your personal safety

In mid-August, we were watching as Tropical Storm Erin was starting in the Atlantic Ocean.

Right on time.

Wash, rinse and repeat for 2025 hurricane season. Here we go again.

A reminder: You may want to locate a copy of your current HO-6 policy. In the HO-6 under "Loss Of Use," it's recommended a resident have 12 months of living expenses as a coverage amount as you could be faced with not being able to access your unit for an extended period should damage occur.

Regardless of how the storm season progresses, you can be assured that Parkway Maintenance & Management of Pinellas will be ready. Days before, when it is first noted by NOAA, Parkway starts to move into Storm Watch status.

As the storm rounds the Florida Straits into the Gulf, where it rapidly strengthens, Parkway will go into Storm Ready status.

Personnel and management will review disaster preparation plans, personnel management and recovery plans.

If you are a mobility challenged individual or have complex medical needs, you need to be aware that elevator service is usually terminated 24 hours before a large storm event. This matter has been explained frequently in this newspaper. The Board encourages mobility challenged residents to seek shelter in safe areas with ground level access.

The "good" news is that the Florida Legislature made the tax holiday on hurricane supplies year-round. It is a good idea to take advantage of this holiday and purchase your tropical storm supplies in advance of need.

For residents with special medical needs, the State of Florida opens shelters

for persons with complex medical needs. You will need to make an advance reservation for this accommodation by reaching out to Pinellas County Emergency Management and there are several ways to register for the program:

Register online at: https://forms.juvare.com/PINELLASCO-Special_Needs.

Request a form be mailed to you. Call Pinellas County Emergency Management at (727) 464-3800.

Print out a form and mail it to Pinellas County Emergency Management, 10750 Ulmerton Road, Building 1, Suite 267, Largo, FL, 33778, or fax to (727) 464-4024.

Print version for English:

<https://pinellas.gov/special-needs-evacuation-assistance-form-english/>

Print version for Spanish:

<https://pinellas.gov/special-needs-evacuation-assistance-form-spanish/>

Be smart. Don't wait until the last minute to plan your storm survival strategy or your evacuation planning.

Audit Season is Here

Because of the size of this community's budget, in excess of \$500,000, State Statutes (118.111(13)(a), F.S.) requires audited financial statements annually. This affords a look at the finances of the Condominium and a determination as to the condition of those financial records by a certified public accounting firm.

Your Board approved the selection and appointment of CS&L CPA's to conduct the audit in the ordinary course of business. All work is conducted to generally accept accounting standards and the final report is done to the standards of the Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB).

The final audited report is presented to the Board Chair, who must then present it to the rest of the Board members. Once reviewed and accepted by the Board, the audit will be made available to all owners of condominiums in OTOW by posting the audited financial report on the secure AppFolio owner portal. You can access your portal, or request access to the portal, by visiting https://parkwaypinellas.appfolio.com/connect/users/sign_in.

Please do not attempt to contact the accountants directly. This only impedes their work and your call will not be returned.



Association Board Meeting and Town Hall

1 pm, Wednesday, Sept. 3, EAC Auditorium

Live coverage on OTOW-TV 901 and the Box Office (otowboxoffice.com)

Audio will be added when the meeting begins.

(Times subject to change)



PREPARE TODAY FOR A HURRICANE

Don't wait for a bad storm to be hours away.

Don't think, "It will never hit here."

The photo at left was taken Aug. 4, 2024. It did hit here.

Your Pre-Storm Checklist

1. Map out an evacuation route and choose a final, fortified destination well-inland. Tell family and friends where you intend to be during a storm. You should have one post-disaster contact - one person who is out of the danger zone, who you can contact and who will share your information with other loved ones. You may be short on power so consider limiting your contacts to one person.
2. If you stay behind, keep the following in stock: 1 week supply of bottled water and non-perishable foods, refill prescriptions, bottle opener, flashlight and battery operated radio. Do you know where these items are stored? Don't go searching for them as a storm is closing in. Keep tape and cardboard handy should a leak develop.
3. Create an inventory of your home. Use photos and videos in case some day you need to replace your items or determine the value of items lost. Special items should be stored away from your home in a safe place. Store important documents in sealable, water proof containers.
4. Bring in porch items and anything outside that could become a projectile.
5. Fill vehicle with gas. Don't wait until the mad rush starts.
6. Don't assume a storm is over. Stay indoors. Please use a flashlight and not candles. Keep refrigerator closed as much as possible.
7. Get cash. Money machines could be out for weeks.
8. Review your insurance policy once a year to make sure you are covered for a major storm. If you need to file a claim, do so immediately after a storm. Make a list of damaged items. Keep receipts. Be patient.
9. The OTOW activity centers are not storm shelters. They will not be open during a storm. If you live on an upper floor or may need assistance after a storm, plan ahead. There are nearby evacuation shelters.
10. OTOW will provide weather updates if possible using RAVE, OTOW-TV 901 and the Box Office (otowboxoffice.com).

WHEN A STORM HAS PASSED

- A. If you evacuated, do not return home until authorities give you the OK.
- B. Do not go outside. Do not begin cleanup on your own. Let OTOW management personnel remove limbs, wires and all damage.
- C. Do not drive into a flooded road. Turn around - don't drown.
- D. Traffic lights may be out. Stop at all intersections where a traffic light is not working. Treat each intersection as a four-way stop.
- E. Do not use sink water until authorities give the OK. Do not eat spoiled food.
- F. Do not wear flipflops outside. Wear sturdy shoes.

Sign up for RAVE alerts.
Community updates will be posted
on RAVE,
OTOW-TV Channel 901 and the
Box Office (otowboxoffice.com).

www.nhc.noaa.gov

OTOW can send weather

Are you on RAVE yet? Please do so

Can you believe it's September already?

Pretty soon the holiday season will start ramping up. Heck, I suppose it already has with the start of football season. Nothing like a good game to kick off the season!

Popular, or not, go Steelers!

On Top of the World has seen a lot of changes over the last year, that's for sure. Some good. Some bad. Some ... well, let's just say it's a work in progress and leave it at that..

One thing is for sure, your Board of Administration and your Management Company have been working very hard to get and keep the community on the best footing.

But we need your help!
Join AppFolio and RAVE.
Help a neighbor when they need it.
Join a club or activity!
Why? Well, why not? There's no better time like the present.

We're coming to the height of hurricane season so there will be plenty of opportunities to receive important notices from AppFolio and RAVE. If you haven't set up your AppFolio portal already, please take the opportunity to do it now as it is a great way to have important information at your fingertips.

Also, moving forward, documents that would normally be posted on the Clearwater website will now only be posted to AppFolio.

By way of a refresher, or if you were not able to attend/view the July board meeting but would like to view the App Folio presentation given, please visit: www.otowclearwaterinfo.com/.

If you did not receive an invitation to join AppFolio, or mistakenly marked the email as spam, please reach out to the Community Service Office for assistance. They can be reached at 727-683-6981.

Hurricane Season

Should community elevators need to be taken out of service for inclement weather or anticipated major weather events, this is a great opportunity to check with your neighbors to see if they would need any assistance.

When would elevator services be shut down? If wind speeds have exceeded a safe operational threshold of 40 miles per hour, the Management Company suspends elevator services.

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

If there was 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. You will have ample warning to be able to make plans for other lodging should you choose to evacuate.

If, during a bad weather event, you find yourself in need of assistance, ask a friend or a neighbor, or rely on each other. That's what paying it forward is all about.

Need help? Ask.
If you can provide help, please offer.
After all, what a good feeling you'll get just knowing you helped someone who genuinely needed it.

You say you don't know your neighbors well enough to ask or offer? Join a club! After all, you really get to know someone when you play them in a competitive game, such as pickleball!

Curious about what is out there for you to join? Contact Nancy Rogers via email at general_activity@scacilw.com or call 727-799-2734. She knows all there is to know about all clubs and activities. She is absolutely the go to



person to point you in the right club and get you signed up.

Still haven't signed up?
Well, what are you waiting for?
I'd say, "see you out there on the courts," but I left my racquet at home!

Painting/Waterproofing

September will see the community's painting contractor continuing to operate on the front façades of structures with buildings 60 and 78 being next on the repainting 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.

Construction, Roofing and Large Scope 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.

The management company will begin its next elevator modernization project on Sept. 8 at Building 90. The scope of work involves replacing operating components to provide decades of future reliability.

The remodeling of the elevator cab interior is also part of the process which provides new, updated laminate surfaces for residents and visitors to the community.

The entire undertaking should be completed in two weeks time, barring any unforeseen conditions.

Residents and visitors of building 90 should be aware of active work zones and exercise caution in and around these areas while the elevator is out of service.

Recurring Reminders for all Community Residents

As a reminder, in 2023 the Management Company recommenced its enforcement compliance efforts by removing all unapproved items placed in building common areas. This includes, but is not limited to, plants (live or artificial), personal items, non-exterior rated furniture, rusted chairs/tables or in dis-

repair and tchotchkes, etc., as these items are not permitted to occupy common spaces.

As has been referenced in the newspaper, on the community TV channel, and the bulletins posted in all building center core lobbies, these items will be removed and disposed of without further notice.

These ongoing efforts help keep the areas safe for first responders as well as maintain an aesthetically pleasing community for all to reside in.

We ask that residents help keep the community's common areas in compliance by reporting violations of this nature to the Management Company.

We appreciate the community's cooperation and support in reporting any violations of this nature so the Management Company can investigate and correct if necessary.

The Management Company would also like to thank 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 the common area.

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 will continue the ongoing compliance enforcement of these common areas where the mats were once located, as well as repainting 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 on 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.

Inspection Services Division

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

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

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

Inspection Services representatives also will be reaching out to residents of buildings who are scheduled for new paint and waterproof coatings during the current improvement cycle. The purpose of their contact will be to advise residents that the painting vendor will be color matching all external doors to the majority building color as is required by the condominium association rules. This will usually require no action by the unit owner other than to allow access to the entire door surface for the coating to be applied.

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

We appreciate your cooperation in

making this project a success across the community.

First floor unit owners will continue receiving notification from the Inspection Services Department 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.

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

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

Please keep in mind that the condominium association requires a modification request for any landscape alterations.

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

Inspection efforts continue to focus on the tagging and removal of portable barbeque grills, including propane, charcoal, or electric, which are not permitted in any buildings common areas as they pose a fire risk to the structure and residents.

Only grills meeting the approved Clearwater Fire Department standard are permitted on the patio of first floor units. If you're a first-floor unit owner and not sure if your grill complies, please stop by the Community Service Office to request a visit from our friendly Inspections Services staff.

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 advanced cooperation.

After-Hours Emergency Information

The OTOW emergency after-hours phone number is 727-799-1115. Please call this number, after hours, in the event of an emergency, such as a water intrusion into your condo.

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.

OTOW Alerts

Signing up for OTOW-ALERTS (powered by RAVE) is incredibly easy.

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alerts right to your phone as peak hurricane season approaches

Simply go to www.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.

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

Signing up is without obligation or cost to you. Your email and cell phone numbers are secure, never shared, and never solicited.

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 hy-

perbole to say an advanced warning may save lives!

As a reminder, when signing up for community and emergency alerts, be sure to enter your building number. You can select to receive notifications via text, telephone call, and/or email. You can select one, two, or all three notification options. Should you wish to change your notification options you can do that by visiting the Community Service Office, calling 727-683-6981, or email at www.associationinfo@otowfl.net.

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 p.m., Monday through Friday, unless otherwise posted.

If your call goes to voice mail, it is because the 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 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 once.

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 condo and is the owner's responsibility. The Association's responsibility is to the structure and common elements.

Storm Shelters - Get Informed Before A Hurricane Arrives

Pinellas County has 3 storm shelters available to people who are dependent on electricity or need assistance with medications. But the time to get informed about these shelters is not when a hurricane is here. The time is now. You must be pre-registered to be accepted at a county shelter.



Please note, during inclement weather, you may experience loss of elevator service or loss of power. Please plan ahead.

The shelters are available through the Pinellas County Special Needs Evacuation Program. Transportation to shelters is available. No pets are allowed. If you cannot find someone to take care of your pet, Pinellas County Animal Services may be able to help. If you choose to stay at a shelter, you must bring your own medical equipment, medications, blankets, pillows, change of clothing, batteries, special dietary items, sources of activities, personal hygiene products, radios, ear plugs, important papers and a list of emergency contacts.

For more information, please visit PinellasCounty.org/specialneeds or call (727) 464-3800

Some Secrets Aren't Meant to Be Kept

You don't have to keep your feelings of sadness, depression, or anxiety to yourself. **We've helped many of your On Top of the World neighbors** feel more motivated, feel happier and feel more hopeful.

We offer **judgement free, medication-free** help for those struggling.

Want to learn more about **FDA-cleared TMS**?
We offer free consults.

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from On Top of
the World*

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Is this you?

*“I cannot watch board meetings
on OTOW-TV channel 901.
My Summit doesn't work!”*

Now is your chance to do something about it!
OTOW-TV channel 901 will be broadcasting an
Association Board Meeting live at 1 p.m. on
Wednesday, Sept. 3, for individuals who choose
not to attend the meeting in person.

If you are home during this meeting, please turn to
channel 901 to see if you can view the meeting
without any errors, including black screens,
endless pinwheels, hiccups or echoes in audio,
disruptions in video or video freezes.

These are all problems Summit Broadband can fix if you call.

If you, a friend or a neighbor are getting any of these errors
during the Sept. 3 broadcast, please call Summit Broadband
and file a service request. They will have a large number of
technicians available during this broadcast. But you must call!

In some cases, you may need a new router.

A new router will not be provided without a service ticket.

Call Summit Broadband at (877) 678-6648 or
chat with a live person on Facebook at SummitBroadbandFI

PLEASE NOTE: If you attempt to contact Summit Broadband,
but no one answers, no one returns your message or
if you get put on hold for too long, please write to your
Association Board and describe your experience.
Leave your name and contact information.

Contact your board by writing to ClearwaterInfo@otowfl.net



OTOW-TV is working fine.

Over the past six months, OTOW-TV has made significant improvements

OTOW-TV channel 901 is working perfect - ask Summit for help if you cannot watch board meetings

Four years ago, On Top of the World community TV broadcasted its first live board meeting. It has been a learning experience ever since.

Residents wanted the video camera up higher so the board could be viewed without getting blocked by the audience. OTOW-TV purchased a custom-designed portable platform from the Fixers Club in order to achieve this goal.

Residents wanted replays of live board meetings and wanted meetings stored in a way any resident could go back and watch a past meeting on their own time. This also has been achieved with "Past Meetings" on the Box Office website (otowboxoffice.com).

Then residents asked for better sound. OTOW-TV consulted Mike Wood from the Entertainment Committee, who suggested a battery-operated transmitter system where sound is sent wirelessly into the video camera. Then Tony Esposito from ESPO Productions came in and voluntarily taught us how to use those transmitters so voices from nine different microphones would go directly into the video camera – all without wires.

Our home TV audience has raved about our new sound system.

In four years, your community TV station has listened to residents and made great improvements.

Now we are asking you to listen.

Every single condo at On Top of the World gets OTOW-TV channel 901 through Summit Broadband. The channel is working. People at home are able to watch live board meetings. In most living rooms, the system is working flawlessly.

But there are still a small number of residents who cannot watch 901 for a variety of reasons. For example, black screens, unending "pinwheels of death," picture hiccups, echoes, audio but no video, and video but no audio.

Some people are getting 901 on one TV, but not another TV in the same condo.

You might not be able to watch 901, but your neighbor next door is getting it



without any problems. You get the point. This has been very frustrating.

We can, in all good confidence, say that Channel 901 is not the problem. We are broadcasting three-, four-, five-hour live board meetings for your benefit. The fact that many residents are watching is proof the channel is working on our end.

So what's causing all the other reception problems?

Why are some people in a building getting the channel perfectly and others are not?

That's a very good question.

OTOW-TV has been working with Summit Broadband to find the problems and correct them. But even after four years from initial installation, there are still unsolved issues.

