

# ON TOP OF THE WORLD NEWS



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## Five community clubs work together to make sure our veterans are never forgotten

By Pat Hayes

The New York-New Jersey Club, the On Top of the World Veterans Club, the Good Neighbors Association, the Snowbirds Club, the Canadian Club and SCA all joined forces to bring our community a “Salute to Veterans Night” on Sunday, March 9.

This special day for our veterans featured an opening ceremony, lunch and desserts, and then dancing.

“Our Salute to Veterans was a huge success,” said Good Neighbors Association President Susan Trost. “It gave our residents the opportunity to honor more than 80 veterans who have served and protected our country unselfishly.

“It was a beautiful ceremony. Four clubs and SCA were so gracious to contribute their time, effort and financial support to bring this to our community.”

Our master of ceremonies was Les N More who did a spectacular job throughout the day.

We were pleased to have more than 200 residents in attendance. We were even more pleased that more than 80 of those residents were veterans.

When the evening was over, a collection of more than \$1500 was raised for veteran causes.

“All proceeds will be going to the Veterans Group and Bay Pines Veterans Administration to help provide veterans in need with food and clothing,” Susan said.

Several years ago, a Veterans Group was established at On Top of the World when the community realized recognizing our veterans once a year was not enough. The group created a way to keep our veterans social and active.

This dinner is now one of the highlights for the entire year. Our veterans were treated to dinner free of charge.



Above, 80 On Top of the World veterans and guests pose for a picture during ‘Salute to Veterans Night’ on March 9. Directly above, Pam Rosenblatt is one of the many veterans individually recognized.

(OTOW News photos by Mary Lou Wall)

## Proud to be a part of a special night

By Pat Hayes

The New York-New Jersey Club was proud to be a part of “Salute to Veterans Night” on March 9.

We were especially proud to work with four other On Top of the World clubs in creating a special night for 80 veterans.

Our goal was to say thank you - even years after their time in the service was over. We can never say thank you enough.

It was a very rewarding evening.

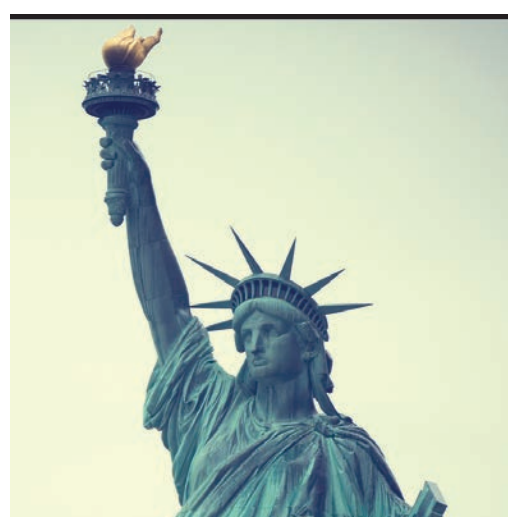
Now the New York-New Jersey Club will look forward to the spring and summer when we remain active to bring entertainment to our year-round residents.

### Summer Dessert Night

The New York-New Jersey Club is pleased to announce Carla Hines is coming back on July 15 at 6 p.m.

This will be a summer dessert night in the East Activity Center Auditorium. There will be pound cake with strawberries and whipped cream.

The cost is \$10.



New York - New Jersey  
Club

### Pizza Night

The New York-New Jersey Club will bring back Pizza Night on Tuesday, May 13 at 5 p.m.

Cost is \$10. You will have your choice of cheese, pepperoni, sausage or vegetable toppings.

The hard part is when you buy your tickets you will have to tell us your choice ahead of time.

Dessert, coffee, water and ice will be provided.

During Pizza Night, we will introduce DJ Scott McParland. So bring your dancing shoes.

### New York Block Party

The New York-New Jersey Club invites everyone to New York Block Party Night on Tuesday, Aug. 12 at 5 p.m. in the EAC Auditorium. Cost is \$10.

We will be serving New York-style dirty water hot dogs, with beans, chips, dessert, coffee, water and ice.

Once again we are pleased to announce Frank Lebano from Brooklyn will be our host DJ.

### Sports Night

Sports night returns on Tuesday, Oct. 7 at 5 p.m. in the EAC Auditorium. Cost is \$18.

Come out wearing your favorite sports shirt or hat! Felice's catering will serve pork subs with pasta salad. You could also choose other subs: sausage and peppers, meatball parmigiana, chicken parmigiana, Italian (Godfather), tuna, or turkey and swiss.

DJ Scott McParland will provide the entertainment. The New York-New Jersey Club will provide desserts, coffee, water and ice.

### Ugly Christmas Sweater Night

Ugly Christmas Sweater Night will take place on Tuesday, Dec. 9. Cost is \$28.

Frank Lebano will be the DJ. The menu will be announced later in the year.

Thanks to all our volunteers who help at all our events. If you would like to volunteer, stop by our information table on any Monday or Thursday morning and say hello.





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# Fire safety reminders and preparation tips for extended stays away from your condo

Considering a recent kitchen fire in Building 60, it is worthwhile to review basic home safety practices.

### Kitchen Safety 101

Never walk away from a stovetop frying pan while you are cooking. Simple enough, right? Some of the worst fires this community has had were related to that exactly, including this latest one.

There was the “lamb roast rocket” fire many years ago when a gentleman walked away from a frying pan while frying lamb chops.

Then the oil caught fire.

Rather than smothering the flames with backing soda, using a fire extinguisher, the pan lid or a fire blanket he threw water on it! The flames exploded through the third floor ceiling - like a rocket (hence the name). The fire was so hot, it warped three bar joists.

Aside from the damage in the apartment, the repair to the roof structure was costly and time consuming.

The gentleman was unable to resume occupancy of his home for 24 months.

Moral of the story: Never leave an active frying pan (or pot) unattended while cooking.

Second moral: Have an HO-6 form of insurance with Loss of Use Coverage, so you have funds to find alternative housing while the condo is under repair.

For those residents with approved dryers in their condo, April is a good time to clean out your dryer vent pipe. Lint can become clogged in the vent pipe, reducing dry-



er efficiency (that’s why it takes an hour or more to dry a 20-minute load!). Even more to the point, collected lint can become a fire hazard!

If, by chance, you have a “bootleg” washer/dryer installed in your home, now is a great time to have it inspected by a licensed professional electrician and appliance specialist to make sure the installation conforms to building code standards.

Once this inspection is certified to the Association, your record will be updated.

It is worth noting, all resale units with washer/dryers must first have such an inspection prior to a resale purchase transaction approved by the Association.

Many dryer vents traverse a long distance to the roof. This type of installation falls under the heading of a “limited common element serving a single unit.” As such, it is the owners obligation to maintain this compo-

nent. If you’ve never done this before, the vent pipe may need a top-down cleaning.

If you engage an independent contractor for this work, they will require Association permission to access the roof top vent. They will need to demonstrate proper licensing and insurance, as well as demonstrate the ability to meet OSHA requirements to work safely on a roof.

### Travel Season

Spring is right around the corner in northern climates, but it’s been here in Clearwater for a good two months already. We know that many of you will be heading back to visit family or to your summer homes.

As you read on in this article, you’ll begin to get an idea of the extensive work your Association has planned through the summer and into the fall. We schedule as much as we can in this time period so we are impacting the lowest number of residents.

With the summer travel season right around the corner, we know many residents take extended trips around the country. Experience teaches that added steps need to be taken before going on that extended trip in order to avoid possible disasters in you condo when you are gone. Below is a short checklist of things to do.

If the air conditioning system is not properly maintained by an owner, mold and mildew may result and become a serious problem for the owner. Improperly vented dryers may also be a source of both heat and moisture in your home. Water leaks in the home may also be a source of moisture. If you suspect a water leak, contact the Com-

munity Service Office immediately! A fast response on leaks can prevent further damage and save you unnecessary expense.

Mold growth is secondary to the presence of high humidity levels or saturation by water. Mold is evidenced by the appearance of a black, sooty substance on furniture or walls. If you suspect you have mold, it is best to contact the Community Service Office and arrange for a visual inspection. There is no charge for this service.

Please remember that the proper maintenance or repair of your HVAC unit, water heater and drain pan, and ice maker line (if any) is always the owner’s responsibility.

Rarely does mold or mildew present a health problem. Usually the main complaint is an odor and the unsightly nature of the matter. I mention this because the home repair industry is rife with scare tactics and scams, causing homeowners to spend thousands of dollars on matters that are generally easily resolved.

I recently heard from a gentleman who believes that placing pans of cat litter around the apartment will absorb moisture (humidity) from the atmosphere. Clay based cat litter is good for absorbing liquids, but that is about it.

Silica-based cat litter may have some capacity to absorb humidity to a limited degree, but based on everything I’ve read, it needs to be changed every two weeks. Your best bet is to still set the AC at 78 F and have the apartment checked weekly during your absence.

Use common sense and have a great summer!



## THINGS TO DO BEFORE LEAVING ON AN EXTENDED TRIP

- Leave your contact number with at least two trusted neighbors or friends.
- Update the Association with emergency contact information.
- Have the interior of the condo checked at least once a week by a trusted neighbor or friend or arrange for an inspection service.
- Check in regularly with the trusted neighbor or friend while you are gone.
- Arrange for a water meter turn off if you are going away for an extended term.
- Turn off the electric to the hot water heater.
- Make sure the air conditioner is properly serviced by a professional before departing. This includes a drain line flush. Drain line flushing should be done at least twice a year to prevent condensate flooding your home and anyone living beneath you. Air filters require monthly attention and can be changed by the owner.
- Leave the thermostat between 78-80. This helps regulate humidity in the home and prevent the occurrence of mold or mildew.
- If you plan on being gone for several months, you may wish to consult with an air conditioning professional about adding a humidistat to ensure optimal humidity levels in the home.
- Make sure you home owner’s insurance policy is current and covers both damage from wind, water and mold. In most cases this is now an added rider on the policy.

## Did you know there are 3 ways to turn your water on or off?



(1) **CALL:** 727-799-3417 (Option 6)  
Service hours are 7:30-5:30, Mon-Fri,  
and 7:30-11:30 am, Saturdays.  
Requests during this time frame are free.

(2) **VISIT** the East Activity Center Community Service Office  
during business hours from 8:30 am - 3 pm, Monday-Friday.

(3) **GO ONLINE** to [otowclearwaterinfo.com](http://otowclearwaterinfo.com).  
Go under the service tab to fill out a request.

After hours service is available 6-9 pm, Monday through Friday,  
11:30-9 pm Saturdays and 7:30-11:30 a.m. Sundays,  
by calling 799-1115. There is a \$35 fee for all after hours services.

### Service Policy

*Residents must provide a date and time for service. A minimum 2-hour service window exists.  
You must be present in all circumstances for your water to be turned on. No exceptions.  
Payments are checks only.*



# Paving season - you or a neighbor

It's hard to believe it's that time of year again when our winter residents prepare to head north for the summer season.

To give you peace of mind, the "Summerize" checklist has been included in this edition on page 3 to help you prepare your homes for the hot summer months when you are away.

While there is no guarantee that your condo won't experience water intrusion in your absence, taking the time to review and implement the items on the checklist may help prevent many concerns.

Dealing with water intrusion and the possibility of mold growth, which is secondary to water damage, is burdensome and costly and troublesome to do when you're not local. I cannot stress enough the importance of having a reliable friend or neighbor inspect your unit on a regular basis (no less than once a week). Ask them to visually inspect all of the rooms and all sources for water intrusion, for example, under sinks, toilets, HVAC units, hot water heater pan and windows.