For starters, if you are unable to watch OTOW-TV 901, specifically live board meetings, you must call Summit Broadband at (877) 678-6648. You may also go to SummitBroadbandFL on Facebook and chat with a representative. If you don't contact Summit, they will not know that you have a specific reception problem in your condo for community channel 901.

In cases where you call Summit, leave a message, but no one calls you back, please email your Association Board at ClearwaterInfo@otowfl.net and explain what happened. Make sure to leave your name and contact information.

If you call Summit, are put on hold and never get to speak to a live person,



About a month ago, OTOW News purchased audio transmitters for the community TV station. Now residents watching live board meetings from home can hear board members perfectly clear as they talk directly into their microphones.

email your board.

If you are not getting service after contacting Summit, email your board.

Summit Broadband is investigating a variety of reported problems and has one theory. There may be a problem with one of the original routers distributed to residents four years ago. Unfortunately, Summit has no record who received these specific routers, so Summit cannot go door-to-door and hand residents a replacement router. If you call and request service, then a technician can determine if your router needs to be replaced.

This is the only way a replacement router will be issued. You first have to make a service request.

Also, there is social media talk about mirrors causing problems with Summit service. This actually can be true, ac-

cording to Summit techies. Glass in a mirror is not the issue, but the metal base behind the glass mirror can disrupt your TV signal. If you have multiple mirrors with metal bases, the problem could be worse.

There are solutions to this problem. But again, you have to contact Summit Broadband and ask for help.

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Exercise, ceramic volunteers needed

Happy autumnal equinox on Sept. 22 when the sun is exactly above the equator and day and night are of equal length.
Sept. 15 also kicks off National Hispanic Heritage Month.

Fall Festival

The 2025 On Top of the World Fall Festival & Expo will take place Saturday, Nov. 1 from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. Mark your calendars now!
There will be new vendors of every variety, inside and out of the East Activity Center. There will be free stuff, raffle prizes, arts and crafts vendors, OTOW club vendors, CVS vaccinations, food trucks, an actual farmers' market and more!

Attention Residents of OTOW

Ceramics

We are seeking residents interested in reviving a ceramics club. Everything you need is available. We have three kilns onsite as well as greenware ceramic supplies. We are seeking at least three resident volunteers with kiln experience.

Certified Fitness Instructors

We are seeking residents with experience and certification or a willingness to obtain certification to lead weekday morning exercise classes.
Please contact Nancy Rogers at 727-799-2734 or general_activity@scacw.com.

Healthy Steps

The Clearwater YMCA presents: Healthy Steps for Older Adults (Fall Prevention Workshop) on Wednesday, Sept 10, from 9 a.m. – noon in the EAC Largo Room. Registration is required.
First-come, first-served. There will be a maximum 30 residents per class. The workshop will also return in the winter.
Cathy Caceres, Healthy Living coordinator with the Clearwater YMCA, will lead this fall prevention workshop.
Healthy Steps for Older Adults is an evident-based fall risk screening and education class for adults aged 65 or older. This program consists of one three-hour workshop focused on fall prevention, covering topics such as proper footwear, safety at home, good nutrition for bone health and the importance of exercise.
Participants will learn at-home exer-



cises to improve strength and balance and receive information about other fall prevention programs.
It's a powerful session with practical takeaways and it's free!
Each attendee will receive fall-prevention gifts to take home, i.e., a grabber stick, night light and anti-slip mats.
As of the submission of this newspaper column, 15 residents have already registered for the Health Steps Workshop and we have 15 additional slots to fill.
To register, please email Nancy Rogers at general_activity@scacw.com. Include your name, address, telephone number and use reference "Healthy Steps for Older Adults." That's it!

One Blood

The Big Red Bus will be at the East Activity Center front parking lot on Thursday, Sept. 11, 10 a.m. -3 p.m.
Residents can register at Nancy's Bulletin Board at otowclearwaterinfo.com, in the Community Service Office or just show up that day.
All donors will receive a \$20 Ecard plus a short-sleeve t-shirt and mini wellness checkup, including blood pressure check, temperature, iron count, pulse and cholesterol screening.
Take this opportunity to save lives. See flyer below to learn how to register or you can also just show up that day.
Honor roll from August: Mary Wall, Priscilla Fay, Norma Givens, Carmel Leblanc, Charles Fuhr, Michael Flori, Kimberly Anastasi, Elizabeth Tinsley, Camile Karnoutsos, Allan Hamilton, Wilfredo Laracuente, Lindsey Smith.
Thank you for saving lives!

Medicare Open Enrollment

The next Medicare Open Enrollment Presentation will take place on Wednesday, Oct 8, at 10 a.m. in the

EAC Auditorium.
Medicare open enrollment dates are Oct. 15-Dec. 7.
This Medicare Open Enrollment Period presentation is conducted by the SHINE Program and will outline different Medicare paths, the election options during the Open Enrollment Period, and how SHINE can help.
A SHINE volunteer also will be available to answer any questions you may have. No Registration required.
SHINE (Serving Health Insurance Needs of Elders) is a program offered by the Department of Elder Affairs in partnership with the Area Agency on Aging of Pasco & Pinellas.
Specially-trained volunteers can assist you with your Medicare, Medicaid, and health insurance questions by providing one-on-one phone or virtual on-line counseling and information.
SHINE services are free, unbiased, and confidential. SHINE counselors can be reached by calling 1-800-963-5337 or 727-217-8111.

Movie Night

The next Movie Night will be Wednesday, Sept. 17 at 4 p.m. in the East Activity Center Auditorium.
The featured film will be the classic "ET" from 1982. It is rated PG-13.
Seating is limited to 80, first-come, first-served. No reservations are required. Popcorn is free, one bag per resident.
The cast includes Henry Thomas, Drew Barrymore, Dee Wallace Stone, Robert MacNaughton and Peter Coyote.
This is a film about a lonely boy who befriends a homesick alien stranded on Earth. The boy attempts to help the alien find a way home. Meanwhile, a group of government scientists attempt to capture the benevolent visitor for research.
This movie won Oscar Awards for sound, visual effects and score.
The director is Steven Spielberg. The studio is Universal Pictures. The movie is 115 minutes long.

Saturday Food Truck Night

The next Saturday Food Truck Night will take place on Sept. 13 from 3-7:30 p.m. in the East Activity Center front parking lot.
We will feature Cousins Lobster and Donut NV.
It's a special treat to have Cousins Lobster available on a Saturday so

please come out and enjoy another opportunity for some lobster.
Donut NV is here for dessert. Give their lemonade a try - it's awesome!
You can dine at the Pavilion or downstairs in the Clearwater Room. You can pick up some lobster to take home.
We hope to see you there and bon appetit!

How Do I Make A Reservation On The Calendar?

The first step for making a reservation on the calendar is to email or call the Activity Office with the type of event you are planning, and preferred date and location.
Send an email to: general_activity@scacw.com or call 799-2734. This starts the process.
Once we confirm all the details, you will fill out the online Facility Request form.
Visit: otowclearwaterinfo.com, click on "Community Activities" and "Forms" and select the SCA Online Facility Request form. Complete and sign the form with your mouse or finger and click submit.
I will acknowledge receipt in an email. This form works better if you use Google as your browser.
Paper forms are still available and can be picked up and dropped off in the Community Service Office where I have a mailbox. Please complete the form outside of that busy office and then drop it off. I will acknowledge receipt in an email or phone call.

Activity Card Renewal

The Community Service Office (CSO) is open Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. (closed from noon to 12:30 p.m. for lunch).
You must bring a valid, government issued photo ID, a recent piece of mail showing your name and OTOW address, and your most recently issued Activity Card.
There is no fee for renewals, however, if your card has expired (all fiscal years have been punched at the bottom), a new card is required, and the fee is \$3.
If you do not have your most recently issued Activity Card or Access Card, the fee is \$25 for a replacement. If you already have an Access Card, there is no charge to renew. If you need an Access Card, there is a \$7 charge.

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September Calendar

Sept. 12 is
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Special Events

Wednesday, Sept. 3 - Association Board Meeting & Town Hall - 1 pm, East Activity Center Auditorium (also Live OTOW-TV)
Saturday, Sept. 6, 13, 20, 27 - Farmers Markets, 11 am - 4 pm, East Activity Center Front Parking Lot
Wednesday, Sept. 10 - Fall Prevention Workshop, 9 am - Noon, East Activity Center Largo Room (class limit 30)
Thursday, Sept. 11 - Good Neighbors Association Get Acquainted Coffee (Carla Hines), 9 - 11 am, EAC Auditorium
Thursday, Sept. 11 - OneBlood, 10 am - 3 pm, East Activity Center Front Parking Lot
Saturday, Sept. 13 - Food Truck Night, 3 - 7:30 pm, East Activity Center Front Parking Lot
Wednesday, Sept. 17 - Movie Night, 4 pm, “ET,” East Activity Center Auditorium
Saturday, Sept. 20 - Entertainment Committee Dance - At Large - 7:30 - 10:30 pm, EAC Auditorium
Sunday, Sept. 21 - Entertainment Committee Sunday Meet & Greet with Horse Races, 2 - 4 pm, EAC Auditorium
Wednesday, Sept. 24 - Italian-American Club, A Little Latin Twist, 5 - 9 pm, East Activity Center Auditorium
Wednesday, Oct. 1 - Association Board Meeting, 1 pm, East Activity Center Auditorium (also Live on OTOW-TV 901)
Club Information Tables, Mondays and Thursdays, 8:30 - 10:30 am, East Activity Center Auditorium

Clubs and Groups

-  Art Guild - Board Meeting: No board meeting this month
- Art Guild - Business Meeting: No business meeting this month
- Art Guild - Club Meeting: 1-4 pm, Wednesday, Sept. 10, Largo Room
- Art Guild - Summer Art Program: 1-4 pm, Thursdays, Largo Room
- Art Guild - Painting Pals: 1-4 pm, Wednesdays, room open to club members
- Art Guild - Acrylic Painting: 1-4 pm, Thursdays, room open to club members
-  Baby Boomers: 5:30-6:30 pm, Sept. 3 | 5:30-6:30 pm, Sept. 18, Largo Room
- Baby Boomers Acoustic Jam: 10 am-1 pm, Thursdays, Learning Lab
-  Bible Study: 2-3 pm, Fridays, Crystal Beach Room
-  Bingo: 6 - 10 pm, Mondays, East Activity Center Auditorium
-  Canadian Club: Off for the summer
- Caring and Sharing: 9 am-12 pm, Tuesdays, Clearwater Room
-  Chorus: Rehearsals begin Sept. 23
-  Coloring Book Club: 12-3 pm, Wednesdays, Crystal Beach Room
-  Computer Club: 8:30-10 am, Wednesdays and Saturdays, Learning Lab
-  Democratic Club Board: 2-4 pm, Thursday, Sept. 25, Crystal Beach Room
-  Democratic Club Meeting: 2-4 pm, Thursday, Sept. 11, Learning Lab
- Democratic Club Happy Hour: 6-8 pm, Tuesday, Sept. 23, Learning Lab
-  Entertainment Com. Board: 10:30-11:30 am, Monday, Sept. 8, Crystal Beach
-  Fixers, Fiddlers, Fumblers: No upcoming events
-  Freebirdz Weight Loss Group: 10:30 am-12:30 pm, Fridays, Crystal Beach
-  French Language & Culture: 11 am-12 pm, Wednesdays, Dunedin Room
-  Good Karma Book Club: 10-11:30 am, Thursday, Sept. 18, Crystal Beach Rm
-  Good Neighbors: 9-11 am, Thursday, Sept. 11, Get Acquainted Coffee
-  High Vibe Tribe: 7-9 pm, Tuesday, Sept. 9, Kitchen
-  Irish Club - No upcoming events
-  Italian-American Club - 5-9 pm, Wednesday, Sept. 24, Social

-  Jesters Board Meeting: 11 am -12 pm, Tuesday, Sept. 9, Belleair Room
- Jesters Meeting: 6-9 pm, Wednesday, Sept. 10, WAC Belleair Room
-  Kibitz Corner: 9-10 am, Mondays and Wednesdays, Kitchen
-  Knitting Group: 9-11 am, Wednesdays, Crystal Beach Room
-  Lambda Social: Nothing scheduled
- Lambda Chat: 10:30-12, Fridays, Safety Harbor Room
-  Lawn Bowl Club: No upcoming events
-  Music Group: 3-6 pm, Tuesdays, Dunedin Room
-  New York-New Jersey: Nothing scheduled
-  Philosophy Club: 10-11:30 am, Tuesdays, Crystal Beach Rom
-  Plant-Based Living Club: 3-4 pm, Wednesday, Sept. 10, Learning Lab
-  Pickleball Club Board Meeting: 1-3 pm, Monday, Sept. 15, Crystal Beach
- Pickleball Club Game Night: 6:30-9:30 pm, Monday, Sept. 15, Belleair Rm
-  Pray For America: 10 am-12 pm, Saturdays, Crystal Beach Room
-  Press Association: No meeting schedule until October
-  Republican Club Meeting: 6:45-9 pm, Tuesday, Sept. 2, WAC Belleair
- Republican Club Events: None scheduled
- Speak English: 10-11 am, Thursdays, Dunedin Room
-  Tennis Club: No upcoming events
-  Texas Card Game Club: 3-10 pm, Friday, Sept. 26, Clearwater Room
-  Theater Workshop Meeting: 6-8:30, Wednesday, Sept. 3, Belleair Rm
-  Travel Club: 2-4 pm, Friday, Sept. 5, EAC Oldsmar Room
-  Veterans Club: No upcoming events
-  World Quilters: 9 am-2 pm, Tuesdays, Largo Room
-  Writer's Ink: Off for summer

Exercises and Games

Aqua Aerobics: 9-10 am, Mondays through Fridays, EAC Pool
Bonesavers: 8-9 am, Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays, Largo Room
Co-Ed Exercises: 10-10:45 am, Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays, Exercise Room
Cornhole: 1-3 pm, Mondays, Belleair Room
Gentle Movement Exercises: 11 am-12 pm, Tuesdays and 3-4 pm, Fridays, EAC Auditorium
Kaboom: 11-11:45 am, Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays, EAC Exercise Room
Ladies Exercises: 8-9 am, Monday-Friday, Exercise Room
Line Dance Club: 1-3 pm, Tuesdays, Auditorium
Moving 'n Grooving Line Dance: 8:30-10:45 am Tuesdays | 12:30-2:45 pm, Fridays, EAC Auditorium
Qigong: 3-4 pm, Tuesdays and Thursdays, Exercise Room
Slimnastics: 9-10 am, Monday through Friday, Exercise Room
Snowbirds Line Dancing: Off until fall
Social Dance with Howard: 1-3 pm, Thursdays, West Activity Center Belleair Room
Tai Chi Flow: 3:15-4:15 pm, Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays, Exercise Room
Yoga Align and Stretch: 10-11:15 am, Mondays, Belleair Room

All-In: 2-4 pm, Wednesday, Sept. 3, Crystal Beach Room
Board Games: 1-3 pm, Wednesdays, Palm Harbor or Belleair Room
Blackout: 6:30-9:30 pm, Thursdays all year, Belleair Room (Canadian Club members)
Bid Euchre: 6:30-9:30 pm, Tuesdays, Crystal Beach Room
Casual Bridge: 1-4 pm, Tuesdays | 9 am-12 pm, Thursdays, Ozona Room
Cribbage: 10 am - 12 pm, Wednesdays, Ozona Room
Dominos: 5:30 - 8 pm, Tuesdays, Ozona Room
Double Deck Pinochle: 1-3:30 pm, Wednesdays and Sundays, Ozona Room
Ladies Bunco: 6-9:30 pm, Wednesday, Sept. 17, Crystal Beach Room
Mahjong: 1-4 pm, Tuesdays, Fridays, Palm Harbor Room
Mexican Train: 1-5 pm, Thursdays, Safety Harbor Room
Qwirkle: 1-4 pm, Mondays, Dunedin Room
Rummikub: 12:30 - 3:30 pm, Mondays, Ozona Room
Samba Hand & Foot Canasta: 5:30 - 9:30 pm, Fridays, Ozona Room