Every condo has the potential for multiple sources of water leaks and intrusion. This includes improperly maintained air conditioning units. Make sure to have your air conditioning unit serviced before you leave for an extended period. We recommend all residents have their air conditioner serviced every six months.

"An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure" after all.

A poorly fitted replacement window may be another source of water intrusion.

And, if you are like me, you never think about your water heater. Water heaters are another cause of water leaks. The tank is not immune from mineral accumulation, corrosion and rust. If your water heater is more than 10 years old, it probably needs replacement.

If you plan to leave your vehicle in your parking space for the summer, make sure you leave an extra set of keys with a neighbor in the event your vehicle would need to be moved to accommodate work crews. This information should be passed along to the Community Service Office or the Association. You can also place a note in the dashboard advising of the key holder.

The management company has an-



other aggressive paving schedule this spring and it is critical that all vehicles are removed from parking lots during this process.

### Did You Know

Kindness is contagious. I know it should go without saying, but sometimes it just needs to be said and now is a good time to say it.

Kindness affects people positively.

Did you know that kindness is defined in the dictionary as "the quality of being friendly, generous and considerate or a kind act."

How many of us live up to that?

Can you see it in others?

When was the last time you held the door open for someone, given them the benefit of the doubt, smiled for the pure pleasure it brings, or just simply said "thank you" and meant it?

Maybe it's been a while?

It's so important to remember that kindness goes both ways. Often times, when presented with kindness, others react with kindness. Not always, but generally speaking, they do (or should in those cases!).

Altruism is a natural part of life for most people. By sharing our kindness and compassion with others, this can have a positive impact and make us happier.

It's true. Think about it.

Doesn't it put a smile on your face when you compliment someone, when you show compassion and kindness to another when they didn't expect it, or just listened when someone needed to be heard?

I bet you saw them smile, too.

Face it. Kindness is contagious, but in a good way, because it fosters happiness in you and in others. Try it some-

time, I bet you'll feel good afterwards.

Parking is a challenge. Some residents have more than one vehicle and some park that second vehicle in areas where parking is not permitted, such as designated visitor parking spaces or at other buildings.

This continues to be an issue.

It is important to note that numbered parking spaces are assigned exclusively to residents. Visitor parking is for visitors and is on a first-come, first-served basis and is not intended for indefinite use by one party.

Visitor parking is for short stay visitors and not residents.

If you have a second vehicle, utilize your numbered spaces, and/or on-street parking, where available.

Street parking is available on any streets not marked with "No Parking" signage. In a cul-de-sac, should it be marked as a designated fire lane, parking would not be permitted.

Parking is not permitted in designated bike or fire lanes. Vehicles parked in designated bike or fire lanes should be reported by calling the Community Service Office line at 727-683-6981. Vehicles that are reported will be tagged to be towed away if not moved immediately.

As a reminder, all parking space changes must be requested in writing to the Association through the Community Service Office. Include a sketch/drawing of your current space and that of the new space you would like to be assigned. If the proposed space is assigned to another resident, they will need to also provide, in writing, their agreement with the parking space change.

Should you change your parking space without Association approval, that space will be returned to its original numbered marking or "V" designation without notification.

### Upcoming Community Projects Painting/Waterproofing

"April showers bring May flowers" is a popular and true saying for our neighbors in the northern states and Canada, however, April in Florida means below average rainfall and is the perfect weather for many larger scale projects.

One of these projects is painting. The property's painting contractor most

recently completed a recoating of the Sunset Point Road entrance archway. Also included were the OTOW globe, and the east and west Belcher attendant entrance buildings.

Now they will be turning their efforts to painting projects on the east side of property with the rear facades of buildings 9 and 10 scheduled as well as the front facades of buildings 2 and 4.

The contractor also will be squeezing in some specialty element coating projects on the east side, however, start dates for those are not completely defined as of this update.

As always, notices will be posted in advance of the commencement of work. 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 continued cooperation and keep in mind that unexpected inclement weather can affect start and completion dates.

### Construction, Roofing and Large Scope Projects

With springtime also comes the arrival of asphalt improvement and parking lot maintenance projects at On Top of the World.

A licensed contractor will be applying sealcoating products to various parking areas around the community in order to renew the surface conditions, combat against UV exposure, and extend the useful life of the surface as we move along in time.

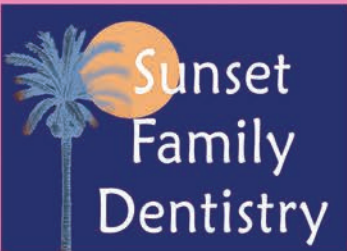
The work is estimated to begin in April, pending assignment of the work by your board and availability of the contractor. Once the start dates have been set for this work, residents should be prepared to relocate cars as needed.

RAVE messages, bulletin boards postings, and windshield reminders are the most effective means of communication in situations like this, so please keep an eye out for any updates.

Any parking areas being serviced during this maintenance cycle will be cordoned off for a minimum of 48 hours after the work has taken place in order to allow the product time to cure correctly.

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Please remember that this curing



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# More than 475 residents participate in online community survey

By Diane Like

The On Top of the World Board of Administration has been busy since four new board members were elected at the end of January.

A number of new projects have been started and key negotiations and studies have continued - all to ensure the success and sustainability of the OTOW community.

Normally, we hear from approximately 25 residents during regular monthly board meetings. In an effort to receive input from a broader and more diverse representation of the community, the board provided an opportunity for association members to participate in an online survey which closed on March 24. This information will be used by the board to stay cognizant of present concerns and to help determine future priorities.

More than 475 residents completed the online survey which took place on the Box Office website. There was no



preregistering and no providing personal information.

Thank you for sharing your thoughts.

The responses are listed below:

Many residents wrote comments and we're still working through those and will report on them at a later date.

**Updates**

Work continues with Summit

Broadband to improve our service with special attention to those buildings with frequent issues in multiple units.

Parkway Management is working with Summit to schedule those specific buildings for wiring and equipment replacement and residents will be notified when repairs are set to begin.

If you're not available when a Summit representative comes to rewire your unit, you can schedule an appointment. We also continue to move forward with having an independent audit of the wiring system.

We've been notified there will be a delay in starting a creek repair project along World Parkway Boulevard East by the golf course due to scheduling issues. We'll keep you notified of any updates.

Discussion and negotiations continue regarding future management and maintenance agreements, but no contract has been signed at the time of this article.

We are continuing with the current contract with Parkway Maintenance and Management.

As many of you know, we will soon vote on whether to waive the mandated capital reserves. You will receive your proxy vote in the mail soon and all voting must be completed by June (fill in date). Please complete it and return it to the Community Service Office, by mail, or by voting online as soon as possible.

We need a majority of the owners to vote to waive the reserves or the state will require us to have them, resulting in a significant increase in our monthly fees.

Please vote.

Our goal is to have 2550 owners vote to waive the reserve. Your vote counts!

<p>1.Is there enough communication (newspaper, website, RAVE alerts, community meetings) about what is happening in the community?</p> <p>There is not enough 22%</p> <p>It's about right: 75%</p> <p>Too much: 3%</p>	<p>4. How often do you participate in the various clubs, amenities and activities?</p> <p>Daily 23%</p> <p>Weekly 32%</p> <p>Monthly 28%</p> <p>Not much 17%</p>	<p>6. What is your opinion of the value of services and amenities you receive at On Top of the World in comparison to other similar associations you may be aware of?</p> <p>Better value than others 45%</p> <p>Average Value 8%</p> <p>Lesser Value 10%</p> <p>Unable to compare 37%</p>
<p>2. Would you participate in Town Hall meetings?</p> <p>Yes 72%</p> <p>No 28%</p>	<p>5. Are you pleased with the general state of services and maintenance in the community?</p> <p>Very pleased 41%</p> <p>Somewhat pleased 37%</p> <p>Not pleased 22%</p>	<p>7. What is your present experience with Summit Broadband (TV and Internet)?</p> <p>Generally good with few or no issues 39%</p> <p>Some recurring problems 38%</p> <p>Many issues 23%</p>
<p>3. Do you read the OTOW newspaper:</p> <p>Yes 88%</p> <p>No 12%</p>	<p>Residents were notified of this survey through RAVE.</p>	

AAA Driver Safety Course

Tuesday, April 8, 9 am - 4 pm, West Activity Center Learning Lab

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# Tables on sale now for Good Neighbors Craft Show and Flea Market

By Susan Trost

The Good Neighbors Association Spring Flea Market and Craft Fair will be held on Saturday, April 12, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the East Activity Center Auditorium. Tables to show off your crafts are \$15 apiece or two tables for \$25. Tables are being sold at the Good Neighbors information table in the EAC Auditorium on Mondays and Thursdays from 8:30-10:30 a.m. Tables are being sold on a first come, first served basis. Come early to make your selection of table(s). Our next Good Neighbors Association Get Acquainted Coffee will be held on Thursday, April 10, from 9-11 a.m. in the EAC Auditorium. We will be serving coffee and donuts and will have live entertainment, door prizes and will be selling share the wealth raffle tickets. Hope to see you there!



Louie Bravo continues to entertain residents at On Top of the World. On March 13 he made another appearance during Get Acquainted Coffee hosted by the Good Neighbors Association. (OTOW News photo by Doug Kates)



Welcome newcomers to On Top of the World



On top, left to right, are Patty Gray of Tennessee and Sarah Wybo of Michigan.

Below are Susan Warren and John Varner of Maryland



Get Acquainted Coffee  
9-11 am, Thursday, April 10  
EAC Auditorium

**Spring Flea Market & Craft Fair**

**Saturday, April 12th 2025**  
**10:00 AM until 2:00 PM**

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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!



# Computer Club and Entertainment Committee combine efforts to bring us the latest in cyber security

**Cyber Security Seminar**  
The On Top of the World Computer Club and Entertainment Committee are co-sponsoring a cyber security seminar on Saturday, April 5, from 9-11 a.m. in the East Activity Center Auditorium.  
The event is free and open to all residents.  
Julio Fernandez will be our guest. He will tell us the latest in scams and how to protect yourself.  
Some of you have heard of phishing scams, but did you know there are also smishing and vishing scams.  
Many people use their computers today to purchase items online or pay bills. Julio will give us some advice on how to do this safely.

**Food Truck Night**  
The next Food Truck Night will be Wednesday, April 2, from 3-7:30 p.m. in the East Activity Center back parking lot.  
Tables and chairs will be set up in the lot.  
Come join the fun. Make new acquaintances or reconnect with friends and neighbors and enjoy some delicious food that you don't have every day.  
The vendors are as follows: Lobster Tank, BBQ Queen, Bria wood-fired pizza, Stevie D's Philly Cheese Steaks, Giggiewaters and Slippis Ice.  
And, we will host a special Food Truck Night on Saturday, April 19, 3– 7:30 p.m., same location featuring Giggiewaters, Happy Snapper and Lazy Craze Ice Cream Truck.

**3D Mobile Mammography**  
3D Mobile Mammography will be here on Friday, May 2, 8 a.m. – 3 p.m.  
Since the pandemic, we have more preventative health options available to us than ever before. Telehealth doctor visits and onsite mobile health screenings can be especially beneficial and convenient for seniors.  
I know that many residents have appreciated our onsite visits with OnSpot Mobile Dermatology and so for your convenience we have scheduled upcoming visits.



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3D Mobile Mammography will be on site in the East Activity Center front parking lot.  
If you have any additional questions or would like to register for an appointment, you can do so at their website: [www.3dmobilemammography.com](http://www.3dmobilemammography.com).  
A link to the website will also be available at Nancy's Bulletin Board at the website [otowclearwaterinfo.com](http://otowclearwaterinfo.com).

**AAA Safe Driving Course**  
The next AAA Safe Driving Course will take place on Tuesday, April 8, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the West Activity Center Learning Lab.  
The will be a one hour lunch break from 12-1 p.m. Please bring your own bag lunch and other refreshments.  
Maximum class size is 30 people.  
Registration is ongoing and easy! Call 727-431-8887 with your name, address and credit card info, or you may also stop by the AAA Clearwater branch at 2347 Gulf to Bay Blvd. to register. The fee for the course is \$20.  
The course is for OTOW residents only and non-residents will be turned away.

Residents will receive a certificate of completion on the day of the course which could earn you a discount on your car insurance.  
The instructor can email you the certificate in a PDF format if you or your insurance company would prefer. The discount will be good for three years from the day the course is completed.  
Wishing you happy and safe road travel!

**One Blood**  
One Blood will be in the East Activity Center front parking lot on Thursday, April 10 from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.  
Residents can register at Nancy's Bulletin Board to donate blood. Visit [otowclearwaterinfo.com](http://otowclearwaterinfo.com) or just show up that day.  
All donors will receive a T-shirt, \$20 E-card and mini wellness check-up, including blood pressure, temperature, iron count, pulse and cholesterol screening.  
Thank you for saving lives!  
The Honor Roll from March is as follows: Rosario Dellafortuna, Jody Criswell, Jewelia Garguilo, Lori Melancon, Raymond Allia, Eric Perez, Gerardo Dellafortuna, John Foell, Anthony Richichi, James Garrity, Maureen Walker, Rebecca Bernai, William Fournie, Carol Andreski, Gail McNiel, Michael Patterson, Kimberly Anastasi, Roger Bruton, Scott Scheibler and Daphne Longley.

**Saturday Farmer's Market**  
The Farmers Market will be here every Saturday in April, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., in the East Activity Center front parking lot.  
Please note the hours have changed.  
The schedules for our Saturday Farmer's Markets will be posted here in my newspaper column, at the Activity Centers, on the OTOW website [www.otowclearwaterinfo.com](http://www.otowclearwaterinfo.com) and TV 901.

**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@scacnw.com](mailto:general_activity@scacnw.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](http://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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Living Last Supper April 17th - 7PM

Join us for a dramatic presentation of the Lord's Last Supper with his disciples.

Good Friday April 18th - 7PM

Our Good Friday service will include solemn scripture readings of the night Jesus was arrested.

Easter Sunday Services

Sunrise Service - 7AM - Philippe Park

Modern Service - 9AM - Heritage UMC Sanctuary

Traditional Service - 11AM - Heritage UMC Sanctuary

If you are coming to the 9 or 11AM service, you are invited to bring a flower to place on our Flowering Cross. And take a picture, too!





# April Calendar

**SPECIAL EVENTS**

Food Truck Night: 3:00 - 7:00 pm, Wednesday, April 2, EAC Front Parking Lot  
Cyber Security Presentation, 9-11 am, Saturday, April 5, EAC Auditorium  
Saturday Farmers Market: 11 am - 4 pm, Saturday, April 5, 9, 26, EAC Front Lot  
AAA Driver Class: 9:00 am - 4:00 pm, Tuesday, April 8, WAC Learning Lab  
Get Acquainted Coffee, 9:00 am - 11:00 pm, Thursday, April 10, EAC Auditorium  
OneBlood: 10:00 am - 3:00 pm, Thursday, April 10, West Activity Center  
OnSpot Dermatology: 8:00 am - 3:30 pm, Friday, April 11, EAC Front Parking Lot  
Good Neighbors Association Flea Market/Craft Show: Saturday, April 12, 10 am-2 pm  
Entertainment Committee Show: 7:30 pm, Thursday, April 17, EAC Auditorium  
Entertainment Committee Dance: 7:30 pm, Saturday, April 26, EAC Auditorium  
Board Meeting: 1:00 - 5:00 pm, Wednesday, April 30, EAC Auditorium

**AUDITORIUM**

Italian-American Club Ice Cream Social: Wednesday, April 16, 5:00 - 7:00 pm  
Bowling Club Dance: 7:30 - 10:00 pm, Friday, April 25  
Club Ticket Sales: 8:30-10:30 am, Mondays and Thursdays  
Bingo: 6:00 - 10:00 pm, Mondays  
On Top of the World Line Dance Club: 1:00 - 3:00 pm, Tuesdays  
Moving & Grooving Line Dance: 8:30-10:45 am, Tuesdays, 12:30-2:45 pm, Fridays  
Gentle Movement Exercises: 11:00 am-12:00 pm, Tuesdays, 3:00-4:00 Fridays  
Snowbirds Line Dancing: 8:00 am - 12 pm, Wednesdays

**LARGO ROOM**

Art Guild Board Meeting: 3:00 - 5:00 pm, Thursday, April 3  
Art Guild Business Meeting: 1:00 - 3:00 pm, Friday, April 11  
Art Guild Club Meeting: 1:00 - 4:00 pm, Monday, April 14  
Art Guild Drawing Classes: 12:30 - 3:30 pm, Tuesday, April 15  
Art Guild Painting Pals: 1:00 - 4:00 pm, Wednesdays  
Art Guild Acrylics Class: 1:00 - 4:00 pm, Thursdays  
Baby Boomers Meetings: 5:30 - 6:30 pm, Wednesday, April 2 and Thursday, April 17  
Town Hall Club: 3-4:30 pm, April 4; 10:30 - 12, April 17  
World Quilters: 8:00 am - 2:00 pm, Tuesdays

**CRYSTAL BEACH ROOM**

Press Association Appreciation Dinner: 4:30 - 7 pm, Thursday, April 3 (Phillipe Park #7)  
Entertainment Committee Board Meeting: 10:30 - 11:30 am, Monday, April 14  
Pickleball Board Meeting: 1:00 - 3:00 pm, Monday, April 21  
Ladies Bunco: 6:00 - 9:30 pm, Wednesday, April 16  
Good Karma Book Club: 10:00 - 11:30 am, Thursday, April 17  
Democratic Club Board Meeting: 2:00 - 4:00 pm, Thursday, April 24  
Philosophy Club: 10:00 - 11:30 am, Tuesdays  
Bid Euchre: 6:30 - 9:30 pm, Tuesdays  
Knitting Group: 9:00 - 11:00 am, Wednesdays  
Coloring Book Club: 12:00 - 3:00 pm, Wednesdays  
Freebirdz (Weight loss group formerly TOPS): 10:30 am - 12:00 pm, Fridays  
Bible Study: 2:00 - 3:00 pm, Fridays  
Pray for America: 10:00 am - 12:00 pm, Saturdays

**SAFETY HARBOR ROOM**

Lambda Chat: 10:30 am - 12:00 pm, Friday, April 4 and April 18  
Alonso Poker: 5:00 - 8:00 pm, Mondays  
Bob's Poker: 6:00 - 9:30 pm, Tuesdays  
Tom's Poker: 5:00 - 9:00 pm, Wednesdays  
Carol's Poker: 6:00 - 9:00 pm, Wednesdays and Fridays  
Mexican Train: 1:00 - 5:00 pm, Thursdays  
Laura's Poker: 5:00 - 9:00 pm, Fridays

**OLDSMAR ROOM**

Travel Club Regular Meeting: 2:00 - 4:00 pm, Friday, April 4

**DUNEDIN ROOM**

Music Group: 3:00 - 6:00 pm, Tuesdays  
French Language & Culture Society: 11:00 - 12:00 am, Wednesdays  
Writers Ink: 1:30 - 3:30 pm,Thursdays  
Qwirkle: 1:00 - 4:00 pm, Mondays  
Euchre: 6:00 - 9:00 pm, Fridays

**SWIMMING POOLS**

Mondays-Saturdays - 8:00 am to 6:30 pm; Sundays 9:00 - 6:30 pm  
Aqua Aerobics: 9:00 am - 10:00 am, Monday through Friday, EAC Pool

**BELLEAIR ROOM**

Theater Workshop Board/Regular Meeting: 6:00 - 8:30 pm, Wednesday, April 2  
Republican Club: 6:00 - 9:00 pm, Tuesday, April 1  
Jesters Meeting: 6:00 - 9:00 pm, Wednesday, April 9  
Pickleball Game Night: 6:30 - 9:30 pm, Monday, April 21  
Siboney Social: 6:30 - 8:00 pm, Wednesday, April 23  
Yoga Align & Stretch: 10:00 - 11:15 am, Mondays  
Cornhole: 1:00 - 3:00 pm, Mondays  
Ping Pong: 10:00 am - 1:00 pm, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, Fridays  
Board Games: 1:00 - 3:00 pm, Wednesdays  
Social Dance: 1:00 - 3:00 pm, Thursdays  
Blackout: 6:30 - 9:30 pm, Thursdays

**CLEARWATER-KITCHEN ROOM**

High Vibe Tribe: 7:00 - 9:00 pm, Tuesday, April 8  
Lambda Social: 6:00 - 9:00 pm, Friday, April 11  
Texas Hold'em: 6:00 - 10:00 pm, Friday, April 18  
Caring & Sharing: 9:00 am - 12:0 pm, Tuesdays  
Kibitz Corner: 9:00 - 10:00 am, Mondays and Wednesdays  
Bonesavers: 8:00 - 9:00 am, Mondays and Wednesdays and Fridays

**PAVILION**

Ottman Building Social: 12:00 - 6:00 pm, Sunday, April 6  
Bohemia Social: 1:00 - 4:00 pm, Saturday, April 5  
Billiards Social: 2:00 - 7:00 pm, Friday, April 11  
Valencia Building Social: 5:30 - 10:00 pm, Wednesday, April 23

**EXERCISE ROOM**

Line Dance Practice: 7 - 8 am, Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, Fridays  
Ladies Exercises: 8:00 - 9:00 am, Monday - Friday  
Slimnastics: 9:00 - 10:00 am, Monday - Friday  
Co-Ed Exercises: 10:00 - 10:45 am, Mondays , Wednesdays and Fridays.  
Tai Chi Flow: 3:15 - 4:15 pm, Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays  
Qigong: 3:00 - 4:00 pm, Tuesdays and Thursdays  
Yoga Align & Stretch: 10:00 - 11:15 am, Thursdays

**PALM HARBOR ROOM**

Mahjong: 1:00 - 4:00 pm, Fridays  
Board Games: 1:00 - 3:00 pm, Wednesdays

**OZONA ROOM**

Double Deck Pinochle: 1:00 - 3:30 pm, Sundays and Wednesdays  
Duplicate Bridge: 11:00 am - 4:00 pm, Saturdays  
Rummikub: 12:30 - 3:30 pm, Mondays  
Richie's Poker: 5:00 - 8:00 pm, Mondays, Wednesdays  
Barry's Holdem: 6:30 - 9:30 pm, Mondays and Wednesdays  
Casual Bridge: 1:00 - 4:00 pm, Tuesdays and 9:00 am - 12:00 pm, Thursdays  
Samba Hand and Foot: 5:30 - 9:30 pm, Fridays  
Dominos: 5:30 - 8:00 pm, Tuesdays  
Cribbage: 10:00 am - 12:00 pm, Wednesdays

**LEARNING LAB**

Plant-Based Living Club: 2:30 - 3:30 pm, Wednesday, April 9  
Democratic Club Meeting: 2:00 - 4:00 pm, Thursday, April 10  
Democratic Club Happy Hour: 6:00 - 8:00 pm, Tuesday, April 22  
Baby Boomers Acoustic Jam: 10:00 am - 1:00 pm, Thursdays  
Computer Club: 8:30 - 10:00 am, Wednesdays and Saturdays

**LIBRARY**

Open: 10 am-12 pm, Mondays; 1-3 pm, Wednesdays; 10-12, Thursdays  
**WOODSHOP**  
Open: 8:00 am - 12:00 pm, Monday - Friday

**ALL SPORTS**

See sports schedule on the sports pages



Swimming  
Pools  
will be open  
Easter  
Sunday





# Entertainment



The George Trullinger Variety Show will be back at On Top of the World on Thursday, May 15, 7:30 p.m. in the East Activity Center Auditorium. This is a tribute to the Ed Sullivan Show.