9 Ladies Golf: 8:30 am, Tuesdays
18 Ladies Golf: 8:30 am, Tuesdays
Billiards 8 ball: 6-10 pm, Mondays and Tuesdays
Billiards: 9 ball: 1-3 pm, Tuesdays and Fridays; 6 - 10 pm, Thursdays;
Billiards Events: None
Mens Golf: 8 am, Wednesdays
Mixed Golf: 9 am, Fridays
Lawn Bowling: 6:15 pm, Mondays and Wednesdays | 9 am, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Fridays
Pickleball: 10am-1pm Mon, Wed, Fri | 8-10am, Tue, Thu, Sat | 5:30 to 7:30pm Tue, Wed, Thu | 9-12 Sun.
Ping Pong: 10-1, Tuesdays-Fridays, Belleair Room
Shuffleboard: 4 pm, Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays
Softball: 7:45 am, Off until fall
Tennis: 7:30-10 am, Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays | 10-1 Tuesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays

Alonzo Poker: 5-8 pm, Mondays, Safety Harbor Room
Barry's Poker: 6:30 - 9:30 pm, Mondays and Wednesdays, Ozona Room
Bob's Poker: 6-9:30 pm, Tuesdays, Safety Harbor Room
Carol's Poker: 6-9 pm, Wednesdays and Fridays, Safety Harbor Room
Laura's Poker: 5-9 pm, Fridays, Safety Harbor Room
Richie's Poker: 5-8 pm, Mondays and Wednesdays, Ozona Room
Tom's Poker: 5-9 pm, Wednesdays, Safety Harbor Room

Building Events

None

Swimming Pools: 8-6:30 Mondays-Saturdays, 9-6:30 Sundays | Library: 10-12 Mondays & Thursdays, 1-3 Wednesdays
Woodshop: 8-12 Monday-Friday, EAC Woodshop | Lapidary: 1-3 pm, Monday-Friday, EAC Lapidary Room



2026 season tickets get you the same table and you never get shut out from a sellout

By Mary Ann O’Neill
The last day of summer is Sept. 22 and our Snowbird friends will be returning to our Sunshine State before too long.
On Aug. 16, the Louie Bravo Trio performed for us and this was our last dance of the summer season. This trio entertained us throughout the evening with all types of music from classics, oldies, Latin, Salsa and much more. We can always count on Louie to bring us great entertainment.
Join us on Saturday, Sept. 20, for our next monthly dance featuring At Large, a band that brings wonderful songs and great entertainment to our stage. At Large plays locally and many of you follow them. So put on your dancing shoes and come out for a fun night of dancing.
On Sunday, Sept. 21, our Sunday Meet and Greet returns. This event is free and starts at 2 p.m. in the East Activity Center Auditorium. There will be a short general meeting then we

will have a fun afternoon of horse racing. So, bring your dollar bills and get ready to bet on your favorite jockey and horse. Our popular raffle tickets and light refreshments will be available after the races.
Sunday Meet and Greets are always a fun time for our residents, so spread the word to your neighbors. Why not get your building to come out and enjoy an afternoon together?
Remember the more people we have at the track, the better the payouts.
Starting in September, the Entertainment Committee will be back to our regular Monday/Thursday schedule selling tickets between 8:30-10:30 a.m. in the East Activity Center Auditorium.
So be sure to stop by and see what our community has to offer. You do not want to miss all the fun we have here.
The Entertainment Committee has been working hard on lining up entertainment for our 2026 shows and dances. Starting in October, please stop by the Entertainment Committee informa-

tion table to pick up your 2026 schedule.
Starting Thursday, Oct. 2, and throughout the month, anyone who is a season ticket holder for shows or dances may renew their tickets. We are going to try something a little different this year regarding season tickets. Those of you who are not currently season ticket holders and would like to be, you may purchase season tickets starting Monday, Oct. 13. Non-season tickets will be available for everyone to purchase starting Nov. 3.
The advantage of season tickets is that you have the same table and seat throughout the year, plus you do not have to worry about shows or dances being sold out.
There will be eight shows in 2026. Shows are scheduled January through May and October through December. No summer shows June through September. The season show ticket will cost \$160 (\$20 per show).
There will be 12 dances, including

our Halloween and New Year’s Eve dances. A season dance ticket will cost \$145 (\$10 per regular dance. Halloween dance is \$15. New Year’s Eve dance is \$30).
For our shows and dances there is reserved table seating. Our events are BYOB, snacks, cups and plates. We provide coffee and ice.
Just a reminder, shorts are not allowed at dances, except for the Halloween Dance.
For information regarding tickets, please call (727) 449-9243 or (215) 431-4799.
There are several ways to keep track of our events. We promote on OTOW-TV channel 901, on the Box Office website (otowboxoffice.com), and on your building bulletin boards as well as at both activity centers.
Thank you all for your support throughout the summer!

Summer entertainment



The Louie Bravo Trio was here in August.

At Large will be here on Sept. 20.



(OTOW News photos by Mary Lou Wall)

Committee



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Oct. 23
EAC Auditorium



Entertainment Committee Calendar

SEPTEMBER

20 - At Large (dance), 7:30 pm, \$10

OCTOBER

23 - Beattle Maniacs (show), 7:30 pm, \$20

25 - South Shore Cruisers (dance), 7:30 pm, \$15

Halloween Dance and Costume Contest*

NOVEMBER

20 - Divas of the '70s and '80s (show), 7:30 pm, \$20

22 - Flashback (dance), 7:30 pm, \$10



* Please note, the South Shore Cruisers have replaced TC & Sass as the Oct. 25 entertainment for Halloween



Coming up: Food & Clothing Drive, Music Bingo

Carla Hines opens new season of Get Acquainted Coffee

By Sue Trost

The Good Neighbors Association's next Get Acquainted will be on Thursday, Sept. 11, from 9-11 a.m. Our entertainment will be none other than our own Carla Hines, who has provided us with her amazing performances in the past. Such a great performer to kickoff our 2025-2026 year. Hope to see all of you there. Upcoming events are our Fall Food & Clothing Drive, which will be held on Friday, Oct. 10, from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. in the East Activity Center back parking lot by the Pavillion. Our fall social will be Music Bingo, which is coming back by overwhelming requests. This will be held on Saturday, Oct. 18, from 3:30-7 p.m. and tickets will be

on sale in the East Activity Center Auditorium every Monday and Thursday from 8:30-10:30 a.m. starting on Sept. 4. Tickets are \$13 and include three games of bingo and a hot dog meal. There will be three prizes (one for each game) and also several door prizes. Our Fall Flea Market and Craft Fair will be held on Saturday, Nov. 15, from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. in the EAC Auditorium. We will be selling tables beginning Thursday Sept. 4 and every Monday and Thursday at the Good Neighbors Association information table in the Auditorium from 8:30 -10:30 a.m. Tables are \$15 apiece or two tables for \$25. First come, first served. Looking forward to seeing everyone this coming fall!



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East Activity Center Ground Floor

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Pavilion Park

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727-683-6981

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727-799-2734

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727-799-3417 Option 6

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When a caller asks you for personal information - time to hang up the phone

Scam Alert

Everyone already knows, if you receive a phone call and don't know the caller, you shouldn't answer the call. Let the caller (scammer?) leave a message.

Of course, there are exceptions.

Maybe you're waiting for a specific call from someone or some company, so you answer the call, only to hear a foreign voice who wants to discuss something he/she claims you did, or you requested, you owed, or you said.

Maybe it's hard to hear or understand or both.

Here's a good rule to follow: If the caller tells you that you said something or did something or ordered something, or owe something or he/she needs any personal information and you don't know why - hang up immediately.

If there is a call back, don't answer it. Let the caller leave a message. Then you can decide what you want to do.

Folks, there are huge call centers, frequently in foreign countries, where folks who can speak English are forced into virtual slavery to make scam calls.

Don't believe me?

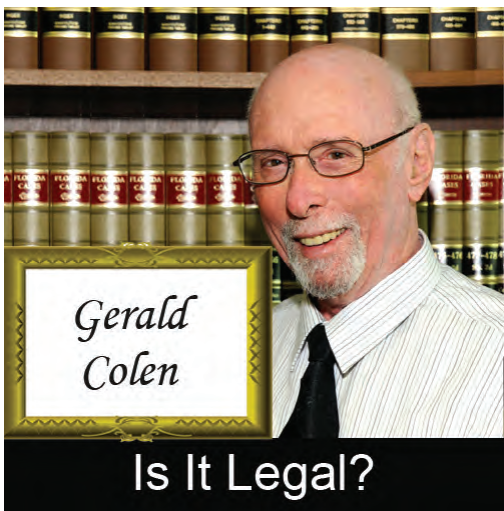
Google "Myanmar scam centers." Or Google "NPR scam centers."

Callers from these scam centers use sophisticated methods to trap folks into revealing personal information.

Best Defense: do not answer a call if you don't know for sure who's calling. Or if you do answer and you cannot understand or you can't hear the caller, just hang up.

Don't blame your hearing or your hearing aids. Just hang up.

Scam Alert: All of us are targets for scams. All of us can have our identity



stolen. We are not smarter than the scammers. They are smarter than us.

We can easily divulge personal information, or we can have it disclosed because someone or some company with whom we've done business was hacked.

Also, our children or grandchildren, who use Facebook or Twitter (now X) or Tik Tok, can be hacked without knowing it and then expose personal information just by forwarding something they saw or read.

Best defense: Don't click on just any link. Also, use two-factor identification as much as possible. If you don't know how to do it, someone you know will, so ask that person for help.

Two factor identification is a royal pain, but it's much better than losing your life's savings.

Q. I have two children from two different relationships. I want to leave my IRA to their children, who are my grandchildren. They aren't minors. Which is

wiser for me? Leaving the IRAs directly to my grandchildren or creating a trust and leaving the IRAs to the Trust which can then control how each grandchild receives his/her share?

A. I do not have anywhere near sufficient facts to answer this question, so I won't even try. You need to sit down with your estate planning attorney to discuss these issues, which by the way, and depending what you do, can have potential and significant tax consequences.

So, why am I addressing any part of it now? Answer: Because without addressing any of the issues in the question, there is an important point I wish to discuss. Trusts, if drafted properly, are complex documents. This is true, even if someone thinks they have a "simple estate," and all that is wanted is to avoid probate when the future arrives. And if you add to the trust, sophisticated matters, such as the trust is to be the beneficiary of an IRA (a 401-k or other pension plan), the trust document becomes even more complex.

It's one thing to have a spouse and a couple of kids or close relatives who you want to get everything. But if that's what you need, you can consider using beneficiary designations on your accounts and avoid the expense of a trust altogether.

Q. I'm pretty sure this will be a "new one" for you. It's exotic.

My wife and I are to be cremated. When both of us are deceased, we want the cremains of our now deceased dogs dug up and interred with ours and

then all together deposited in the Gulf of Mexico. Can this be accomplished?

A. First of all, over the 50 plus years of my law practice, I've seen and heard everything. So, this is neither new nor exotic.

Contact the company that is handling your and your wife's funerals and then contact wherever the dogs cremains are and fill out whatever forms are required and give copies to your attorney and also your personal representative.

(Jerry Colen, Rachel Wagoner and John Beck are law partners in Colen & Wagoner, P.A. Jerry and Rachel are members of the National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys, and the Academy of Florida Elder Law Attorneys. John has a master's degrees in taxation, accounting and a degree in finance. The law firm practices in the areas of wills, trusts, probate, real estate, elder law, asset protection for business and professionals. This column does not, nor is it intended to, provide legal advice to anyone. You should not rely on what is written in this column to be legal advice for any situation, even if it appears similar to an issue you face. You should always consult with your own attorney for legal advice. The law offices of Colen and Wagoner, P.A. is located at 1756 North Belcher Road, Clearwater, FL, 33765 and in Suite 11 at Circle Square Commons across from the ice cream shop. Phone numbers in Ocala and in Clearwater are (727) 545-8114. Our website is www.colenwagoner.com. For more information, send an email to Info@colenwagoner.com.)

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On Top of the World Movie Night - August

Sixty-five people attended Movie Night in the East Activity Center Auditorium in August (see photo at right). The film was 'The Friend.' Movie Night will continue in September with an all-time classic, "ET." There is no charge or reserved seating. First come, first served. Every resident gets a free bag of popcorn.



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ACTIVITY REPORTS



‘100 hat’ was past its prime, so Jack Angileri was presented a 102 hat at bingo

By Irene Piper

Jack Angileri is a fixture at On Top of the World Bingo in the East Activity Center Auditorium.

For the past couple of years, he has been playing bingo and wearing a hat with the No. 100 on it.

Bingo players decided the hat was too old and had to go. Jack was no longer just 100 years old. He has since been promoted to 102 years.

As Jack sat with his caretaker Debbie Vincent at a bingo table in August, a break in calling the numbers took place and all attendees recognized Jack's 102nd birthday with a cake and standing ovation.

His cap with the 100 on it was then replaced with a cap with 102 on it.

And then more numbers were drawn.

On a beautiful summer day, Aug. 3, 1923, behind a grocery store on Harrison Street in Chicago, Jack was born to Italian immigrants who came from Sicily.

Jack's parents owned the local grocery store.

As a young man, Jack worked at the store filling shelves and later attended St. Ignatius College Prep and later graduated.

He also enjoyed playing an accordion at the local Italian Club.

Jack expressed interest in becoming a doctor, but his father expected him to take over the family business. A dilemma took place. If Jack wanted to pursue a medical career, he would need to relocate back to Sicily. Instead, he decided to take over the family business as planned.

Jack met his wife, Juanita, in Johnson City, Ill., at a dance hall. They began to date and married on Sept. 1, 1942.

Jack's daughter, Joan, and her husband, Bill Kistner, reside in Clearwater today. Jack has one grandson, James, and his wife, Katie, who visit often.

Jack and Juanita became residents of On Top of the World as Snowbirds during the 1970s.

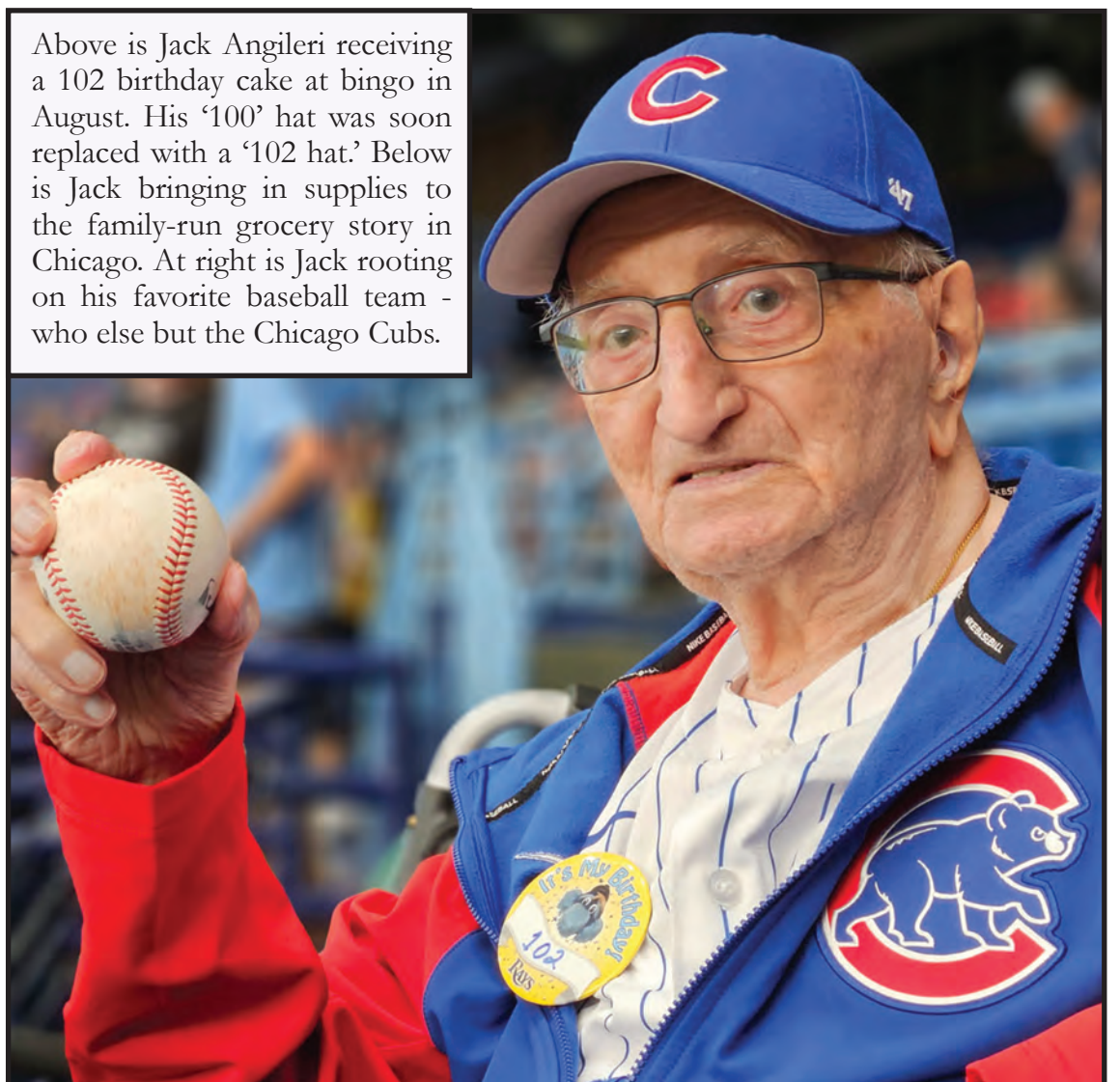
After several years they made the decision to sell their family business and relocate to OTOW on a permanent basis.