*(OTOW News file photo by Doug Kates)*

## Upcoming Schedule

### APRIL

17 Crystal Stark - Tribute to Whitney Houston and more, 7:30 pm, \$20, SHOW

26 Sequel, 7:30 pm, \$10, DANCE

### MAY

1 Suncoast Symphony Orchestra, 7:30 pm, Free Concert

15 George Trullinger Variety Show, 7:30 pm, \$20 SHOW

17 The Southshore Cruisers, 7:30 pm, \$10 DANCE

### JUNE

21 The Boomer Band, 7:30 pm, \$10, DANCE

**QUESTIONS: CALL 727-449-9243 or 215-431-4799**



# Committee



## CRYSTAL STARK IS WHITNEY HOUSTON\*

\* Whitney Houston  
tribute performer

photo courtesy of  
[whitneycontribute.com/](http://whitneycontribute.com/)

### Coming Up

# Whitney Houston tribute and Suncoast Symphony Orchestra

By Mary Ann O'Neil

Our March show "Celebrate" was sold out. If you missed this show, you missed an enjoyable evening. Hearing songs from 3 Dog Night, CSNY, The Eagles, The Monkeys, and many more brought back great memories for all.

On March 22 we were entertained by the Over the Edge Band, which was back by popular demand for our monthly dance. Everyone was out on the dance floor throughout the evening. This band plays around our area and I am sure many of you follow them.

On Thursday, April 17, the Entertainment Committee will have Crystal Stark performing Whitney Houston and other female artists such as Donna Summers, Tina Turner, and Aretha Franklin.

Crystal was an American Idol finalist from Tucson, Arz. She has played keyboard and sang back-up with Grammy and Academy Award winning artist Jon Batiste.

Crystal is the chief executive officer and lead instructor of Crescendo

Vocal School – a studio committed to helping singers of all ages and abilities grow their voices in a healthy and fun environment.

In appreciation to our residents here at On Top of the World, the Entertainment Committee will have a free concert performed by the Suncoast Symphony Orchestra on Thursday, May 1 at the East Activity Center starting at 7:30 p.m. This event will be theater style seating (no tables), and doors will open at 6:30 p.m. No one will be allowed to enter until that time.

There are no tickets for this event. Come out for a relaxing evening and enjoy the Suncoast Symphony Orchestra.

Our shows so far in 2025 have been sold out, so please do not wait until the last minute to purchase your tickets. Here are our shows for the rest of the year:

On May 15, George Trullinger Variety Show will be here. George is back by popular demand.

On Oct. 23, Beatle Maniacs will be here.

On Nov. 20, Divas of the '70s and '80s will make an appearance.

Our Dec. 18 show features Voices of Jazz. This will close out the year.

Our dances and show tickets are reasonably priced and at a fraction of the cost charged elsewhere for the same entertainment. The shows are \$20 and dances are \$10.

Our shows and dances are reserved table seating. Bring your own favorite beverages. We provide coffee and ice.

We will try to accommodate your party, so get your friends together and reserve your table(s). Our tables for shows and dances seat eight people.

Tickets are still available for our Halloween Dance, \$15 and New Year's Eve Dance, \$30. Since these two dances are usually sold out, why not stop by our information table to purchase your ticket(s) before we are sold out. Why not get a group of your friends together and purchase a whole table?

The Entertainment Committee Sound and Lighting group are looking for anyone who would like to be a

volunteer and who has experience in sound and lighting. If you are interested, please send an email with your experience to [entertainment.otowcl@gmail.com](mailto:entertainment.otowcl@gmail.com). After reviewing your qualifications, Mike Wood, technical director, will contact you.

Stop by the Entertainment Committee information table on Mondays and Thursdays between 8:30-10:30 a.m. to purchase your tickets. We have pamphlets that list all our shows and dances to help you plan ahead.

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

If you have any questions regarding our shows or dances, please call 727-449-9243 or 215-431-4799 for more information.

Please do not wear shorts to our dances. We would hate to ask you to leave.

On behalf of the On Top of the World Entertainment Committee, we appreciate your support.



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Important Phone Numbers

Community Service Office

727-683-6981

Water Turn-On/Water Turn-Off

727-799-3417 Option 6

Activities Office

727-799-2734

Emergency After Hours/Weekends

727-799-1115





# Jack Angileri walked into Bingo Marathon wearing a hat with 100 on it - he walked out with a ‘bill’ with 100 on it!

By Diane Like

Another Bingo Marathon at On Top of the World is in the books.

On March 8, 158 avid bingo players were eager to be the lucky one to yell “bingo!”

Our most distinguished player was Jack Angileri. At 101 years old, he’s as sharp as ever, and wouldn’t you know it, he won \$100.

The entire audience applauded when Jack was the lucky player who called bingo for one of our special games.

Many bingo players came early to get their treasured seats.

After receiving their pre-paid packets for each game, almost all the players got additional sheets for each game that was for sale.

With game sheets in hand, everyone then received their goody bags containing water bottles, cookies, a dauber and a program.

As it got closer to our noon starting time, the auditorium was full and the excitement was growing.

Everyone was busy talking with their friends and neighbors, setting up their lucky charms, and getting their cards in order - all while munching on their complementary donuts.

After playing several games, volunteers

took lunches around to all the players. Everyone chatted as they ate their fried chicken and sides during a break in the games. The best part was delicious, homemade cakes.

As the rest of the games were played, numerous players commented on how well the day was organized and how well it progressed.

A huge thank you to Lu Greenhalgh for playing a major part in organizing everything down to the last detail and baking all the cakes.

Thank you to the numerous volunteers who helped with set-up the day before and then returned at 9 a.m. on Saturday morning to complete the preparations for the day.

It made for a successful day and was enjoyed by everyone.

It truly does “take a village.”

Our next bingo marathon will be in the spring so watch for announcements for advanced ticket sales.

In the meantime, you can play bingo every Monday night at the East Activity Center. Doors open at 4 p.m. and the games start at 6 p.m.. Bingo game sheets are sold between 4 – 6 p.m. at the event.

We look forward to seeing you there!



Jack Angileri is 101 years old and plays bingo every week. At the Bingo Marathon in March, he nearly matched his age by calling out bingo and winning \$100 on one game. Helping him along was his caregiver Debbie Vincent.  
(OTOW News photos by Mary Lou Wall)



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# After your Amazon package arrives, be wary of any additional emails, texts and videos with an Amazon tag

The Office of the Florida Attorney General held a 2.5–3 hour seminar on cybercrimes on Jan. 15 at the On Top of the World Cultural Center in Ocala.

About 500 folks signed up and I thought the information provided was critically important as we fight our way through all the crimes for which seniors are targeted these days.

If you think about it, we are at war with cybercrimes. The enemies intend to steal our money, steal our dignity and steal all we built for ourselves over our lifetimes.

Our enemies know we are vulnerable. They prey on our vulnerability. And even I, who claim to know so much, am, in truth, just as vulnerable as anyone else.

At least I know it, and because of that, I do not trust any unsolicited contact by phone call, text, email or by someone just knocking on my door and offering some free inspection for my roof or for any part of my house at all.

A couple of weeks ago, I got a package from Amazon. I ordered it, so no problem there. However, shortly thereafter, I received a text message with an attached video to be opened. The text message said, “a video from your Amazon driver.” I deleted it without opening it.

I don’t have an Amazon driver. You don’t either.

If Amazon wants to reach out to us, they have verifiable ways to do it and having a driver send me a video message for me to click on, isn’t one of them.

Don’t trust any unsolicited method of trying to contact you.



Q. From where do you get the questions/answers for your column?

A. I get them in a few ways. My clients ask questions that (with their permission) I want my readers to see. Sometimes, I get questions sent by email.

I am a member of the National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys, and the Academy of Florida Elder Law Attorneys. Questions arise on those lists that are important.

Sometimes an attorney will ask me a question and I want to discuss it. I use the Q and A format because it works best for me.

I should add that the questions that some folks think are silly are, indeed, actual questions presented to me by my clients or by folks who just ask me.

I edit questions to remove vulgarities and sometimes to correct grammar. After I put in a question, I throw away any means of

knowing who sent it.

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Q. Why do I need title insurance when I buy a property from someone I know?

A. Because the someone you know might not know about a lien or judgment or forgery that might be a stain or encumbrance on the property.

(Honest disclosure: I have an ownership interest in a title insurance agency.)

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Q. My significant other and I live together. Other than for religious purposes why should seniors get married?

A. Legal comments only: There might not be any reason, but to answer your question: Possible social security benefits if the wealthier spouse dies first, possible health insurance reasons, possible VA spousal benefits, possible spousal rights to make medical decisions for the spouse, possible other spousal property rights, possible spousal pension benefits, spousal inheritance rights, possible spousal estate planning benefits, possible spousal homestead benefits.

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Q. Five years ago, I married a woman in (a foreign Hispanic-speaking country). I was 63 and she was much younger. We lived in that country and then we had a fight. Four months later, I gave her some money then

left her and moved to Florida. I’ve had no contact with her since I left. Since it was more than seven years ago, I assume, indeed, I’m no longer married and I can marry someone else now.

A. Well, I assume that you are, indeed, married, and therefore, marrying someone else without terminating the prior marriage will, indeed create, um, shall I say, a problem, indeed.

(Jerry Colen, Rachel Wagoner and John Beck are law partners in Colen & Wagoner, P.A. Jerry Colen and Rachel Wagoner are members of the National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys and the Academy of Florida Elder Law Attorneys. John Beck has a master’s degrees in taxation and also in accounting, plus a degree in Finance. The law firm practices in the areas of wills, trusts, probate, real estate, elder law, simple and complex advice for business and professionals. This column does not, nor is it intended to, provide legal advice. You should not rely on what is written in this column to be legal advice for any situation, even if it appears like something you face. You should always consult your own attorney for legal advice. The Law Office of Colen and Wagoner, P.A. is located at 1756 North Belcher Road, Clearwater, Fla., 33765, and in Suite 11 at Circle Square Commons, across from the ice cream shop in Ocala, Fla. Phone number in Ocala and in Clearwater is (727) 545-8114. The website is [www.colenwagoner.com](http://www.colenwagoner.com). You can send us an email to at [Info@colenwagoner.com](mailto:Info@colenwagoner.com).)