Today, Jack enjoys cards, especially canasta, bowling, golf, swimming and watching movies. He is rarely home because Debbie, one of his favorite caretakers, keeps him occupied with going out for bingo, movies and dining out.

And yes, on Aug. 4, one day after his birthday, Jack did get a bingo. It really wasn't unexpected. And everyone applauded again.



Above is Jack Angileri receiving a 102 birthday cake at bingo in August. His '100' hat was soon replaced with a '102 hat.' Below is Jack bringing in supplies to the family-run grocery story in Chicago. At right is Jack rooting on his favorite baseball team - who else but the Chicago Cubs.



We know someone who will gladly take that ball of yarn collecting dust in your condo

by Cheryl Butcher

Do you have stacks of yarn that you are not using?

Maybe you are no longer able to work those crazy needles because of arthritis or another condition?

Or perhaps you are cleaning out someone else's condo because they are no longer living here?

The Knitters Club is always very grateful to receive donations of yarn and even partially finished projects.

Many times we have been given a stack of granny squares that have been started but never made into any kind of article.

One of our members always takes those squares and creates a beautiful lap robe.

Recently, someone came in with two partially finished crocheted pieces that had been cross stitched with Halloween designs. Thankfully, also included was the yarn needed to complete the designs. One of our members took them



Knitting

home, finished the cross stitching and made two delightful pillows. They are featured in the accompanying photo.

Members of the Knitting Club were commenting that it's a shame the Nov. 1 On Top of the World Fall Festival is after Halloween or we could have easily sold them at our booth. But if you would like to buy them, they'll still be at



our table.

Look for us on Nov. 1. We'll be outside in the East Activity Center back parking lot.

We are always thankful for the residents who purchase from our table. And even if they don't buy, they are kind with their praises.

If you have an interest in knitting or crocheting, we would love to have you join us in the East Activity Center Crystal Beach Room on Wednesday mornings from 9-11 a.m. The Good Neighbors Knitting Group operates under the auspices of Good Neighbors Association.

Your body needs water - drink for your health



By Kathy Brumbaugh

Are you staying hydrated in the summer heat?

The best beverage in the world, bar none, is water.

We cannot live very long without it and it is necessary for almost every metabolic process.

The World Health Organization (WHO) established these guidelines for how much water we should drink on a daily basis: 68-100 ounces a day for women and 85-135 ounces a day for men.

This guideline includes liquids from all sources, including caffeinated beverages, with the exception of wine and spirits.

If following a plant-based diet, 30 ounces can be consumed from plants and whole grains we eat. Coffee, tea



Members of the Plant Based Living Club toast Howard Wolfe, Mary Lou Wall, Mark Blair, and Kathy Brumbaugh who shared their homemade Kombucha brew with Club members.

and beer can leave us with more water than we started with, but wine actually dehydrates us.

We need water for every metabolic process. It also carries away metabolic waste as it flushes fat and toxins through the liver and kidneys.

Water absorption begins rapidly taking only 5 minutes to travel from the mouth to the bloodstream, peaking around 20 minutes - cold water about 20 percent faster than body temperature water.

Researchers developed this formal dehydration assessment tool:

Empty your bladder and chug down about three cups of water. See how much you pee an hour later. The researchers determined that if you drink three cups of water and urinate less than one cup within that hour, there's a good chance you were dehydrated.

There are many other healthy beverages we can also drink to stay hydrated.

These are the kind of topics the

Plant-Based Living Club discusses each month. Not all members of our group eat plant-based foods, but we all take personal responsibility to be healthier.

All residents are welcome to join us at our next meeting on Wednesday, Sept. 10 at 3 p.m. in the Computer Room. The topic will be the benefits of incorporating spices in our diets.

For more information on plant-based living, see nutritionfacts.org or email me at kbrumbaugh51@gmail.com.

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Please arrive by 11 a.m. to pre-register.

The instructor is Kevin Archibald, a certified instructor.

Class size will be limited to 30. Bring your activity card.

This class will be free to all Silver Sneakers members and \$2 a class to non-members.

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Two dates to register for the Canadian Club - Nov. 1 at the Fall Festival and Nov. 12 at Registration Night

By Connie Stanley

The Canadian Club hopes you have been experiencing a great summer no matter where you are.

Your Executive Committee is excited to kick off next season with the following notice of upcoming activities.

As a reminder, Blackout runs year-round at On Top of the World and Coordinator Tom Jamroz is available to train new players who join the Canadian Club.

Blackout orientation is held at 5:50 p.m. each Thursday in the West Activity Center Belleair Room, followed by practice games from 6 to 6:30 p.m. and regular games from 6:30 to 9 p.m.

Bring your own beverage, \$1.25 in quarters and come for lots of enjoyment and camaraderie! It is a lot of fun and a great way to make new friends and meet neighbors - everyone is welcome after you join our club.

Our club has registered to participate in the 2025 Fall Festival & Expo on Saturday, Nov. 1, in the East Activity Center Auditorium from 10 a.m. - 2



p.m. We will be accepting registrations and will be providing some handouts.

We will hold a regular Registration Night and general meeting on Wednesday, Nov. 12, in the EAC Auditorium at 6 pm. Come out and join our club, followed by a wine and cheese social at no additional cost.

Meet some new friends and renew old acquaintances.

By becoming a member, you may enjoy Blackout (weekly year-round), our Golf Fun Day, a Blue Jays spring

training game, and A Day at the Races at Tampa Bay Downs with the Italian-American Club and the Travel Club,

We have also scheduled our annual club picnic, three cabaret-karaoke style happy hours, and a matinee lunch and show at Ed Fletcher's Early Bird Theater.

All members enjoy club pricing for any or all Canadian Club dinner dances.

After 50 years, membership is still only \$5.

Aside from the membership fee, all you need is to be an OTOW resident and have a valid OTOW Activity Card.

Lydia Côté, ticket sales coordinator, will be selling tickets for our Christmas Dinner Dance on Dec. 8. Cost is \$25 for members and \$30 for non-members.

This season, we have added a holiday happy hour sing-along 4:30-7 p.m., on Friday, Dec. 5, in the West Activity Center Belleair Room. As with all of our happy hours, please bring a snack to share at the buffet table in the kitchen and bring your own favorite beverages.

There is no cost for this one.

Also, we've added a new event this year - a fourth dinner-dance. This will be a Membership Appreciation Night, on Friday, Jan. 23, 2026. All members are welcome and we'll have more details shortly.

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

We'll be distributing event calendars at Registration Night and everyone who registers will receive a ticket for a gift basket to be drawn that night. You have to be present to accept it in person.

Share the Wealth tickets will be sold at all events.

Your membership to the Canadian Club includes a second wine and cheese social at no additional cost at our Annual General Meeting.

I hope that everyone enjoys a safe, happy and healthy Labor Day on Monday, Sept. 1, and for those of you coming home to OTOW, safe travels!

Cornhole Club offers games, cheering, laughing and socializing

By Carleen Clayton

The Cornhole Club does more than play cornhole. We are great at socializing and making new friends.

We meet 1-3 p.m., every Monday at the West Activity Center Bellaire Room.

Yes. Our club's primary mission is to play cornhole, but we also spend time between games talking and laughing with friends and cheering for other players.

On special occasions you will find a table of goodies in the corner, provided by our club members to share with all.

For what more can you ask? Friendship, fun and food.

Look for us at the Good Neighbors Association Get Acquainted Coffee from 8:30-10 a.m. on Thursday, Sept. 11, in the East Activity Center Auditorium.

We will be signing up new members that day.

We will also be at the Fall Festival on Saturday, Nov. 1.

More information will be provided in October on our club webpage on the Box Office. Go to otowboxoffice.com and look for our cornhole logo.

Feel free to come check us out on any Monday. Be our guest for a day. All are welcome.



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If you can toss a bean bag a few feet through the air, you are ready to join cornhole in the West Activity Center Belleair Room. (OTOW News photos by Mary Lou Wall)

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Art students at On Top of the World are enjoying pastel and acrylic classes over the summer. Above, everyone shows off an aquatic scene painting.
(OTOW News photo by Doug Kates)

Dolphins and plants sighted in the East Activity Center Largo Room



Art Guild

By Katie Bajis

In July and August, the On Top of the World Art Guild hosted weekly pastel and acrylic painting classes. Each week on a Thursday, a different image was selected for the OTOW students to draw or paint. On one Thursday, a delightful ocean scene, complete with dolphins and aquatic life, was the topic of choice, while the following week the assignment was a Bird of Paradise plant. OTOW artists practiced newfound skills of observation, color matching and drawing objects with the correct per-

spective. The classes continue into September. They will be conducted every Thursday at 1 p.m. in the East Activity Center Largo Room. The last class is Sept. 25. The activity is free to OTOW residents, but registration is required at least 24 hours prior to the activity. Residents can register by sending an email to Robin Megel at rmegel@gmail.com. Please indicate whether you are bringing your own supplies or need supplies provided.

Theater Workshop will take us back to 1920s and will be asking for audience participation

By Spring Shorten

Have you ever been to a speakeasy? Chances are no because they went out of popularity when Prohibition was rescinded in 1933. Theater Workshop is going to give you a chance to join our speakeasy and feel like a part of the show in March. Entitled "Welcome to the Speakeasy," this musical play will give you a chance to feel as if you are there... where drinking, laughing, gambling and enjoying yourself happened during the raucous days of the 1920s. This show will bring back memories of the songs from those by-gone days that you might have heard as a child.



Perhaps you'll even sing along... who knows? "I've Got Rhythm," "Ball in the Jack" and "The Charleston" are some of the tunes you will hear. As we prepare for the show in March, get ready to watch for our articles and mark your calendar because you won't

want to miss these performances. Please plan ahead so that you can get a great seat. Theater Workshop's new director and writer for this year is Audrey Strong, who was a vocal music teacher for 30 years. She has written musical productions both for her children's choruses as well as for three barbershop choruses she has directed. She led the OTOW-Ocala Chorus after moving to Florida. Audrey sang, acted and directed various community theater shows during her teaching years. She also had the honor to sing the National Anthem for a Buffalo Bills game! Her knowledge, excitement and en-

thusiasm will create new energy for the Theater Workshop members. Audrey also will be giving acting guidance and lessons on improvisations and presentations after each Theater Workshop meeting for the group's members. So come and be a part of our new direction. This will be an exciting year with a show that includes drama, comedy, songs and dances, and even spots for some audience participation. Get ready. March will be coming fast, and you don't want to miss it! Just don't speakeasy about it... shout it out loud!

Saturday, Nov. 1, 2025
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Press Association goes out for breakfast and lunch while still holding a meeting



The Press Association tried something a little different. In an attempt to get more staffers to come to a monthly club meeting, the crew hit the road and went to Eggs Up Grill.

Twenty-two people attended. The restaurant kept its doors open just for us and served breakfast and lunch. We held two 50/50 drawings and posed for a group picture. It was a fun afternoon and chance to hold a meeting somewhere else.

There will be no Press Association meeting in September. The next one is 1:30 p.m., Thursday, Oct. 2 back in the East Activity Center Crystal Beach Room.

The annual Writer's Workshop will take place 7 p.m., Thursday, Nov. 6 in the Auditorium. This is the only time all year that Editor Doug Kates teaches. Everyone on staff - all 100 staffers - are asked to attend. This date has been marked on the calendar since last year. Veteran staffers and new people to the staff should attend and bring pen, pa-



Twenty-two members of the Press Association went on the road for their monthly meeting in August. Staffers met up for lunch, breakfast and a chance to hear news about the community newspaper. (OTOW News photo by Doug Kates)

per and the desire to learn. Snacks and beverages will be provided. The Press Association has a new website. It can be viewed by going to the Box Office (otowboxoffice.com) and clicking the link for the official Press Association page. There is plenty of information there for everyone on staff to review.



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Next year will be a 30-year milestone for the Irish Club community parade

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Irish Club

By Barbara Rice

On Top of the World Irish Club members are excited to plan the 30th St. Patrick's Day Parade.

The parade will step off, for the 30th time, on World Parkway Boulevard East on March 7, 2026, at 10 a.m.

A party will again follow the parade in the East Activity Center back parking lot.

It is not too early to begin thinking about shamrocks and leprechauns, especially when getting ready for this 2026 milestone celebration. The parade and party require several months of preparations.

Tremendous support and participation from the OTOW administration, many clubs and individuals have historically helped to make this longtime tradition possible.



The 30th On Top of the World Irish Club Parade will be taking place 10 a.m., Saturday, March 7 along World Parkway Boulevard East and adjoining roads. It's not too early to start planning. This is a milestone event.

(OTOW News file photo by Barbara Rice)

OTOW clubs and individual residents are invited to put on their thinking caps to create parade entries.

If you know of a group, performer or individual who you think would be a great participant in the parade, please share this information with the parade committee.

Many parade entries require an early

booking.

Mark your calendars. Make plans to invite family and friends to enjoy this special day in March.

For 30 years, Irish Club members have worked tirelessly to raise funds for the annual parade and party.

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port of the Irish Club's upcoming fundraisers will be greatly appreciated.

St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee Chairman Tom O'Riordan may be contacted at 845-664-0504 or emailed at tj050659@gmail.com.

Irish Club President Colman Weir may be contacted at 914-584-3370 or emailed at Colman.weir@yahoo.com.

You don't have to perform on stage to be a part of the 2026 Jesters show

By Rodger Hiller

The Jesters are gearing up to put on another great show.

Last year we had nearly 1100 people who saw our 2025 spring show.

As you can imagine, it takes a lot of work to have a show come together. This is where you come in.

Many people have told me, "I don't like to be on stage. I have stage fright."

As we need people on stage, we also need many people behind the scenes. They are just as important.

Maybe you would like being a stage hand, or work in scenery, make-up or costumes to name a few.

The show is a team effort and everyone is just as vital as the next person. It is a great feeling to see the show coming together with everyone participating.

The Jesters' first meeting of the season is Wednesday, Sept. 10 at 6:30 p.m. in the West Activity Center Belleair Room. We will have a social time with refreshments after the meeting. The agenda of the meeting is to have members sign up for the Jesters Club, present the acts in the show, and talk about what is needed behind the scenes.