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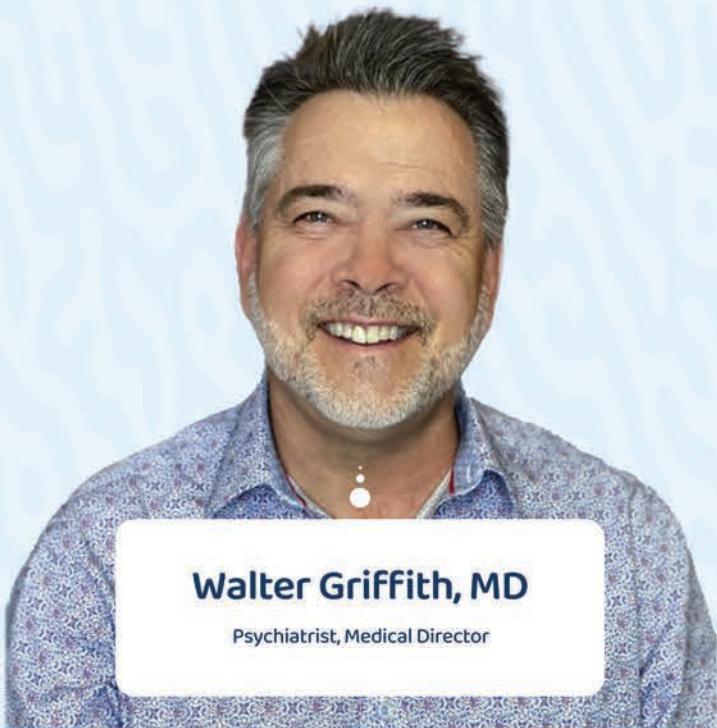


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# Editor Doug Kates reaches milestone with 200th newspaper for this community

Two hundred On Top of the World newspapers may not seem like a big deal, but when you think about it, only 12 are created each year.

The April 2025 edition of OTOW News is Editor Doug Kates' 200th newspaper for this community.

You would have to go back to the October 2008 edition to read the first newspaper Doug produced.

"I started on Sept. 11 so most of the stories were already in," Doug said. "With help from Assistant Editor Dave Hart, together we created my first newspaper here."

Members of the Press Association thanked Doug during the club's annual pizza party on March 6. President Tom Butcher, Vice President Donna Gagnon and Secretary Joanne Cordes presented Doug with a crystal globe to mark the milestone.

Then Roy Lemnus presented Doug with a T-Shirt which stated "OTOW 200th Edition."

A couple hours later, OTOW News Publisher Kenneth Colen presented Doug with another crystal globe - this one marking the "incredible milestone" of reaching 200 newspapers.

A private celebration took place on March 25 - the day the 200th edition was finished and sent to the printer. It was official.

A lot has taken place over the last 17 years.

"Dave and I were putting the finishing touches on my first newspaper when I saw there were no photos on the front page," Doug recalled. "I told Dave we had to have at least one picture on the front page, so I got in my car and began searching for someone decorating early for Halloween - since we were working on the October 2008 newspaper. The good news is, I found someone putting a pumpkin on their patio. The bad news was, I got lost and didn't know how to get back to the newsroom."

Each year, about 80 volunteer reporters contribute to OTOW News. Over the past 17 years that number comes out to roughly 1,000 different writers. Every single resident who has written a story has done so as a volunteer.

For the first 12 years, Doug and Dave



OTOW News Editor Doug Kates, second from left, receives a token of appreciation from the Press Association for wrapping up his 200th newspaper. Representing the Press Association are President Tom Butcher, Vice President Donna Gagnon and Secretary Joanne Cordes.

(Photo by Mary Lou Wall)

were a great team. The last five years, Doug has had to depend solely on his volunteer staff to help make deadline each month.

The efforts have not gone unnoticed. The Tampa Bay Times did a feature story on this publication in September 2022. The story included the amazing effort to not only produce a newspaper each month, but also have it delivered by Parkway Maintenance to all 91 buildings. On delivery day, residents know their beloved newspaper is waiting for them in the core.

It really is a team effort.

The newspaper, itself, has now been published for 57 years. It was the vision of Sidney Colen, who was actually the publisher when Doug started working at OTOW.

Doug has also had the privilege of working with great Press Association boards. Tom Butcher is the current president, Donna Gagnon is the vice president and Joanne Cordes is the secretary.

Doug has only worked with two board presidents. Yvonne Courtney was board president for 14 years.

The Press Association pizza party was a

great success. Thirty staffers attended, even though the event was moved indoors.

Up next for the staff is the annual Appreciation Dinner at Philippe Park on Thursday, April 3 at 4:30 p.m. at Shelter 7. This event is for anyone on staff who has contributed to at least three newspapers and attended at least three meetings in the past 12 months.

Dinner will be catered by Clearwater Family Restaurant. This is the one time all year when the Association says thank you to the most dedicated newspaper volunteers.

# Fixers make platform for OTOW-TV

OTOW-TV channel 901 has taken a step forward to produce better monthly board meeting broadcasts.

With help from the Fixers Club, a brand new TV platform was built in our own wood shop. The new platform, 10 inches higher than the previous platform, will now capture video over everyone's head in the audience. Board members should be easier to view.

"I asked the Fixers Club if they could produce something to exact specifications," said OTOW-TV's Doug Kates. "I needed something safe, something 10 inches higher than before, and something I could roll in and out of the Auditorium and set up by myself."

Fixers members hit it right on the nose. Contributing were Jose Miranda and Duane Anderson..

All the wood was purchased locally, and cut and assembled in the East Activity Center wood shop. The overall platform comes in two pieces, but once in the Auditorium will be hooked together into one platform.

Club members also built a transport dolly so the platform could be wheeled in and out of the Auditorium.

Originally, the Fixers Club was going to pick up the tab and donate the platform to OTOW-TV, but the On Top of the World newspaper picked up the bill instead.

We are all still appreciative the Fixers considered the offer.

OTOW board meetings are broadcast live on channel 901 and recorded versions are available to view anytime on the Box Office website (otowboxoffice.com).

Most live broadcasts air on YouTube.



Doug Kates works the OTOW-TV video camera on top of a new broadcast platform created right here in our own wood shop by the Fixers Club. At left is Jose Miranda and at right is Duane Anderson. They designed, purchased and built the entire platform from scratch.

(Photo by Sue Pall)



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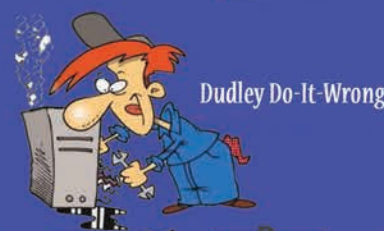
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Countdown begins to 30th parade

# People are already asking for invites to come back to our parade next year

By Barbara Rice

From the first bagpipe warm-up to the last eaten hot dog, the Irish Club's 29th St. Patrick's Day celebration was nonstop enjoyment on March 1.

Twenty-five On Top of the World clubs, residents and administration representatives festively marched the parade route.

Twenty-eight visiting parade entries delighted parade goers.

Marching bands, dancers, young violinists, cyclists, clowns, witches, classic cars, veterans, Army vehicles, marching Santas, motoring Shriners, high school Thespians, businesses, nonprofits, Pinellas County Sheriff and Jeep Club masterpieces arrived on parade day from Tampa, St. Petersburg, Clearwater and Dunedin.

"Please invite us back next year," many participants commented. "We love coming to On Top of the World."

Irish Club deeply thanks each and every person who contributed to the success of the annual celebration.

A special gratitude is extended to the OTOW administration and staff of Parkway Management and SCA for working many weeks with the Irish Club to plan the day. The event would not have been possible without their support.

Recognition is also given to Summit Broadband. For the third year, Summit sponsored Jolley Trolley transportation from the OTOW West Side to and from the festivities. This year, Summit also sponsored Paddy-O-Furniture, the popular band enjoyed by many at the party following the parade.

March 2026 will mark the 30th Irish Club celebration!

Thoughts and plans are already being turned in for this OTOW milestone. Ideas and suggestions are welcome. Should you know about a great addition to next year's parade or party, don't be shy. Pass along your recommendation.

Parade committee members for 2025 were Tom O'Riordan, chairman; Colman Weir, Irish Club president; and Barbara Rice, Rose Mulhaal and Martin Forde.



The On Top of the World Night Riders and the Clearwater Jeep Club were just two of the many organizations that participated in our parade on March 1.

(OTOW News photos by Barbara Rice)



## From the 2025 Irish Club Parade Committee

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# Portraits by Irene

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 [loislane96@hotmail.com](mailto:loislane96@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



My name is Bella. I'm 1 year old. I live in the Southern Colonial building with my owner, Susan Biggieri. I should be pet of the month simply because I am so cute and sweet.

Will the following pets please resubmit their bio information for Pet of the Month. Please include a new, recent photo:

- Snowpaw
- Bear
- Cinnamon
- Louie
- Lani
- Otis
- Jacki
- Juan Martin

[otow.newsroom@gmail.com](mailto:otow.newsroom@gmail.com)

Each month in 2025, OTOW News will be featuring a Pet of the Month in this newspaper. Any pets living at On Top of the World are eligible. To enter your pet, email one clear, color photo to [OTOW.newsroom@gmail.com](mailto:OTOW.newsroom@gmail.com) and tell us what makes your pet special. If you don't have email capabilities, drop off your photo and information at the newsroom. You must include pet's name, owner's name, building and age of pet. If the age is not included, your pet will not be eligible. Only one pet per household can win each year, but two pets from the same household can be one entry. The winner each month will receive a portrait from On Top of the World artist Irene Piper. If you are the winner this month, the newsroom will notify you when your portrait is finished. Each monthly winner becomes eligible for Pet of the Year honors in January. Voting for Pet of the Year takes place online in January. The winner will be announced each February. The Pet of the Year winner will receive a portrait and will be invited to march in the annual Irish Club Parade each March.



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# ACTIVITY REPORTS



Learn about smishing, vishing and phishing

## All On Top of the World residents invited to a free cyber security session

By Joe Wisinski

All On Top of the World residents are invited to a free cybersecurity session.

The event takes place on April 5 from 9-11 a.m. in the East Activity Center Auditorium. The Computer Club and the Entertainment Committee are co-sponsoring the meeting.

Julio Fernandez, the owner of Experimax in Clearwater, will lead the session. He will address keeping our computers, as well as our phones and tablets, safe from cyber threats.

Julio recently taught cybersecurity tips to the OTOW Computer Club.

“Bad guys are working hard to get your money,” he said. “Knowledge is what you need to take care of yourselves.”

Computer Club members learned about smishing, vishing and phishing. Those terms describe attempts from scammers to get information through text messages, phone calls or emails, respectively.

Cybercriminals are looking for passwords, credit card numbers, Social Security numbers or other data, such as birthdates. Julio shared these tips for not becoming a victim:

- Never call an unknown number back
- Never reply to an unsolicited email
- Don’t click on email links

Julio said we should look at return addresses in emails and the country code in phone numbers.

He showed a text message supposedly from the IRS, but which started with the number “46” which is the code for Sweden.

That text was a scam.

Another tip that Julio taught the Computer Club was to look for misspellings, poor grammar, or inaccurate punctuation in text messages or emails.

Also, be especially wary when you’re told you must reply at once. Julio said scammers prey on a sense of urgency. He also said to never grant control of your computer to a caller.

Julio is a system engineer with a back-



### Computer Club

ground in security. His business buys, sells, trades and repairs computers, tablets and phones.

Come to the East Activity Center Auditorium at 9 a.m. on Saturday, April 5, to learn more about keeping your data and your money safe. The session is free to OTOW residents.

#### 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.

For more information about the Computer Club, or to ask computer service-related questions, email [otowcc@gmail.com](mailto:otowcc@gmail.com), visit our website at [www.otowcc.com](http://www.otowcc.com), or click our link in the OTOW Box Office website, [otowboxoffice.com](http://otowboxoffice.com).



Julio Fernandez, the owner of a local tech service business, teaches cyber security tips to the Computer Club.