Each member will decide what they would like to audition for or what they

would be interested in doing behind the scenes.

The auditions will be held in the East Activity Center Auditorium on Sept. 24 from 10 a.m. to noon and Sept. 25 from 2-4 p.m.

If you are unable to attend our first meeting, we will have an information table in the Auditorium between 8:30-10:30 a.m. on Sept. 11 during Good Neighbors Get Acquainted Coffee.

If you have any questions or would like to become a member, we can help you.

Just remember, Jesters are "jest" for fun."



Jesters

Speak English

Lola Dickert held one of her Speak English classes in August and brought in homemade pizza as a treat to students.

The idea was to learn some common English words related to foods and order out at restaurants, including how to ask for a bill.

Speak English takes place 10-11 a.m. every Thursday in the East Activity Center Dune-din Room. The class is free, but you need to bring a valid Activity Card.

There is no pre-registering. Just show up and improve your English. This class is open to all On Top of the World residents.



Ronald Reagan Republican Club lining up government speakers for fall season

By Deborah Russell

The Ronald Reagan Republican Club will be resuming meetings on Sept. 2. I have been busy contacting local government offices and speaking to many of our representatives in Tallahassee and Clearwater to secure speakers. I have asked them to bring any new information available to share with our group regarding upcoming events in

our area. Our speaker for September is Adam Ross, tax collector for Pinellas County. Adam is open to questions from everyone, so be sure to jot down any items you wish to discuss at that time. We will be meeting at 6 p.m. for our usual meet and greet, where we will have a catered light supper with desert and cold drinks at the West Activity Center Belleaire Room. The meeting will commence at 6:45

p.m., with our business segment, followed by our guest speaker at 7 p.m. The meeting will conclude at 8 p.m. I do hope everyone will be able to attend. For further information, don't hesitate to contact me at: debruss11@gmail.com or call 727-515-8211, please leave a detailed message. I will return your call or email promptly.



Sept. 9 is your chance to learn about biofield tuning and cranial adjustments

By Laurie LeClaire

Life can be so magical! High Vibe Tribe had more than 20 people in attendance at our group meeting in August with Kristen Geeslin. And there were many who were new to our group, including our September guest presenters. This is a story of how the Universe supplies people and inspiration once we put our prayerful intentions into the quantum field. During lionsgate in August, I met Lara Skadsen in a breakout room during a Mt. Shasta streaming event. I discovered she was a local resident and she has a very successful energy healing business. She indicated that she knew Dr. Clark Walter, who lived here at On Top of the World, and gave me his information. And I contacted him the following week. What is wild is that Clark, who is a Craniopathy practitioner, not only an-



assessment and cranial adjustment after showing me a human skull and teaching about the anatomy of the brain and how the dura mater is glued to the moveable boney plates in the skull. After nearly two hours, I left stronger and when I laid my head on the pillow that night, I could actually feel the cerebrospinal fluid pulsating. The following day I felt stronger and the tension in my fascia under my shoulder blades started easing. Tuesday evening (the following day) he quietly attended our group. What I had overlooked was that Lara had told me she could be our presenter in September. And now I have both of them willing to share their programs and practices with us. We will get to experience Lara's transformative work and a skilled biofield-tuning practitioner with over 15 years of experience in energy healing. In this engaging group session, Lara will introduce the fascinating science

and art behind biofield tuning, explaining how our body's electromagnetic field - known as the biofield - shares life experiences and shapes our well-being. She will share the biofield anatomy map and guide the group through a powerful remote tuning using the pure tones of tuning forks to bring the collective field into balance. Participants will leave feeling lighter, clearer and deeply refreshed. Our metaphysical group meets once a month on the second Tuesday from 7-9 p.m. in the Clearwater/Kitchen Room at the East Activity Center. The next one is Sept. 9. Residents are welcome to bring a guest, water bottles for hydration and an open mind and heart. Welcome to our High Vibe Tribe. You may send questions to Laurie LeClaire in an email to otowoowoo@gmail.com.



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Not too early in season for Latin music and dancing



By Sam Gonnella
The time is near and the price is right.
A Little Latin Twist will be taking place on Wednesday, Sept. 24, in the East Activity Center Auditorium starting at 5 p.m.
A Little Latin Twist will offer a tribute to Latin music.
DJ Frank Lembano will be playing everything from salsa, cha cha and rumba, to line dancing music.
Many recognizable artists and songs, namely Santana's "Black Magic Woman" and Jennifer Lopez's "Let's Get Loud," can be requested.
The night promises to be a very lively, rhythmic night.
A food choice of Cubanitos, or tuna and turkey mini-sandwiches will be offered.
There also will be salsa and chips, coffee and dessert on the menu.
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Italian-American Club
A Little Latin Twist Night

are offering an interacting event - a holiday PJ Pizza and game party night. Either bring a favorite board game, cards, dice or dominoes, or join others and participate in their games.
The optional dress code for the evening is some sort of pajamas if you desire.
Food for the evening will be a choice of cheese, pepperoni, sausage or veggie pizza.
Coffee and dessert are included.
Bring your own dinner beverages. Cost is \$10 - members and non-members.
At 5 p.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 21, 2026, our club's Gasparilla Party will take place in the Auditorium. Pirates will be everywhere pillaging and plundering their way across OTOW. Come join us in the pirate-themed festivities.
Eat, drink and be happy. The menu is chicken fingers with dipping sauce, mini-rice balls with sauce, macaroni and cheese, pulled pork sliders, tossed salad, bread and butter, and coffee and cookies. Bring your own beverages.
Have a riproaring time!
DJ Les 'n More will provide the musical entertainment. Cost is \$25 for club members and \$28 non-members.
Thursday, Jan. 15, 2026, and Friday, Feb. 27, 2026, we will go racing at Tampa Bay Downs. Enjoy a day at the track to experience the thrill of horse racing. Walk around the paddock area to see the horses close up. Included in the price of these events are entrance to the track, a racing program and a full buffet luncheon. A flyer with important details can be picked up at our club information table when purchasing tick-

ets. Cost of each event is \$45.
The traditional St. Joseph's Dinner Dance is scheduled for March 25, 2026, and our Dessert and Game Night is scheduled for Apr. 14, 2026. Details for these events are not available yet.
Tickets and detail Information are available at the Auditorium on Thursdays from 8:30-10:15 a.m. Come pick up a flyer.
The Italian-American Club is open to all OTOW residents. You do not have to be Italian to join. The goal is to have fun along with good food and entertainment at reasonable costs. We encourage new members to join and for existing members to renew memberships and purchase tickets when available for events in 2026.

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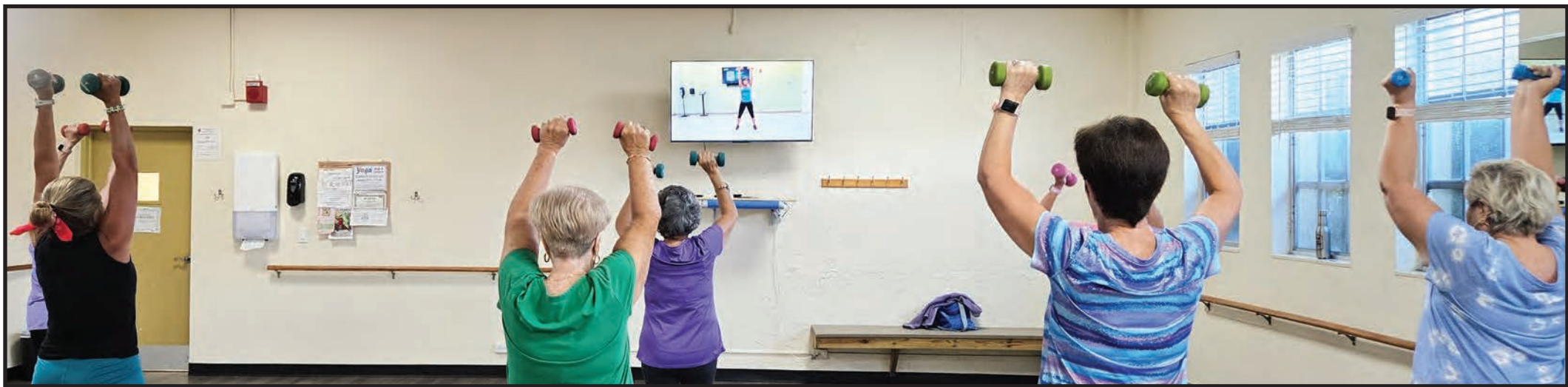
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People in the Ladies Morning Exercise Class watch a video from On Top of the World-Ocala and follow the instructor on the TV screen.
(OTOW News photos by Patti Branch)

Morning Exercise Class is back

By Patti Branch
The Ladies Morning Exercise Class is up and running again under a new format.
On Top of the World in Ocala has a program called World Class Active Aging, which is available on our community's private YouTube channel. There are approximately 40 exercise videos available, led by OTOW certified instructors.
The videos cover a variety of workout programs, including interval training with weights, dance fit, step, kick boxing, yoga and stretching to name a

few.
The classes run 45-55 minutes in the East Activity Center Exercise Room starting at 8 a.m.
Our group has decided on the following schedule of programs:

Monday
Interval training – cardio and weights.

Tuesday
Dance fit – cardio

Wednesday
Kick boxing - cardio

Thursday
Core, using a bench and weights followed by dance fit (cardio)

Friday
Step routine. You have the option of using a step or doing the exercises without a step.

Equipment for all days is provided.
If you've been wanting to try us out, we invite you to join us any weekday morning at 8 a.m.
Our motto is just "keep moving."



Ladies Exercises

Bluffing resumes at Texas tournaments

By Joe DeChiaro
The Texas Card Game Club resumed its monthly tournaments on Aug. 1 after two months.
There were 23 players in attendance and everyone said they missed the time off from playing.
The final two players - Len Picone and Tom King - called it a draw and divided the first and second place prize pool.
The next two poker tournaments will be on Friday, Sept. 26, and Friday, Oct. 31, at 6 p.m. in the East Activity Center Kitchen/Clearwater Room.
A resident player can bring a guest with them to play as long as his/her activity card is updated.
There is a one-time fee of \$5 which goes to supplies when needed. Each new member gets two free visits before



he/she decides if they want to join the club.
For more information on tournament buy-ins and structure, send an email to joegdechiaro@yahoo.com.



Warren Levene, center, congratulates Len Picone, left, and Tom King for being the only players left at the August tournament.

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Scan QR code with your cellphone - learn more about the Computer Club

By Joe Wisinski

The On Top of the World Computer Club prides itself on serving all OTOW residents, not just club members.

But not everyone knows about the club or how we can help you.

One of the ways to get to know us is through our website. On our website, you can:

- See the club's purpose and history.
- Learn about our weekly Wednesday morning and Saturday morning meetings.
- Find out how many residents we've helped, and with what technology issues, over the last three years.
- Read brief bios of all our board members.
- Email the club (You can also send an email to otowcc@gmail.com).
- Look at photos from our last annual luncheon.
- And more



Computer Club

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If you, or your OTOW club, would like a free QR code, come to a Wednesday morning help session. We will create a code for you. You can use your free QR code on your website, in your literature, or for any reason you would like.

About the Computer Club

The Computer Club meets every Saturday morning from 8:30 to 10 a.m. Meetings take place 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.

Any OTOW resident is welcome to come in on Wednesdays for assistance with technology-related issues. We're in the Learning Lab, which is in the West Activity Center, from 8:30 to 10 a.m. Please arrive before 9:30 so we have enough time to help you.

Next Democratic Club meeting is Sept. 11 - come chat with other like-minded residents

By David Beaven

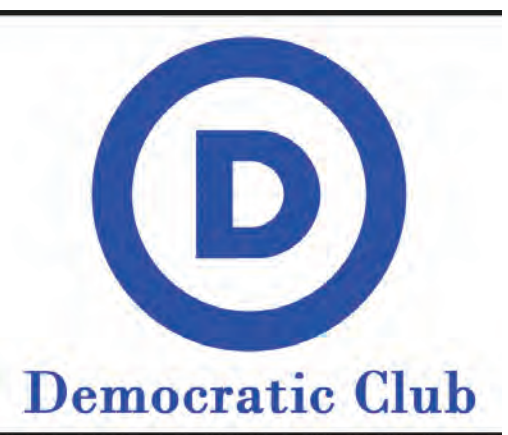
I'm pretty active in the Democratic Party in Pinellas County. I am the Democratic precinct committeeperson for precinct 522. That includes all of On Top of the World east of Belcher Road as well as neighborhoods adjacent to us.

When I speak to Democrats in outside meetings and I tell them that I live in OTOW, they say, "That place is full of Republicans." To which I reply, "Actually, we have thousands of Democrats living here, too."

Yes, when you have a group of people in a community, not everybody thinks alike. And we express that in many ways. Some residents like to travel. Hence the Travel Club. Others like to play golf. So there's a golf club. And some people are interested in politics. So we have a Democratic Club and a Republican Club for them.

As the Democratic Club's president, I can speak for fellow democrats. We have a number of get-together functions every month for residents who are like-minded.

At our monthly club meetings, we often have a speaker who informs us on important issues.



Every week we have an information table set up in the Auditorium where club members come hang out and residents can come by to chat.

And then there's our monthly happy hour, where we get together to eat, drink and solve all the country's problems.

On the social media side, our club has a lively Facebook page where we share noteworthy political posts. To see our Facebook page, visit On Top of the World Democratic Club, Clearwater.

If you like what you see there, come check us out. Our next club meeting is on Thursday, Sept. 11, at 2 p.m. in the Learning Lab in the West Activity Center.



The Democratic Club information table is a good source of information for anyone who wants to share an idea or get more information.

If you work, you can join us at our happy hour on Tuesday, Sept. 23, at 6 p.m. in the Learning Lab. You'll find a friendly group of OTOW residents who

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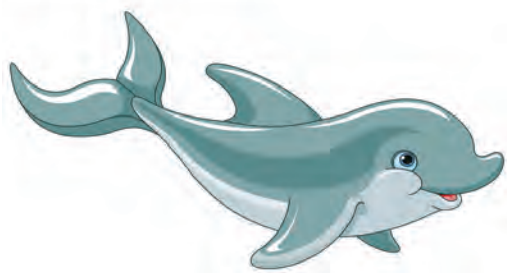
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Aqua Aerobics class enjoyed a morning workout then met for a birthday party



Aqua Aerobics

By Irene Pappas

The Aqua Aerobics class hosted a birthday luncheon at the Olive Garden restaurant on July 31.

The party took place one afternoon after nearly 30 people took part in the daily morning exercise program at the East Activity Swimming Pool.

After an hour of fun exercises in the pool, many of us met at the restaurant.

Aqua Aerobics is held Monday through Friday from 9-10 a.m. This class is very beneficial for anyone who has arthritis and the class gives most attendees a great deal of relief.

This class is now a club and is operational all year with the exception of bad weather, pool closures, some holidays, pool cleanings and repairs.

Lillian Foy and Irene Pappas are the two instructors, who are now accredited and CPR trained.

The class is insured and follows all On Top of the World policies.

We encourage everyone to wear sunscreen, water shoes, sunglasses, a hat, and even a sun-protective jacket or swim shirt.

Please come and join us not only for your physical health, but for your mental health as well. We really enjoy our camaraderie.



Attending a birthday party social at Olive Garden were, left to right, Elsie Jean Anderson, Maureen Bjorgo, Rachael Stone and Sylvia Reider.

Who wants to go on a fishing charter?

By Tom Chalupka

The On Top of the World Travel Club is always looking for new adventures for our members to enjoy and here are a few of the new things we have planned in the coming months.

On Oct. 1 we have booked a fishing charter with Surreel Fishing Adventures. On this four-hour charter we will be fishing on the intracoastal with our experienced Captain Tyler Barton. He will provide us with everything that we need, including rods, tackle, bait and fishing licenses.

Just bring your favorite beverage and enjoy the morning on the water.



Seating is very limited on this trip, but if we have enough interest in this experience we will book additional charters.