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# An invitation to visit one of the largest Clydesdale farms in the world - and perhaps pet a baby Clydesdale



By Tom Chalupka

First, the On Top of the World Travel Club would like to congratulate Doug Kates on his 200th newspaper - the edition you are currently reading.

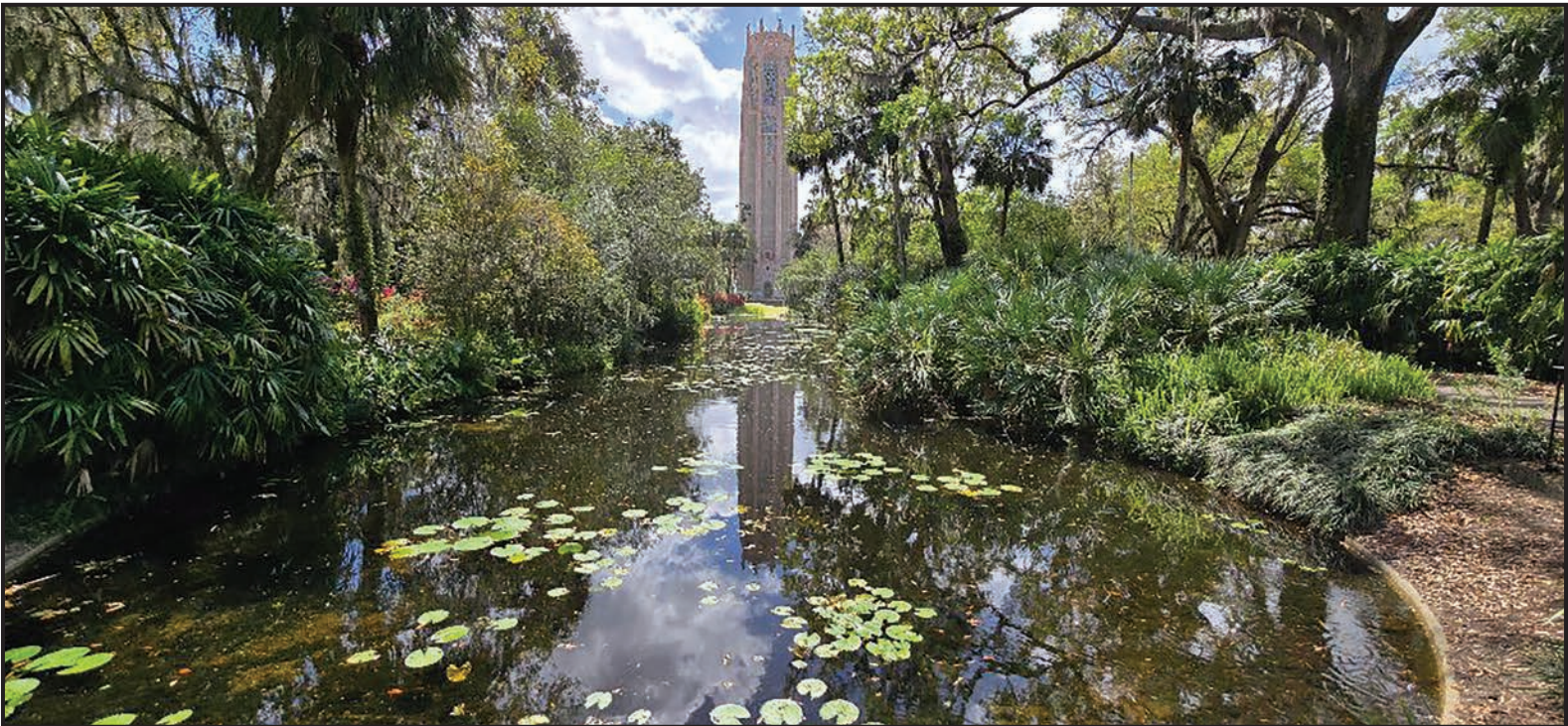
Thank you, Doug, for keeping us all very well informed for the 200th time. Your hard work is evident every month.

On March 4, 53 members of the On Top of the World Travel Club took a day trip to Lake Wales, Fla., to visit the beautiful Bok Tower Gardens.

Located on Iron Mountain, which is one of the highest points in Florida, the 206 foot singing tower is surrounded by stunning gardens that were designed by landscape architect Fredrick Law Olmsted Jr.

Bok Tower Gardens is a peaceful 250-acre garden and bird sanctuary. If you walk through the gardens, you can hear the tower's 60-bell carillon ring every hour and half hour and longer concerts daily at 1 p.m. and 3 p.m.

Also on the property, you can tour a 20 room Mediterranean revival mansion that



A scene from Bok Tower Gardens as photographed by Tom Chalupka from a Travel Club visit in March.

was built between 1930 and 1932 and has been restored to its original appearance.

This mansion, built at the request of C. Austin Buck of the Bethlehem Steel Company, became his winter home.

If you are interested in finding a place to relax and enjoy nature, you should consider visiting here.

In keeping with our back-to-nature

tours, in May the OTOW Travel Club will be traveling to Ocala for a tour of the Grandview Clydesdale Farms - one of the largest Clydesdale farms in the world.

The tour of this working farm will allow us to get up close with a breeding-aged Clydesdale stallion.

You can also upgrade your visit to a VIP Tour that will allow you to pet and interac-

with a baby Clydesdale. These foals are only allowed visitors for a brief period, so we are incredibly lucky to have the opportunity to meet them.

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# Explore a world of transforming negative situations into blessings at next High Vibe Tribe meeting

By Laurie LeClare

On April 8, I am excited to announce that Nana Hendricks will be our guest speaker.

Nana has wowed us with her awakening story, shared spiritual insights and led us in deep meditations in past presentations.

She has been a messenger of the Spirit Realms for 25 years as a visionary, channel and spiritual teacher. She sees the golden soul shining inside every human.

Nana's passion is helping people connect to their inner light, develop intuition and know their magic. She has helped thousands of people transform their lives and awaken to the gifts they carry within.

In 2019, Nikola Tesla's spirit began appearing to Nana.

Initially, he shared a message about humanity's awakening process. He provided guidance on how to proceed individually and collectively. He said that he is here to help us create free energy internally and externally, and that there is enough energy in our solar plexus to light up the world if we know how to tap into it.

Nikola teaches about the numerical, geometrical and vibrational essence of our consciousness and how we can tune in like

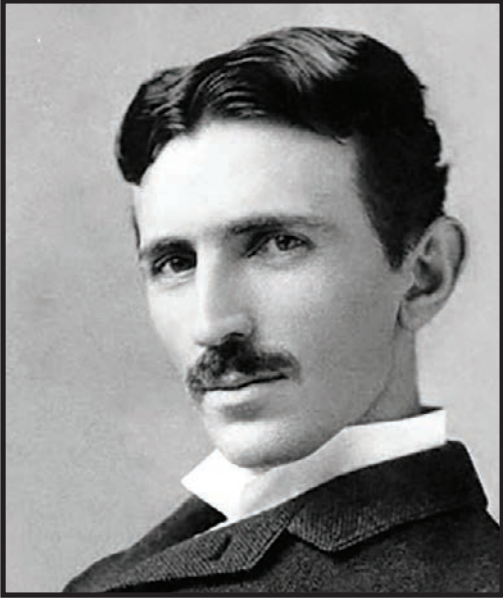


a radio to the frequencies we wish to experience.

He says the most important of all of them at this time is freedom.

We are being freed from one reality to the next, caterpillar-to-butterfly shift in consciousness--beyond the matrix and simulation.

At our club's meeting on April 8, journey through an interactive exploration of vi-



Nikola Tesla  
(image courtesy of usa-history1.com)

brational awakening, awareness and alchemy.

Nikola and the Light Team will guide us on this adventure where we shed the skins of where we've been and begin again in a higher spin.

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For any questions you may email [otowoo@otowoo.com](mailto:otowoo@otowoo.com) or leave a message on my voicemail 727-265-1671.



## Costumes and props have been put away, but not until after one of the best Jesters' shows ever

By Valerie Martin

The Jesters' 2025 show was happily delivered and received.

The memories and the compliments still continue.

We are truly grateful. The Jesters had a fantastic time performing one of our best shows. We hold many dear memories of the show. After our last performance, we had a party for cast and crew with wonderful catered food from Joey's.

The cast and crew still found the energy to joyously celebrate with conversation and dancing during that party.

The costumes have since been put away. The scenery has been taken down. The props, we hope to use again, are in storage.

This past year, it was my pleasure to write all the articles for the Jesters in the OTOW newspaper. Since this will be my last article for the Jesters, I would like to reflect on the past year.

Above and beyond all the talent and work that went into the show, this season's Jesters Club socials included: a Friends-giving evening dinner in November, our Reindeer Games night in December,

a hilarious January Improv Night followed by a chicken nuggets night in March.

Jesters participated in the Get-Acquainted-Saturday community event and our beloved St Patrick's Day parade.

Our members have a pizza party in their future for April.

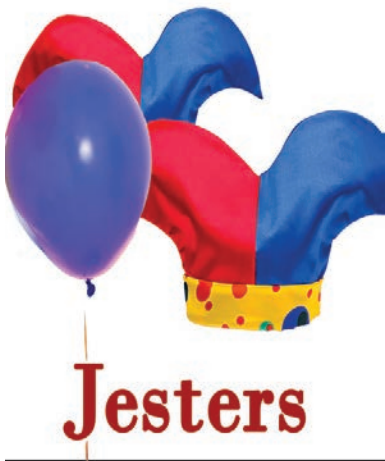
We now expect membership to vote on officers for the 2025-26 season. A show director will be appointed and, during the summer, the creative team will begin again to develop a new show for the coming year.

We sure are "one busy band of funsters."

The Jesters continue to live up to their motto, "Jest for Fun."

They are a fun group of people. Always joking, sharing laughs and supporting each other.

At this time, the Jesters Club is interested in hearing new ideas for the show if you have some to offer. If you have ever imagined being one of our singers, dancers, or comedians, we hope you will answer our casting call in the fall.



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# Democratic Club members learn how far the Clearwater area has evolved



By David Beaven

At the Democratic Club meeting in March, our group celebrated the beginning of a new term with a pizza party. We announced our new officers for 2025-26. We had a large number of attendees. Probably the biggest group in a year. Was it the pizza? Probably. But a number of new faces showed up who wanted to be active in politics. Usually, after a general election, interest dies down, but this year seems to be different. Our meeting proved there is still a lot of interest in politics. Speaking of interest, did you know volunteering can be a job for life? Our Board of Directors found that out as no one else stepped forward to oppose them. So, the current officers volunteered to serve again. We are thankful for their continued service. All of the clubs here at On Top of the World are run by volunteers and they deserve to be saluted. In fact, volunteerism is



Pictured above is the Democratic Club board for the 2025-26 season. From left to right are Don Ladner, Mary Ann Nargi, Joanne Cordes, Ruthann Richwine, Glenda Greenman, Kate Wilson, Abby D’Oronzio, David Beaven and Ed Shivers.

said to be good for your health. Retirement is supposed to be the golden years, but sitting around watching TV all day can get old. As a volunteer, retirees have a sense of purpose, they learn new skills, and meet new people. This has been shown to improve physical and mental health. So take advantage of the many clubs here at OTOW and help out as you’re able. It can change your life. The Democratic Club meets on the second Thursday of each month at 2 p.m. in the West Activity Center Learning Lab. This month that will be on April 10. For more information, go to our web-page: [worlddemsclub.blogspot.com](http://worlddemsclub.blogspot.com). Or call me at 727-410-7566.

# One answer to writer’s block is try baking - but not the kind that uses oven mits

By Lori Gottshall

Writer’s Ink, the creative writing group here at On Top of the World, has been meeting regularly on Thursday afternoons for more than 40 years. Yes, the specific people change, but the joy of sharing one’s writing with other writers goes on. This season has seen an interesting assortment of styles and subjects, along with a variety of challenges our writers have had to overcome in their pursuit of their craft. We invite you to join us at 1:30 p.m. in the East Activity Center Dunedin Room and share the fun. Writer’s block is a common problem for

even the best of authors. This column has previously covered some block busting techniques. This year, one of our members has been stumped by his current murder mystery. His detective, a colorful fellow we have met before, is emotionally involved with the latest case. Our author is having trouble figuring out how his hero is going to solve this devious puzzle. The group consensus on this one was to stop trying for the perfect answer. Creative thinking can often be helped by sticking to time schedules and pushing through. However, sometimes a better solution is to let a piece sit and “bake” for a while. There is a phrase that describes this in-

stance. It’s called “Listen to your characters.” An author must wait and see what his characters will tell him about how the story should go. It will come in due time. Patience is important. After all, you can’t just kill off your main character. Did you ever think about writing? Were you, perhaps, dissuaded from writing at some point and always regretted stopping? Facts or fiction, prose or poetry. Why not come join us? We will be stopping for the summer, but there’s still a few more weeks to get to know us.



# Library staff outing

By Roy Lemnus

Staff and volunteers from the On Top of the World library got together for a luncheon in March to celebrate added hours over the winter season. Thursdays from 10 a.m. to noon were added to a Monday and Wednesday schedule. Currently, more than 2700 books are available at the library. New best-selling authors have been added, along with new library staffers. Library cards are \$5 for a year. Books can be purchased for \$4 and some are available for free. The new library hours have been extended into April. Mondays are 10 a.m. to noon, and Wednesdays are 1-3 p.m.



The On Top of the World Library will extend Thursday hours into April.  
10-12 Mondays | 1-3 Wednesdays | 10-12 Thursdays



Philosophy Club - March



At one of the Philosophy Club meetings in March, Jerry McDonald (center) spoke about the First Amendment. Listening in, left to right, are Ron Combs, Scott Cocannon, Frieda Cardona, Fred Langrock, Brenda Luckhardt, Herb Sutton, Tony Bishop, Marge Greene, Andy McElvoy and Mario di Toscana. (Photo by Connie McDonald)

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Joe Miranda and Duane Anderson work on scenery for the Theater Workshop show this past March.

Did you enjoy our scenery? It was created by experts

By Jane Wolf

There are many steps to putting on a show and one of them is scenery. When I volunteered to be responsible for the scenery in Theater Workshop's March show, "Derby Daze," I knew just where to turn - the Fixers, Fiddlers & Fumblers Club.

First, I drew a rough sketch of what was needed then brought it to Joe Miranda, Duane Anderson and Tom Hackett. They assured me that what I drew could be created and they helped me put together a list of supplies needed from a home improvement store.

Of course, I could not let them have all the fun, so I joined their club and rolled up my sleeves to assist. While they did the intricate sawing and building, I was able to help with the assembly. What I imagined would take days, Joe, Duane and Tom did in a day and a half.

The cherry on the sundae was the fact that the finished products looked just like my drawings.

So, if you came to the show in March and admired the wonderful scenery, know that it was created by our very own Fixers Fiddlers & Fumblers Club (with minimal help from me).

It is so wonderful that our clubs, while separate entities at On Top of the World, can work beautifully together and support each other when the opportunity presents itself.

If you are interested in checking out the Theater Workshop club, we meet on the first Wednesday of every month at the West Activity Center Belleair Room at 6:30 p.m. Our next meeting is April 2 with refreshments being served.

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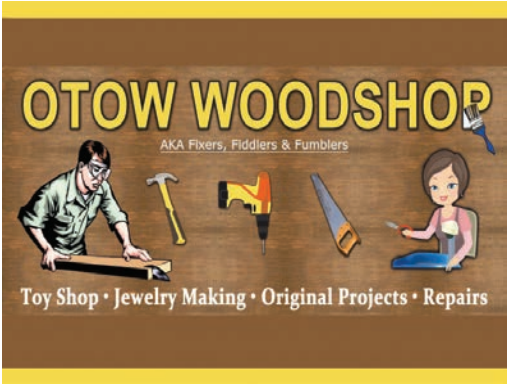
Pictured above is the 2025-26 board for the Fixers, Fiddlers and Fumblers Club. From left to right are Trustee Jesse Tiamson, Secretary Judy Bosnyak, President Ron Cree, Vice President Gary Anderson, Treasurer Henry Santos, Trustee Joe Miranda and Trustee Lloyd Cunningham. Picture below is everyone who showed up for the club's annual picnic.

# Fixers celebrate a great season with picnic, parade and election of officers

By Jesse Tiamson  
The Fixers, Fiddlers and Fumblers Club held its annual picnic at the Pavilion on Tuesday, March 11.  
Members from the Woodshop, the Lapidary Club, the Toyshop and the Caring and Sharing Club attended, along with spouses and significant others.  
Everyone enjoyed hamburgers and hot-dogs which were provided by the Fixers President and Grillmaster Ron Cree.  
Side dishes were brought by guests.  
Trustee Jesse Tiamson provided the

background music and Trustee Joe Miranda provided the cornhole game.  
One guest went home a little richer. Evelyn Tiamson won the 50/50 raffle.  
The newly elected officers of the 2025 board were announced. They are President Ron Cree, Vice President Gary Anderson, Secretary Judy Bosnyak, Treasurer Henry Santos, One Year Trustee Joe Miranda, Two Year Trustee Jesse Tiamson and One Year Trustee Loyd Cunningham.  
The Fixers Club also marched at last month's St Patrick's Parade in an effort to

expose the club to the residents of the community and boost membership.  
We also participated in the first Get Acquainted Saturday hosted by SCA last Jan. 11 to showcase the many projects and wood items built by woodshop members.  
The Fixers Club is a private, non-profit organization that serves its members and the residents. Membership to the club is available to all On Top of the World residents for \$35 a year.



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# The only time all year line dancers from all three clubs have fun at one time



By Dale Stackhouse

The East Activity Center Auditorium was filled on the morning of March 12 as line dancers from all three community clubs came out to participate in a dance workshop with Rosie Multari.

Rosie, a gifted and popular line dance instructor and choreographer, has visited us several times previously, and always brings fresh new material.

(She did warn us, however, that some of her jokes might be old, but if they were, I don't think anyone noticed.)

We started out with a dance that she does with her own "Naughty Nineties" class ... a group in which everyone is over the age of 90. One woman is 96. That dance was an inspiring way to begin.

It is wonderful to know that line dancing is an activity which one can continue to do for many years, and as we all know, it is good for the brain as well as for the body.



More than 30 residents, from all three community line dance clubs, joined Rosie Multari and her husband, Bruno, during a special line dance gathering in mid-March. Rose and Bruno are third and fourth from left in the front row. The event was organized by the Snowbirds Club.

We then proceeded through four more dances, some more challenging than others, but all a lot of fun to learn.

We finished with "Stealing the Best," a dance which Rosie helped choreograph by, through her own admission, stealing parts of other dances and adding a couple of walking steps of her own.

As this is the dance which the OTOW Line Dancers and Snowbirds Clubs usually perform in the St. Patrick's Day Parade, it was especially enjoyable for many of us, since we didn't participate in the parade this year.

As always, Rosie's husband and favorite BRAT (back row assistant teacher), Bruno, accompanied her, which was particularly helpful with such a large crowd. Our thanks

to both of them.

This will be the last Snowbirds Club column for the season, because, as our name suggests, we will be shutting down for the summer months.

Please check your email for newsletters with more details. We had a great time dancing this past season!

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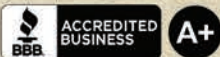
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# Republican Club proposes monthly outing

By Debbie Russell

The Ronald Reagan Republican Club has been busy since the new year began.

We have connected with local Republican representatives and our House and Legislative Representatives in Tallahassee.

Our latest meeting on March 11 was a lovely meet-and-greet with tasty treats provided by Jane Treggett and Dave DiNardo.

President Carl Turner introduced new members and we were surprised when House Representative Kim Berfield's Legislative Aid Kachine Evans stood to introduce herself as our guest. She let us know how hard Kim is working for all of us in Pinellas County.

Kim joined us in the St. Patrick's Day Parade on March 1 riding atop a truck named Jethro - a 1929 GMC truck provided by our friend, Charlie Beville.

The meeting proceeded with thanks given to Debbie Russell for heading up the parade this year.

Karen Tatge mentioned that our club's new website has been paid in advance for the next five years so we won't lose our domain. She also mentioned the response to our group at the parade was awesome! So thank you to everyone who participated. You made our day very memorable!

Debbie mentioned the fact that Kim



Berfield's magnetic car banner was destroyed in Hurricane Milton and we would like to have a small fundraiser to help replace it. No old business was mentioned.

For new business, it was suggested that we could use more volunteers at the Republican Club information table on Monday and Thursday mornings at the East Activity Center from 8:30-10:30 a.m. We need your support. And don't forget to come and see us during Get Acquainted Coffee on the second Thursday of the month during the winter season. There is free coffee and doughnuts!

One other item mentioned was a proposal for a dinner outing once a month. More



Ronald Reagan Republican Club members pose for a picture prior to the start of the March 1 parade.

information will come in a group email later.

Next up, Carl announced he is giving up his position as president. He asked for someone to step up, but we have no takers yet. All other officers of the club were nominated for their positions again and approved.

A 50/50 was won by Debbie and gladly

given back to the club treasury.

The next meeting will be held on April 1 at the West Activity Center Belleair Room at 6 p.m. Contact carlmarvinturner@gmail.com or debRuss11@gmail.com for further information. We would love to see you at our next meeting!

# Dress code and punch were appropriately green at Lambda Club social in March



By Earl Ballance

Three months have passed since the first of the year and now I'm wondering how are those New Year's resolutions working for us?

Personally, for me, the month of January slid into February, and by March, my resolutions were starting to mirror the plants I forgot to water — somewhat wilted and not leaving much room for improvement.

My daily meditation sessions turned into naps, and my attempt to eat a healthier diet took a nose dive when I realized that mint chocolate chip ice cream did not count as a green vegetable.

And like that, my resolutions were nothing more than suggestions.

Ultimately, my summary of unmet resolutions becomes the unique charm of not taking life too seriously. As long as I have my



Green shirts and green hats filled the East Activity Center Clearwater Room as Lambda held a St. Patrick's Day party featuring Celtic Punch.

humor intact, and have joy for the moment, perhaps the resolutions can wait ... until the next New Year.

Last month's Lambda Club social was the Green Party in honor of St Patrick's Day and everyone was encouraged to wear green.

It was Lambda's way of harnessing any and all excuses under the rainbow to get together and celebrate camaraderie, cuisine, and sheer Celtic chaos.

It wasn't just about wearing green, it was about feeling green. And by feeling green, I mean lively and jubilant, not queasy from the famed Celtic Punch.

Next month's social will be a Country Night Hoedown in the East Activity Center Kitchen-Clearwater Room on Friday, April 11 at 6 p.m. Dress code will be jeans and T-shirts. Hats and boots are encouraged.

Down homestyle food will be encouraged for the potluck buffet and the bar will be serving its own version of that infamous Nashville Punch.