For our Christmas shoppers, the Saturday after Thanksgiving is Small

Business Saturday and we have rented a bus to take us to Shopapalooza in St. Petersburg, which is a festival filled with local sounds, local tastes and more than 350 local makers and small businesses.

Also, again this year, we have scheduled our Jolley Trolley Christmas Light Tours for December. On these tours you can relax with your favorite beverage and snacks as we drive through the neighborhoods of Indian Trail and Lake Park to observe the many outstandingly decorated homes. These neighborhoods decorate every year for charities, and the tours have been very

popular with our members and have sold out very quickly.

In keeping with trying new things this year, we also will be doing a Christmas Lights Crawl. On this tour the trolley will take us to Indian Lakes and the Ultimate Christmas House and drop us off at the beginning of the display route so you can stroll the neighborhood and enjoy the lights at your own pace.

If you're interested in these or any of our other events, our information table will be returning 8:30-10 a.m., Thursday, Sept. 4, from our summer break.

Our next club meeting is 2 p.m., Friday, Sept. 5 in the EAC Oldsmar Room.

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MacPherson, Regan, Reilly and Dietterich win summer scramble



By Sheryl Barbin

The summer of 2025 continues to be hot, humid and rainy, which has resulted in the Friday Mixed Golf League cancelling play on several Fridays. However, we were able to play a four-person scramble on Friday, July 11, and we played the short course (a combination of the 18- and 9-hole courses) on Friday, Aug. 1. Here are the results.

Friday, July 11

We had 32 players participate in a Four-Person Scramble where we played in three hours. First place went to the team of Bruce MacPherson, Chris Regan, Art Reilly and Mike Dietterich with a score of 56 points. Second place went to the team of Joe Wisinski, Mike Schuyler, Barbara Moon and Ken Smith with a score of 58 points. Third place went to the team of Paul Meyers, Mike Palermo, Fred Schick and Kyong No with a score of 59 points. All ties were broken by a match of cards.

Friday, Aug. 1

We had 32 players on a hot, muggy day. We played in just over three hours. We played the short course. First place went to Robin Hendricks with a plus-8, second place went to Warren Levene with a plus-7, third



The Friday Mixed Golf League held a summer tournament on July 11. The format was a four-person scramble. The winning team is pictured above. From left to right are Chris Regan, Mike Dietterich, Bruce MacPherson and Art Reilly.

place went to Jerry Jordan with a plus-7, fourth place went to Mike Palermo with a plus-7 and fifth place went to Gary Piccoli with a plus-5. Ties were broken by a match of cards. Closest-to-the-pins were awarded on both the short course and nine-hole

course. On the short course, hole No. 3 and No. 15 went to Warren Levene. On the nine-hole course, hole No.1 went to Rick Muchler, hole No. 2 to Warren Levene and hole No. 4 to Mike Palermo. Skins were awarded to Warren

Levene on hole Nos. 4 and 15. Rick Muchler had a skin on hole No. 1. Low gross went to Warren Levene with a score of 63 for 38 points. Nice round Warren! Remember to sign up by 6 p.m. on Wednesdays for Friday play.

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You can ace a serve - you can also ace a swing!

By Bruce McMaster
Four members of the On Top of the World Tennis Club took a break from swinging racquets and hit the nine-hole golf course.
On the fourth hole, Charles Kovarik hit a drive that landed on the green, but the general consensus was the ball rolled off the green.
When the foursome arrived at the pin, the ball was in the cup.
Witnessing the ace were Jane Collins, Bruce McAllister and Woon Young Ryu.
Twelve members of the Tennis Club recently held a luncheon at Queen's Pizza.
If you are interested in joining us for tennis, golf and road-trip luncheons, please consider joining our club. We play Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 7:30-10 a.m.; Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to noon; and Sundays from 6:30-8 p.m.
Come and join us.



On top, tennis players meet for lunch at Queen's Pizza. Above, Charles Kovarik finds his tee shot in the fourth hole cup.

Softball preseason meeting rescheduled for Oct. 16

By Bob Rittner
I have to begin by making a correction.
In the August edition of On Top of the World News, an incorrect date was listed for the softball league preseason meeting. The Oct. 14 date that was published is not available. Instead, the pre-season softball meeting will be held on Thursday, Oct. 16, at the Paradise Restaurant in Safety Harbor at noon. Please make note of this change.
If you wish to play in any of our September pre-season games, contact Bob Rittner in advance so he can put you on a roster. You can reach him by email at bobrittner@yahoo.com or by text at 727-735-1762.

The September games are scheduled for Tuesdays on Sept. 9, 16, 23 and 30. We start play at 8 a.m. and ask players to arrive by 7:45.
The address for the Safety Harbor City Park is 940 7th Ave. S. When you arrive at the field, you will fill out a registration form, but will not be asked to pay the annual \$65 dues.
If you decide to join the league, we will collect dues at a meeting on Oct. 16, at any Tuesday batting practice in October or at the first game on Thursday, Oct. 23.
When we recruit new players, invariably the response is "I haven't played softball in 40 years." There are variations on that theme. Sometimes it is a

50-year hiatus. And of course, people are often nervous they will not be up for the challenge.
Here is the point. Virtually every one of us is returning to this wonderful game as a rookie again, uncertain if all our parts work properly.
And it is true, we start the season feeling out of shape, lacking timing at the plate, dropping an easy pop-up or throwing a ball to the wrong base.
But soon enough, we realize that this is great fun, great exercise and not just manageable but exhilarating.
So come on down. There is always a spot for you to play and always supportive teammates cheering you on.



Fundraiser Golf Tournament to Benefit Veterans

A fundraiser golf tournament to benefit veterans will take place Sunday, Sept. 14, at 8:30 a.m. at the On Top of the World Golf Course.

The event is open to veterans and non-veterans, men and women, but the event is for OTOW residents only.

The tournament will feature four-player teams. Collared shirts are required.

The cost is \$20 per person. Golf carts are \$13.

After the tournament, a lunch will be provided to all players.

There will be a 50/50 drawing and a raffle for additional prizes.

The tournament is being run by Joe Ventimiglia.

You can contact Joe at jventimiglia2340@outlook.com or call (718) 909-0657 if your are interested in playing.

The tournament rain date will be Sept. 21.



SPORTS



Ping pong celebrates a 93rd birthday and the return of a singles tournament



James Phillips, center with crown, celebrates his 93rd birthday with the Ping Pong Club.

By Marie Clodge Valdes
There is a kind and soft spoken gentleman who has been a regular part of the Ping Pong Club for the past three years.
James Phillips was born in Detroit in August of 1932. He has been playing ping pong since his early 20s and he is an active part of our club. He shows up each day to play as well as compete in various tournaments.
Our group held a surprise birthday party for him where we decorated the room and had birthday cake.
I asked James how he stays so young and spry at 93 and he told me that ping pong is one of the best activities for seniors as it helps the balance system which tends to get lazy as we age.
The body, as well as the inner ear, and hand and eye coordination are all involved as we play.

He mentioned that being active and helping others also helps people live longer.
I believe there is a lot of truth in that statement.
James moved to On Top of the World back in 1998 after being a registered school psychologist as well as a counsellor and educator for 18 years.
He was given an award spanning the years 1983-1989 from the Central Valley Regional Center (a division of the Department of Health) in California.
He has been active in other clubs, too, namely the Veteran's Group, Computer Club, Travel Club and Canadian Club.
James is also a lifetime member of the American Radio Relay League.
James served in the U.S. Army Signal Corp from 1949-1952 and a few

years ago he took part in Honor Flight.
Let us offer our congratulations to James as he and his bride to be, Bonnie, will be getting married this fall. What an amazing life - full of vitality, love, accomplishments and family!
Twenty-four members of the Ping Pong Club participated in a singles tournament on July 15 - something the club hasn't done in a few years.
Each singles match had to be at least two wins out of three games to call a winner and advance to the next level.
In the end, we awarded first and second place winners in both A and B divisions.
First place in the A division went to Oscar Kanter and second place went to Marie Clodge Valdes.
The first place winner in the B divi-

sion was Janice Wisinski and second place went to Anna Ventimiglia.
It was a great tournament full of excitement and fun.
After the friendly competition, 20 of us dined together in fellowship at Queen's Pizza. There was good conversation, laughter and near the end, we even broke out in song together.
It was a very enjoyable occasion and many players remarked how much they enjoyed the day.
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Stanley Doran shoots 57 to highlight OTOW men’s golf scores in August

By Barney Hanrahan

The Men’s Golf Association started out August with weather-related issues and, as one would expect, this summer has not been a friend to golfers. We can report three out of four dates that allowed play. However, the course has seen a great deal of rain and the back nine has taken the brunt of the excessive weather. Regardless, most of the regular On Top of the World members showed up to play. Thanks to you all. August and September are looking much improved, so we expect more players and better scores.

July 23

Flight A

First Place: David Johnson, 60, Bob

Beals, 63, Mike Crittendon, 63, Jere Keiser, 63, David Saccone, 64.

Flight B

First Place: Pete Gagnon, 61, Mike Smith, 62, Mike Schuyler, 63, Andy Polselli, 64, Paul Cairns, 64.

Flight C

First Place: Jay Laracuate, 58, Len Picone, 58, Bob McGrogan, 60, Vincenzo Maranto, 61, Sal Vasapolle, 65.

Flight D

First Place: Irving Hernandez, 62, Robin Hendricks, 62, Harry Crawford, 64, Jim Valloreo, 64, Joe Ventimiglia, 66.

Aug. 6

Flight A

Flight A: Mike Crittendon, 61, Jere

Keiser, 63, Lester Whynot, 65, David Saccone, 65, Stanley Doran, 67.

Flight B

Flight B: Andy Polselli, 63, Paul Cairns, 66, Mike Schuyler, 71.

Flight C

Flight C: Len Picone, 65, Henry Rejman, 66, Vincenzo Maranto, 67, Sal Vasapolle, 69, Roger Stockley, 69.

Flight D

Flight D: Joe Ventimiglia, 64, Robin Hendricks, 64, Jim Valloreo, 65, Bob Ellis, 69, Jack Gow, 72.

August 13

Flight A

Flight A: Stanley Doran, 57, Mike Crittendon, 60, Nilson Sabadin, 61, Lester, 62, David Johnson, 62.

Flight B

Flight B: Tom Sullivan, 60, Mike Schuyler, 60, Paul Cairns, 61, Pete Gagnon, 62, Mike Smith, 65.

Flight C

Flight C: Henry Rejman, 60, Vincenzo Maranto, 63, Jim Cadwell, 63, Roger Shockley, 64, Len Picone, 64.

Flight D

Flight D: Ken Nield, 58, Robin Hendricks, 59, Tim Palmquist, 60, Harry Crawford, 63, Joe Ventimiglia, 63.

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Rehearsals for winter concert begin Sept. 23

By Ka-Rim Troyli
On Top of the World Chorus has now been off for five months, but we are getting back together to start a new adventure full of fun.

It's time to stretch our vocal chords. It's time to start singing as a group again.

Chorus has no auditions and there is still time to join us before our annual holiday concert.

One does not need to know how to read music, to have had concert experience or to have even sung in a group before. All we ask is that you want to learn and explore music with other like-minded people.

During our past spring concert, there were several residents who shared how much they enjoyed our concert. Many expressed an interest in joining us.

Were you one of those folks?

Now is your chance to say yes and join us.

Chorus meets and rehearses from 6:30-9 p.m. on Tuesday evenings, starting Sept. 23.

Our first gathering will be in the East Activity Center Large Room.

We will be working hard toward



Chorus

creating a heart-warming, feel-good winter holiday concert under the guidance of Director Gordon Mc-Mann.

Concert performances will be on Saturday, Dec. 6, at 7 p.m. and Sunday, Dec. 7, at 3 p.m. in the East Activity Center Auditorium.

Tickets can be acquired by reaching out to a chorus member in or near your building, or by visiting our information table any Monday or Thursday morning, 8:30-10:30 a.m. once we begin selling tickets.

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COMMUNITY REPORTS



Bavarian Chalet condo is a studio for home-made paintings and wooden frames

I find it an honor and privilege to have Norman Dionne as my wonderful neighbor and very dear friend.

I spent time visiting with Norman and his companion, Madeleine Fontaine, as he told me about his love for painting and how he got started oil painting.

Norman grew up in the Canadian province of New Brunswick, along the Atlantic Ocean.

Early in his hobby, he tried water colors, but quickly realized he was not interested in this form of art.

In 1977 Norman attended his first classes on drawing and painting at The Waltham Public Continuing Education Programs in Boston and received his first of four certificates in oil painting.

Norman retired from his position as a mechanist in Boston and returned to New Brunswick where he bought his home in Bouctouche with beautiful surroundings for some gorgeous winter scenes.

Once settled, Norman completed two more art classes in nearby Riverview. Later he was in an art competition in New Brunswick and won first place for his work.

He has numerous paintings with winning ribbons on them and if I had space I would love to show you all of them.

Norman told me he buys very good canvas in rolls, then he cuts and stretches the canvas to fit his board, depending on the size of the picture he has in mind.

Sometimes Norman has three paintings going on at one time. He may start one, and if it doesn't fit his thoughts, he puts it aside and starts another one.

Eventually, Norman will finish the ones he put aside.

Once a painting is finished and dried, it is ready to be framed.

Norman is a member of the On Top of the World Fixers, Fiddlers and Fumblers



blers Club and goes to the wood shop to make his frames. Once completed, he either paints or varnishes the frame to enhance the beauty of the painting.

Each of Norman's paintings are unique from start to finish and hung on the wall of his home or given as gifts.

Norman has completed at least 1,000 paintings. He has even taught Madeleine how to paint. It all starts with an inspiration. Next is direction and support until finished.

Some of Madeleine's beautiful paintings are on their walls, too.

I am so blessed to be the recipient of one of their joint pieces as a Christmas gift last year.

Along with painting, Norman does beautiful wood sculptures and, yes, those beautiful wood pieces are scattered around their home, too.

A side note about Norman is he is an avid reader. The encyclopedia is one of his favorite books to read.

He also rides many miles daily on his bike and makes delicious soups to share with his neighbors.

As I said earlier, it is an honor and a privilege to live next door to Norman and Madelaine and have them as wonderful friends.



Pictured on top of this page is one of the first paintings you will see when you walk into Norman Dionne's home. The painting is of a bear fishing with a cub nearby. You may see it in his living room. Walk into Norman's kitchen and you will see many pictures hanging on the wall. The photos above are just a sample.

(OTOW News photos by Doug Kates)

**Norman Dionne is a member of the On Top of the World
Fixers, Fiddlers and Fumblers Club
and goes to the wood shop to make his own frames.**



September 2000

By Randae Van Denover

World News

The 2000 Summer Olympics was the first Olympics held in the New Millennium. The event received great praise and ran from Sept. 15 to Oct. 1, 2000, in Sydney, Australia. This Olympics added trampolining gymnastics events, plus the triathlon and taekwondo as new sports. Taekwondo is a dynamic Korean martial art highlighting its focus on both kicking and punching skills. Around the same time, a series of protests against meetings of the World Economic Forum occurred in September 2000 in Melbourne, Australia. Approximately 10,000 people of many ages, and a wide cross section of the community, got involved. The protest is a loose alliance of critics of corporate-led globalization. While this protest is significant for Australia, it is not the first instance of World Economic Forum protests.

U.S. News

Sept. 14 – Under President Clinton, the U.S. moved to revive Mideast peace talks at informal New York meetings, but Secretary of State Madeleine Albright was doubtful of the progress. Indeed, the peace talks failed, which were a contributing factor to the start of the Second Intifada. Albright believes religion is instrumental in shaping ideas and policies. It’s an essential part of everyday life in a whole host of countries. In her 2006 book, “The Mighty and the Almighty,” she states “religion plays a role in how these countries behave, so we need to know what that influence is.”

Business World

In September 2000, the trade deficit widened sharply to a record \$34.3 billion. This increase was driven by a rise in imports and a decline in exports, leading to concerns about the pace of the US economic slowdown and the robustness of the US dollar. In that same month, discussions were underway regarding China’s potential entry into the World Trade Organization, a process that would ultimately grant China permanent normal trade relations status with the US. This would significantly impact tariffs on goods imported from China and potentially have greater future negative effect on the US trade deficit.

Technology News

The internet boom of the late 1990s reaches its peak in March 2000 only to burst by September 2000. Numerous failures of internet companies occur. Even established companies like Amazon and Cisco Systems experience significant losses in market capitalization.

Sports News

Sept. 27 - The United States baseball team, managed by Tommy Lasorda, wins the Olympic gold medal in Sydney, Australia. Lasorda is a former American professional baseball pitcher and manager. He managed the Los Angeles Dodgers from 1976 through 1996 and became their longest-running, very popular manager. He was inducted into the National Baseball Hall of Fame as a manager in 1997. Tommy Lasorda is a favorite as well in Pennsylvania, being born in Norristown, Pa..

The Theater World

Sept. 10 - Andrew Lloyd Webber’s musical “Cats” closes at the Winter Garden Theater in New York City after 7,485 performances, winning seven Tony Awards, three Drama Desk Awards, and a Grammy Award. “Cats” is successful due to a combination of factors, including its memorable music, innovative staging and captivating choreography.

Never Forget



As we slide into September, you may pass by a banner at the French Renaissance building (41) which pays tribute to 9-11. Resident Jesse Tiamason believes this will always be an important date in our country’s history, but as we put years between the past and present, we tend to forget. Jesse’s home-made display is not only a tribute, but a reminder. It may also bring awareness to people who don’t know a whole lot about 9-11. Sept. 11 is already 24 years ago.

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My bench is ready for Florida thanks to our Fixers Club



I'm so excited about my "new" bench that I wanted to share my story with you.

I have two pine benches in my home. One of the benches I had painted due to the decor in a previous home, but upon moving to Florida, I realized the paint was too dark for my spare bedroom.

I could not imagine how to remove the dark paint.

But then I gave it a great deal of thought and I remembered that our own Fixers Club had assisted me with a previous project.

So I brought my black bench to the wood shop at the East Activity Center and club members said they could provide the results I was seeking.

They told me to leave the bench and they would call me as soon as they were finished.

A few days later, I was told to retrieve



An old friend comes back with a new look thanks to the crew at the Fixers Club.

my bench. I was totally shocked. I was thrilled to see the result as it was nothing short of astonishing.

I gratefully made a donation to the club and wanted to share my experi-

ence working with these very talented men who live here and volunteer. Not only do they do repairs, but they also donate leftover wood to our own Toy Shop where we have volunteers who

construct and donate various home-made toys to daycare centers.

On Top of the World is so fortunate to have such a skilled group of men in our wood shop.

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Austrian Alpine residents celebrated Christmas in July at Island Way Grill on Clearwater Beach.

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Marilyn Whelan and Donna Gagnon coordinated the gift-giving process, ensuring each guest received a gift. Cliff and Laurel kindly provided Christmas bags for all the gifts.

Donna included Ghirardelli choco-



Austrian Alpine residents arrive for dinner at the Island Way Grill.

late squares, because who doesn't love chocolate, and Bob Young provided organic candy canes, making this gift-giving surprise a collective effort.

Marilyn said it was a wonderful time and Joyce Monahan enthusiastically said that she had a great time.

Tiffany Schad thanked Donna for co-

ordinating the dinner and bringing everyone together. Tiffany said that she had a great time as well.

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Virginia Upton, second from left, celebrates her 80th birthday in the core.
(OTOW News photo by Patricia Cullen-Davis)

Family members fly in for Virginia Upton’s 80th birthday

Virginia Upton celebrated a very special 80th birthday in July. All of her family came to celebrate this special occasion, including son, Pat McLean and wife Maryellen from Virginia Beach; daughter, Toni McLean, who flew in from Minnesota; and grandson, Brady, and wife, Becca, who came in from Royal Palm Beach, FL.

The party was hosted in the New World French core on the second floor and everyone in the building got an invite.

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As you can imagine, it was a great party and enjoyed by everyone. Virginia was queen for the day. We all had an amazing time with an amazing family.



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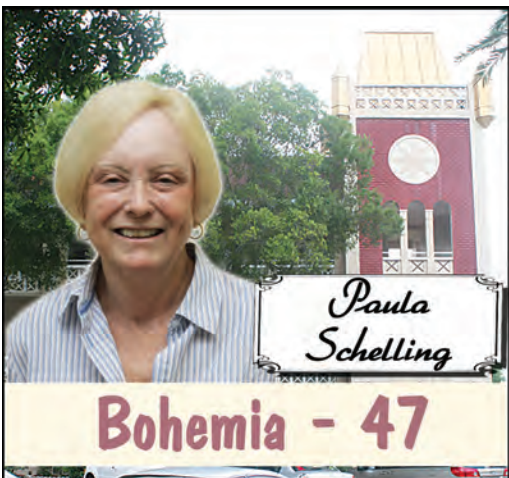
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Bohemians recommend new restaurant nearby

After reading my columns from past years, it has become apparent that the two things Bohemians enjoy most are traveling and food.
This summer, from my calculations, our building residents have traveled 26,880 miles. This figure is based on only the trips I know about. I am sure there are probably even more jaunts.
The winners, as far as distance goes, are Scott and Lisa Abel. Their adventure takes them to Iceland and London. We await to hear all about it.
On to eating.
We deviated from our scheduled dinner at Molly Goodheads to try a new establishment close to home, Whiskey Wings.
Twenty-one residents joined in to try the food and welcomed the restaurant to our neighborhood.
For those unfamiliar with Whiskey Wings, it is located in the former Ford’s Garage building. We found a vast menu with something for everyone.
Our next event, which again involves



food, will take place on Labor Day. This event will be a pot luck dinner, including a vast variety of delicious foods along with a white elephant gift exchange.
This can be menacing as there is the element of stealing someone’s gift.
We welcome back to our building Tony Abdalla, a previous owner who had moved away, but has returned. We welcome you back and are happy that you chose to return here.



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Mike Leonard, left, Colleen McGarry, middle, and Fran Fairfield stand in front of Roskva - a troll. The troll is happy because all the tree trunks in the forest are happy.

(Photo courtesy of the Boothbay Botanical Garden)

Go visit a troll today

What is a troll?
Keep reading.
Your reporter is back from Maine where I spent time in Boothbay Harbor.
As seen in the photo above, my son, Michael, daughter-in-law, Colleen, and I visited the now world famous Botanical Gardens in Boothbay.
We got to see, among many features, six trolls.
The heads of each troll were hand-carved and imported from Scandinavia. The rest of each troll is made of recycled wood.
Each troll represents a theme - the one in this picture is "Roskva" and she stands for all of the trunks of trees in the forest.
Some of the trolls are more than 30 feet tall.
If you are ever in the state of Maine, visiting the trolls is worth a visit.
My trip to Maine included visits with friends and family, some of whom live at On Top of the World. We saw family members Phil and Gloria Larivere, who live in Rancho del Mundo, at a lobster feed.
And I got to see pool pal Jackie Holland, whose family owns an ice cream shop in Jefferson, Maine – the ice cream was delicious!
Labor Day is coming up and it's time for hot dogs, hamburgers and barbeque. Thanks to Jerrie and Brian Lance for posting the American flags. It's a big job and they do it for all holidays.
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Mushrooms may not be the prettiest fruit in the ground, but they can be a delicacy



A mushroom (also called a toad-stool) is part of the fungi family and is comparable to the fruit of a plant.

Unlike plants, mushrooms do not need sunlight to generate energy for themselves.

Some mushrooms are edible and are used for cooking in many countries, such as China, Korea, Europe and, of course, the United States.

Other mushrooms, however, are poisonous and can cause severe illness or death if eaten.

People who search for edible mushrooms are called mycaphagists, meaning “mushroom eater,” while the act itself is called mushrooming.

Mushrooms produce seeds. The mushroom fungus releases millions of microscopic spores that form under the mushroom cap. They can grow above ground, on top of the soil, or on the surface of a food source.

Mushrooms are also known for their amazing health benefits. Packed with a ton of essential vitamins and minerals, mushrooms make an excellent addition to your diet, adding a great taste to many different recipes.

Mushrooms have been known to support bone health and to regulate blood sugar in diabetics. They are avail-



able in different colors and shapes.

There are more than a million estimated species of fungi. Edible mushrooms make up only a small fraction.

Cremini mushrooms are one of the most widely used mushroom varieties, popular in kitchens around the world.

Here is a list of other edible mushrooms: Portobello, Porcini, Shitake, Oyster, Chanterelle, Enoki, Morel and Lion Head. The list is endless.

Truffles are also a type of fungus and are generally considered to be a mushroom. However, they differ from other mushrooms in how they look and grow.

Truffles don’t have stems, like other mushrooms, and are brown with a bumpy texture. Also, they grow underground attached to the root of trees.

Truffles have a stronger taste and smell and only grow a few months during the year. Most other mushrooms grow year-round.

Truffles are one of the most decadent foods in the world, but before tasting them, one must find them.

Truffle hunting is more complicated than you might imagine. Even if a truffle gives off a strong armoma, it is almost impossible for humans to detect.

The Dog Method: Men need to rely on a dog’s natural olfactory talent to find truffles. The dog explores the surface of the ground with its nose. When the truffle is ripe, it releases a gas. This specific gas attracts a dog, which will mark the area with its paw. The truffle hunter cautiously digs the truffle out of the ground with a little hoe. The dog is rewarded with a special treat.

Truffles are one of the most expensive mushrooms on the market. White truffles can range from \$3,000 to \$5,000 per pound. Black truffles can range from \$300 to \$800 per pound.

Sausage Stuffed Mushrooms

Sausage Stuffed Mushrooms
Ingredients

10 extra-large white mushrooms
5 tablespoons olive oil, divided
2 ½ tablespooms Marsala wine or medium sherry
¼ pound sweet Italian sausage, removed from the casing
6 scallions, white and green parts, minced
2 garlic cloves, minced
2/3 cup panko crumbs
5 ounces mascarpone cheese, preferably Italian
1/3 cup fresh grated Parmesan cheese
2 ½ tablespoons minced fresh parsley leaves
Salt and freshly ground black pepper

Directions

1. Preheat the oven to 325 degrees farenheit.
2. Remove the stems from the mushrooms and chop them finely. Set aside. Place the mushroom caps in a shallow bowl and toss with 3 tablespoons of olive oil and Marsala wine.
3. Heat the remaining 2 tablespoons of olive oil in a medium skillet over medium heat. Add the sausage and crumble it with the back of a wooden spoon. Cook the sausage for 8 to 10 minutes, stirring frequently, until it’s completely brown. Add the chopped mushroom stems and cook three minutes. Stir in the scallions and garlic and cook for another 2-3 minutes,

stirring occasionally. Add the panko crumbs, stirring to combine evenly with all the other ingredients. Finally, swirl in the mascarpone and continue cooking until the mascarpone has melted and made the sausage mixture creamy. Turn off the heat, stir in the Parmesan cheese, parsley and season with salt and pepper to taste. Cool slightly.

4. Fill each mushroom generously with the sausage mixture. Arrange the mushrooms in a baking dish large enough to hold all the mushrooms in a snug single layer. Bake for 50 minutes until the stuffing is browned and crusty.

Mushroom Soup

Mushroom Soup
Ingredients

1 pound firm white mushrooms, cleaned
1 medium lemon
1 tablespoon unsalted butter
2 tablespoons minced shallots
¼ teaspoon dried thyme
½ bay leaf
1 teaspoon salt
½ teaspoon freshly ground pepper

2 cups heavy cream
1 ½ cups chicken stock
1 teaspoon cornstarch, dissolved in 1 tablespoon of water
1 tablespoon minced parsley

Directions

1. Sprinkle the mushrooms with lemon juice. In a food processor, coarsely chop them.
2. Melt the butter in a heavy saucepan and lightly sauté the shallots. Add the mushrooms, thyme and

bay leaf, and sauté over moderate heat for 10 minutes or until the liquid disappears. Add the salt, pepper, cream and chicken stock, and bring to a boil. Reduce the heat and simmer for 20 minutes.

3. Add the cornstarch to the soup and continue to simmer for 10 minutes longer, stirring constantly. Add seasoning to taste.

4. Serve in warm bowls. Sprinkle with chopped parsley.

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On Top of the World is seeking residents interested in reviving a ceramics club.
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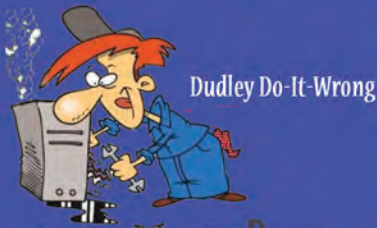
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Association Board Meetings

June 12, 2025 (annual meeting)	
June 5, 2025 Information Meeting on Voting and Reserves	
April 30, 2025	April 17, 2025
February 27, 2025	March 27, 2025
January 30, 2025	January 16, 2025
Meet The Candidates Morning - January 9, 2025	
Meet The Candidates Evening - January 9, 2025	
Nov. 7, 2024 Hurricane Response Review	
Nov. 22, 2024	Dec. 19, 2024
Oct. 15, 2024	Oct. 2, 2024
Sept. 20, 2024 Selection Committee Created	Sept. 11, 2024
September 5, 2024	July 25, 2024
July 18, 2024	July 15, 2024
June 13, 2024	June 4 and 6, 2024
May 22, 2024	April 24, 2024
April 5, 2024	February 20, 2024

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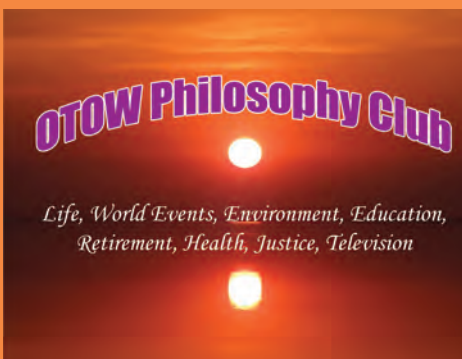
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Crystal Beach Room

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Social Dance with Howard

1-3 pm, Thursdays


West Activity Center Belleaire Room

Singles or couples. Men needed!

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Qwirkle Group

Qwirkle is a fun tile game full of colors and shapes. Residents are getting together now to play together. It is easy to learn but challenging to master. Come join us. No experience necessary.



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Blackout


Year-Round
Thursdays
6:30-9:30 pm
WAC Belleair Room
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Bring spare change.



Learn how to play at 5:50 pm

French Language and Culture Society

11 am - 12 pm
Wednesdays
EAC Dunedin Room




French Language and Culture Society

Bonesavers

Mondays, Wednesdays,
Fridays
8:00 - 9:00 am
Clearwater Room



Bonesavers



Speak English

A new class at On Top of the World taught by Lola Dickert and Eugene Z. We meet for 1 hour every Thursday from 10-11 am in the East Activity Center Dunedin Room. The class is free. There is no homework. This is your chance to learn how to speak English more fluently. Just bring your Activity Card.

Mah Jongg in a Condo

There is a group of Mah Jongg players at On Top of the World which plays on Thursdays in people's condos throughout the year. We play 1:30-3:30 pm. We also teach if you want to learn the game. Interested? Call Libby at 727-669-1486.

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Good Neighbors Association



Fall Flea Market & Craft Fair

Saturday, November 15th 2025
10:00 AM until 2:00 PM

East Activity Center Auditorium

Tables are \$15 or 2 for \$25
and are on sale at
The Good Neighbors table
on Mondays and Thursdays
From 8:30 AM until 10:30 AM

First Come, First Served!

Music Bingo

Saturday, October 18th
3:30 PM to 7:00 PM

Tickets are \$13.00 for Music Bingo and Hot Dog Meal

Tickets are available at the East Activity Center on Thursday
from 8:30am to 10:30am at the Good Neighbors Table beginning Thursday,
September 4th and then on Mondays and Thursdays each week

Get Acquainted Coffee 9 a.m., Thursday, Sept. 11
with Carla Hines, coffee, donuts, raffles, newcomers



Each month, OTOW artist Irene Piper will be providing each Pet of the Month winner with a pet portrait based on their submitted photograph.

The owner will be contacted when each portrait is finished.

If you would like to contact Irene and request your own pet portrait, she is receiving emails at lois-lane96@hotmail.com.

Irene does not take the initial photograph. You must submit a photo and she will create the painted portrait based on the picture.

Irene also can be reached at 617-921-3272.

Pet of the Month



Milo (blond) 11, and Tommy (dark) 12, would like to be Pets of the Month - but only if together. They are two good boys and would be happy to share the honor. Milo and Tommy are owned by Jill and Brian Northcutt who live in the Siboney building (89). They all moved down here from northern Kentucky last August and the boys are loving the Florida life while meeting new canine and human friends. They have learned very quickly which human friends carry treats. They like to walk around the lake and on the pier, and look for ducks, turtles and alligators. Their humans used to foster dogs for a rescue in Kentucky. Tommy was their seventh foster and Milo was their 15th foster. They are special. They are both retired therapy dogs. They are "American shelter dogs." They are laid-back old men enjoying the On Top of the World lifestyle.

Each month, OTOW News will feature a Pet of the Month. Any pets living at On Top of the World are eligible. To enter your pet, email one perfect photo and a brief reason why your pet deserves to be Pet of the Month. Email to otow.newsroom@gmail.com. You must include your pet's name, owners' names, breed of dog, age of dog and building you live in. You can enter more than one pet per household but they all must be in the same picture. The winning pet each month will receive a portrait for Irene Piper. The newsroom will notify you when your portrait is finished. Each monthly winner then becomes eligible for the State Farm Pet of the Year, which takes place with an online vote each January. Your pet must still be a resident of OTOW on Jan. 1 to be eligible for the State Farm Pet of the Year honors. The State Farm Pet of the Year will be announced in February and gets invited to march in the annual Irish Club Parade.



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Building reporter makes headlines with 80th birthday party thrown by daughter



This building reporter, Mary Anne Nargi, had a very special night in August, thanks to her daughter.

Mary Nargi-Runowich made sure I had an 80th birthday to remember as she organized a Las Vegas-style party at the Olive Garden.

Those in attendance included family and friends, and neighbors from the Emerald Isle building.

This was a first for me, getting to write a building story about my own birthday!

Dessert was the best part - Italian zeppoles. Yum!

I would like to thank my daughter for all the work she did. It was a great party and a good time was had by all.

At right, family, friends and building neighbors celebrate Mary Anne Nargi's 80th birthday. Mary Anne is seated under the mirror.



Granadians invited to welcome home Wanda Jackson from Honor Flight on Sept. 16

United States Senior Master Sergeant Retired Wanda Jackson served from 1977-2003, spanning 26 years, preparing combat readiness units.

It is with great honor she has been invited to attend Honor Flight to Washington, DC, with so many other heroes who have served our country.

Wanda's position was the most critical in leadership to ensure the airmen were prepared to meet the challenges of combat operations.

She was the first person they would see at the moment of deployment and the last they would see at the end of their final deployment.

She was "the heart" of the enlisted force and a key part of maintaining the Air Force's ability to respond to Global Operations.

In all aspects, she maintained units and ensured that they were mentally, physically, spiritually and morally prepared for the most difficult situations the airmen faced.

Wanda is passionate about her ser-



vice with the Air Force.

"The camaraderie was dearest to my heart," she said.

Education and world travel went into protecting her units from the fears of combat.

She had to understand sacrifices and prepare her airmen for the most stressful situations, including chemical warfare, security breaches, instilling the most dynamic war preparedness



Wanda Jackson

and situations.

"All of this was the most incredible and extraordinary experience of a lifetime," she said.

Working with NATO in Turkey was a

memorable experience as well as Korea, Guam, Panama and 11 other tours where she learned the cultures and languages of the other countries.

I am inviting all patriotic Granadians to welcome home Wanda from Honor Flight at the Clearwater/Tampa Airport on Tuesday, Sept. 16, at 7 p.m.

At our next building board meeting, Linda Faust will have details on the trip to Washington, D.C.

We will enjoy our next monthly luncheon at the Ozona Blue Grilling Co., on Monday, Sept. 8 at 2 p.m.

Please join us and sign up in the core by the elevator.

Ozona Blue is located on the water in the Home Port Marina, 125 Orange Street in Palm Harbor.

We will gather for our monthly Meeting on the Green, on Thursday, Sept. 25.

Until next month, be happy, be safe and let not your hearts be troubled!



Pull Tabs for Tampa Shriners

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Children who need Wheelchairs

Hey On Top of the World neighbors. Just a little reminder.

Please continue to collect pull tabs from any soda cans, beer cans, juice cans, food cans, etc. I'll be back at OTOW by mid-October to collect them.

Just contact me, Connie Stanley, at 727-475-8888 or bring the pull tabs to the Canadian Club information table on Nov. 1 during the Fall Festival.

You also can drop off the tabs at our club information table after Nov. 13 on any Monday or Thursday from 8:30-10:30 a.m., in the East Activity Center Auditorium.


Also, OTOW clubs with dinner-dances, I'll be back with red solo cups again!

Thank you for contributing to such a worthy cause.

Line Dancing

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1:00 - 2:45 pm Fridays



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Rio Riviera bought potatoes and turned them into a reason to party

Whose bright idea was it to offer a \$5 Baked Potato Bar with all the fixins on Sunday, Aug. 10, at the East Activity Center Kitchen?

It was me, Paricia O'Beirne, and Sue and Jim Ellis, who normally plan our buildings' restaurant events.

The three of use divided up all the potatoes and cooked them at the O'Beirne staging area.

By 3:15 in the afternoon, the food caravan moved out to the East Activity Center where we took advantage of newly-purchased building carts provided by our own building funds.

Table settings were put in place along with tableclothes.

Everyone brought their own beverage.

We feasted on a variety of potatoes! How's that for a simple, get-together idea for people in your building?

The room was prepared by the SCA staff. They gave us tables and chairs, waste baskets (you can bring your own trash bags to make clean up easier), offered the downstairs refrigerator, stove, microwave, sink and hot and cold wa-



ter. Every one of the 25 friends and neighbors commented how much they enjoyed the venue because of the space and ability to really visit with your neighbors.

I want to especially thank Leslie Cunningham, our buildings treasurer, for keeping track of \$5 price of admission and selling raffle tickets.

Sue Ellis kept track of the registration table and name tags.

Also, many thanks to Anne Farley



It took something as simple as potatoes to make Rio Riviera residents happy in August. The building hosted a potatofest in the East Activity Center Clearwater Room.

for arriving at 3:30 p.m. and putting up decorations, keeping track of the food stations and generally just being involved.

Special thank yous to Stan and Sue Shook, Maryanne and Jim O'Neill, Sue and Jim Ellis, Pam and Sid Rose-

blatt, and my husband, Jim. They got the kitchen into restaurant-shape and stayed to clean up afterwards.

If this sounds like something your building might want to do, contact Activity Director Nancy Rogers for a room reserve application.

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BRAIN TEASE

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To do the Brain Tease above, you must put a number 0-9 in each white square. The trick is, each number can only appear one time horizontally and vertically. Start with a row or column with only one white square. As you fill in squares, the rest of the board will get easier to manage.

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.
Please note, none of the secret words are plural.

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RABUDLE

SECRET WORD:

Last month's scrambled words: IOCAL, OUTER, URINAL, DAZZLE, ELASTIC, RAVIOLI. Secret Word Last Month: LOUDER

Good Karma Book Club

A post-read book discussion group.

10 am, Thursday, September 18

"Prophet Song"

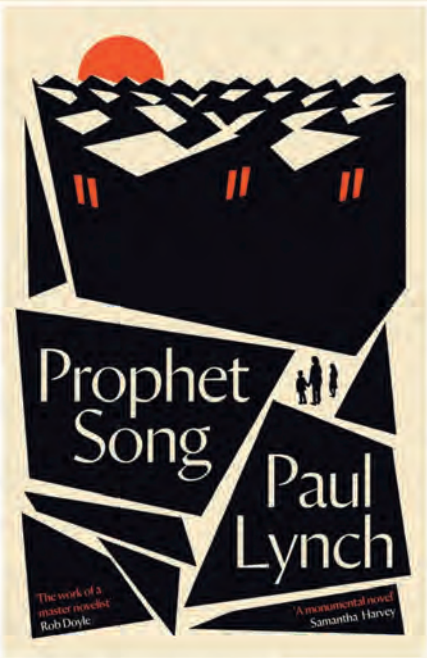
By Paul Lynch

10 am, Thursday, October 16

"The Many Lives of Mama Love!"

By Lara Love Hardin

All of our meetings take place in the East Activity Center Crystal Beach Room.
For more information, see our web page on the Box Office (otowboxoffice.com).
You can also call Jane at 727-754-3823.



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If you like loud, don’t miss Australian Pink Floyd - like something more dramadc? Don’t miss Camelot

The Happenings sang it best with their 1966 hit, “See You in September.” Summer is winding down and I’m glad to have you back for what will be a fantastic month of concerts and theater shows in Tampa Bay this month.

On the concert scene, Alison Krauss, The Australian Pink Floyd Show and the live music of Led Zeppelin lead the way with live concerts.

As many of the area theaters are kicking off their fall seasons this month, theater fans will enjoy the all-time classic Camelot, The Picture of Dorian Gray, Andrew Lloyd Webber’s Tell Me on Sunday and the eternal Blithe Spirit.

Keep an eye out for my ***Must See*** selections.

Also, remember to check out the latest venue I added, TheatreFor, a great, intimate little theater located at the corner of Sunset Point Road and Highland Avenue.

Yes, summer may be winding down, but not the live music and theater shows “Around the Bay”!

Live Concert Venues in Pinellas County

Ruth Eckerd Hall Venues

Ruth Eckerd Hall has seven venues in and around Pinellas County.

These are the three venues closest to On Top of the World. They are predominantly musical concert facilities.

Listed are some of the highlight concerts coming to these great venues.

All tickets and information for the following Ruth Eckerd Hall venues are available through their website: www.rutheckerdhall.com.

The BayCare Sound at Coachman Park

301 Drew St, Clearwater

Seven great shows this month, highlighted by Sept. 27, 7:30 p.m., Alison Krauss & Union Station – the Arcadia 2025 Tour.

This 27-time Grammy winner brings this tour to Clearwater!

The Nancy & David Bilheimer Capitol Theater

405 Cleveland St, Clearwater

Four fine shows this month, including Classic Albums Live performances of Led Zeppelin II and The Eagles Hotel California on Sept. 12 and 26 respectively.

Ruth Eckerd Hall 1111 McMullen Booth Road Clearwater

Four big performances this month,

highlighted by *** Sept. 5, 8 p.m., the Australian Pink Floyd Show – Wish You Were Here 50th Anniversary.** If you’re a Pink Floyd fan, you can’t miss this phenomenal show! ***Must See***

Palladium Theater

253 5th Ave N, St. Petersburg

Ten great performances at the Palladium this month.

Visit their website www.mypalladium.org for show dates, times and tickets.

Live Theater Venues in Pinellas County

TheatreFor

1863 N. Highland Ave, Clearwater

This is a new addition to area theater venues and this one is probably one of the closest to On Top of the World.

Located at the corner of Sunset Point Road and Highland Avenue, a mere 2.9 miles away, is this great little theater with some amazing shows.

This may very well become one of your new go-to venues. Their shows run Thursdays through Saturdays at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday matinees at 2 p.m.

From Sept. 1-14, the show will be The Picture of Dorian Gray. This classic Oscar Wilde novel will come to life.

Tickets and showtimes are available on their website: www.theatrefor.com.

Francis Wilson Playhouse

302 Seminole St, Clearwater

*** Sept. 4-21, Camelot.** This four-time Tony Award-winning Lerner and Loewe musical is one for the ages.

You won’t want to miss this classic! ***Must See*** There are lots of chances to see Camelot, with Thursday through Saturday shows at 8 p.m. and Sunday matinees at 2 p.m.

Tickets and showtimes are available on their website at www.franciswilsonplayhouse.org.

Early Bird Dinner Theater

13355 49th St N, Clearwater

Sept. 13 – Oct. 26, 37 Postcards, a quirky comedy by Michael McKeever.

11 a.m. and 4 p.m. shows Thursdays through Sundays.

All performances include lunch or dinner and a show.

Tickets are available on their website, www.earlybirddinnertheater.com.

freefall Theater

6099 Central Ave, St. Petersburg

Sept. 5 – Oct. 5, Tell Me on a Sunday. You can’t go wrong with this Andrew Lloyd Webber musical comedy.

Although this show is not very well known in the US, it was highly successful and garnered very high ratings in England.

Dates, showtimes and tickets are available on their website: www.freefalltheater.com.

West Coast Players

21905 US Hwy 19 N, Clearwater

Sept. 1-7, Blithe Spirit by Noel Coward. Don’t miss this comedy for the ages, entertaining worldwide audiences since 1941.

Tickets are available on their website: www.wcplayers.com.

St. Petersburg City Theater

4025 31st St S, St. Petersburg

Sept. 19-28, The Mystery of Edwin Drood, a Tony Award-Winning mystery based on a famous unfinished Charles Dickens novel.

Visit their website for dates, showtimes and tickets: www.spcitytheater.org.

Blended Venues

Providing both live musical concert and theater shows.

Central Park Performing Arts 105

Central Park Dr, Largo

*** Sept. 7-14, Beautiful, The Carol King Musical,** a show full of Carol’s Grammy Award-winning songs. This Tony Award-winning musical is a ***Must See***

For tickets and showtimes, visit their website www.largoarts.com.

The Mahaffey Theater

Duke Energy Center for the Arts

400 1st St South, St. Petersburg

Sept. 21, 8 p.m., Kashmir, featuring Jean Violet – The Spirit of Led Zeppelin Live.

Enjoy all the music from Led Zeppelin’s sixth album live!

Show dates, times and tickets are available on their website, www.mahaffey.com/shows-and-events.

Tarpon Arts

Performing Arts Center

324 Pine Street, Tarpon Springs

Come back next month for more information when Tarpon Arts introduces their 2025-2026 season!

Show dates, tickets and the 2025 brochure are all available through their website, www.tarponarts.org.

Zubrick Magic Theater

1211 1st Ave N Suite 101

St. Petersburg

Unbelievable family-style magic shows every Thursday through Sunday.

This show is an OTOW resident favorite for all ages!

Tickets available on their website www.zubrickmagic.com.

Popular Concert and Theater Venues Across the Bay

The Straz Center

1010 N Macinnes Pl, Tampa

Sept. 16 – Oct. 26, Dracula: A Comedy of Terrors. A comedic take on this gothic classic.

Dates, showtimes and tickets are available on their website at www.strazcenter.org for these venues: Jaeb Theater, Shimberg Playhouse, TECO Theater, Morsani Hall and Riverwalk Stage.

Benchmark International Arena (formally Amalie Arena)

401 Channelside Dr, Tampa

There are five great shows this month, highlighted by Sept. 10, 7:30 p.m., Nine Inch Nails – Peel It Back Tour 2025.

2020 Rock & Roll Hall of Fame inductees return to Tampa for this show of a lifetime!

The full listing of shows and tickets are available through the Amalie Arena website, www.amaliearena.com.

Raymond James Stadium

4201 N Dale Mabry Hwy, Tampa

Football season is now upon us. If you want a totally entertaining musical show, you won’t want to miss the University of South Florida Thundering Herd Marching Band at any of the USF football games.

This 300-plus member band will literally blow you out of your seats... and the football team is pretty good as well, beating San Jose State in last year’s Hawaii Bowl.

Concert and parking tickets are available on their website, www.raymondjamesstadium.com.

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<i>Ruth Pittman, Instructor</i>	<i>More than 20 Years of teaching.</i>

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