On April 18, 20 brave souls from Lambda are trading their recliners for deck chairs and setting sail on the mighty Oasis for a Caribbean adventure.

They'll be cruising from one paradise isle to another. So stay tuned for hearing about some salty tidbits ahead.

Bill Raymond, facilitator of the Lambda Bookclub, states that due to the upcoming group cruise, there will be no Book Club meeting in April. Aloha Bill!

Lambda Chat meets on the first and third Fridays at 10:30 a.m. in the East Activity Safety Harbor Room.

The Lambda Zoomers are hosted by

Howard Harville every Friday at 5 p.m.

The Lambda Walkers meet every Wednesday at noon at the Countryside Mall, followed by lunch.

The Lambda Shufflers have started meeting up every Monday at 2 p.m. at the Shuffleboard Lot on the EAC - play, or not. It can be just a good time to socialize. We have the equipment.

Lambda Club has been a beacon of hope and acceptance for the LGBTQ community. Every social event is a commitment to create a safe space to have camaraderie and celebrate diversity. Need more information about Lambda? Go to the official webpage at <http://lambdaclearwater.blogspot.com>. You can also check us out on the Box Office ([otowboxoffice.com](http://otowboxoffice.com)) or call David Beaven at (727) 410-7566.

# Art Guild brings in an expert for pencil drawing class

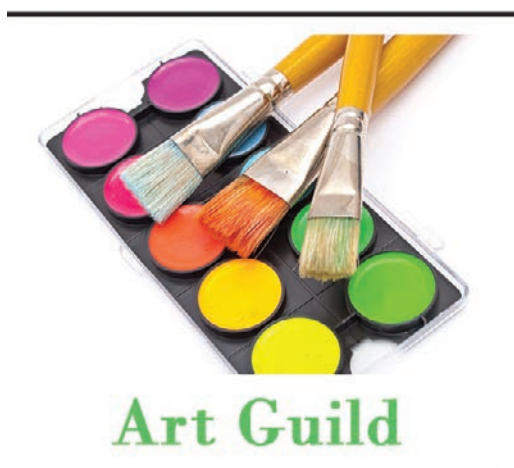
By John Fier

One thing the Art Guild has been missing for several years is a pencil drawing class.

After several attempts to get a drawing class going, Art Guild President Rick Slater began doing some research and came up with a candidate to lead a new group. The proposed instructor is a young man by the name of Rolando Rodriguez, who comes to us from Brandon, Fla.

At his first session here, Rolando rearranged a group of five or six tables in a semi-circle to take advantage of a full-sun window. He placed a white female bust near the window and that became one of the group's primary subjects. Rolando monitored the group's progress routinely as they worked and inserted helpful comments as he passed.

There were three Art Guild board members attending this introductory session. All



three members reacted positively to the session. In fact, we were expecting a full class for our second session on March 18.



Rolando Rodriguez, center, with On Top of the World Art Guild students in his new, and first, pencil drawing class.





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# Club Parade March 1

(Alice and Mary Lou Wall)





Winners announced from Golf Fun Day

Six presidents honored at annual Past Presidents Ball



By Connie Stanley  
The Canadian Club's 50th Anniversary Past Presidents Ball took place in late February.  
Six past presidents and five spouses were present for the event. Each was adorned with corsages and boutonnieres by Harry and Barb Morrison.

Following the ceremony, "Scotland the Brave" was played by bagpipers and club members Raymond Willis and Neil Forbes.  
Overall, 169 guests sang "Oh Canada," the Canadian National Anthem and "America the Beautiful."

Past presidents in attendance included Connie Stanley (and spouse Ken Campbell) 2020-2023, Laurie Fischer (and spouse Cathie Fischer) 2018-2019, Andy McEvoy (and spouse Joan McEvoy) 2012-2013, Tom McKee (and spouse Linda McKee) 2009-2010, Harry Morrison (and spouse Barb Morrison) 2007-2008, and Wendy Colquhoun (2003-2004).

The DJ for the evening was Les Weiss. It was a beautiful gala event.  
Also in February, 62 golfers came out to the Canadian Club's annual Golf Fun Day.

For the second year in a row, we had to exercise our rain date, but we could not have asked for a better weather day!  
When it was all said and done, Bill Gambacurta and Paul Farrell had to putt-off to break a tie. Paul's Canadian Callaway golf ball did it for the Farrell family team, including Pam Cornelius (Paul's sister) and his brother-in-law, Bob.

After the golf tournament everyone enjoyed a fabulous chicken lunch from Sprouts in Palm Harbor. There were also beverages, prizes and Share the Wealth drawings.

One lucky individual won a round of golf for a foursome at the Innisbrook Golf Club course!

As if the chicken luncheon wasn't enough for the day, it was also a milestone birthday for Mary Jo Baker from Sprouts. We didn't have 60 candles, but we all enjoyed her birthday cake, too.

Thanks so much to all of our sponsors and volunteers: Harold and Lydia Côté, Barb Morrison, Phyllis Farrell, Ken Campbell, Harry Morrison, Joanne Fenn and Connie Stanley.

Many thanks to Coordinator Harry Morrison!

March started off with a march.  
Eight members of the Canadian Club were out in red and white with a sprig of green and marched in the Irish Club's St. Patrick's Day parade on March 1. What an amazing day it was with all the parade goers and entries across On Top of the World!

We handed out Canadian flags and flyers promoting our upcoming spring fling. Our Canadian flag paraphernalia was so popular everyone wanted some.

We'll all be restocking again over the summer.

Next, our club hosted our annual picnic



The Canadian Club Past Presidents Ball is an opportunity to recognize past club presidents still residing at On Top of the World. At the event this past February, there were six in attendance. They are lined up above with spouses. From left to right are Connie Stanley, Laurie Fischer, Andy McAvoy, Tom McKee, Harry Morrison and Wendy Colquhoun. The bagpipers were Raymond Willis and Neil Forbes. Below are the winners from the Canadian Club Golf Fun Day. The winning team was Paul Farrell, Pam Cornelius and Bob. The Event Coordinator was Harry Morrison.



on March 4 at the Pavilion with another great lunch from Sprouts - we seem to be following Deli Manager Mary Jo Baker around.

Joanne Fenn, coordinator, hosted a great picnic. We had a wonderful turnout of 81 participants.

DJ Scott McParland turned on the music vibes and Laurie Fischer emceed for one of his last events here at OTOW.

An exciting afternoon was enjoyed by all.

Thank you to all the volunteer servers including Sandy Sanda, Lydia Côté, Theresa Gates, Ken Campbell and Connie Stanley.

In mid-March, the Canadian Club joined forces with the New York-New Jersey Club, OTOW Veterans Club, Good Neighbors Association, the Snowbirds Club and SCA to bring our community a "Salute to OTOW Veterans."

This special day featured an opening ceremony, lunch and desserts and then dancing.

Emcee Les 'N More did a spectacular job throughout the day. We were pleased to have more than 200 residents in attendance.

We were even more pleased that more than 80 of those residents were veterans.

The event raised approximately \$1500 for veteran causes.

There are too many people that contributed to this event for us to thank everyone individually in this column. Simply put, it takes a village, so thank you to the entire village. The Canadian Club will be back as a partner at this event again next year.

Our club's annual Spring Fling was held on March 19 with the theme "Let's Play Ball."

Harold Côté, vice president, coordinated this event with a great planning committee. Gil Small hosted as emcee.

The wonderful buffet was created by Banquet Masters. We danced the night away in our favorite sports teams' attire! We had everything that night from baseball, football, soccer, basketball and one fella even wore a Tampa Lightning hockey sweater!

So, as they say, anything and everything goes with us.

We had several door prizes and many Share the Wealth prizes were drawn.

The last fun event for our season was a spring training baseball game between the Pittsburgh Pirates and the Toronto Blue Jays on Sunday, March 23, at TD Park in Dundin. Sixty members and friends joined in for a great afternoon!

And finally, our annual general meeting was conducted on Friday, March 28, at 6 p.m. to start off next season. Elections were conducted by Laurie Fischer and were elected by acclamation. A lovely wine and cheese party followed, along with a social hour of visiting and saying adieu.

For full-time residents, a reminder that Blackout is conducted year-round by Coordinator Tom Jamroz in the West Activity center Belleair Room every Thursday from 6:30-9 p.m.

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Splitting the prize pot in February were, left to right, Mike Marsh, Bill Whipps, Warren Levene, Bryan Dennison and Dale Stevens.

## Twenty-nine compete, five split pot at February card tournament

By Joe DeChiaro

The Texas Card Game Club drew its largest turnout of the season in February with 29 players.

The club has 60 total members.

President Joe DeChiaro celebrated his 62nd birthday with a surprise chocolate sheet cake for all members to enjoy.

The new board was elected with Joe remaining as president, Pat Hayes as vice president and Lisa Chartran as secretary/Facebook promoter.

In our February tournament, the final five players divided the prize pool evenly.

The next two tournaments will be held on Friday, April 18 and Friday, May 23 at 6

p.m. in the East Activity center Kitchen/Clearwater Room. All residents with an updated activity card are invited to play/join the club. Dues are only a one-time payment of \$5 for supplies. Please show up five minutes before the start time on the day of a tournament.



## Boomers visit Fenway Hotel

By Dianne Dvorak

On March 3, several On Top of the World Baby Boomers biked or drove to the Fenway Hotel in Dunedin for a free 3-7 p.m. Jazzy Jamboree Mardi Gras celebration, featuring the fabulous Stampede Jazz Band.

The band is Tampa's own New Orleans-style jazz band and we all thought they were really good. It was a beautiful afternoon and the Baby Boomers love free so it was perfect.

Some of us had a hurricane (a famous New Orleans French Quarter drink deeply associated with Pat O'Brians on Bourbon Street.)

The Fenway Hotel on Edgewater Drive is fun to check out and its rooftop bar is a good place to hang out with family or guests. Built in 1924, the Fenway is an icon of the jazz age. Throughout its time as an operating hotel, it has hosted explorers, artists, politicians, musicians and more.

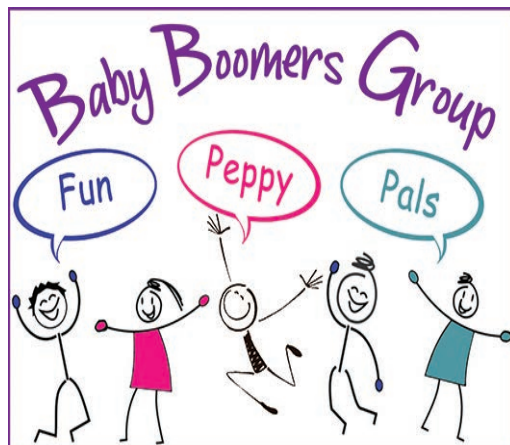
With walls echoing its musical heritage, the hotel earned a place in history by serving as the county's first radio station from 1925-1927.

Check the Fenway website for events, featuring local artists and specials.

Our own Peter Neumer also played on March 18.

This historic hotel is a unique, boutique, jazzy experience.

The Baby Boomers group has been bowling every Monday at Dunedin Lanes and we get there at 9:50 a.m. to meet up at the desk to sign up for the proper amount of



lanes. It's always different, non-competitive and you can join us when you can. It's low key and no pressure with lots of laughs - mostly at how bad we bowl.

It's reasonable at \$1.50 a game.

Our group also bikes on Fridays at 10 a.m. and meet up at the EAC.

Check us out. If not at bowling or biking, come to a Baby Boomers meeting on the first Wednesday or third Thursday of the month at 5:30 p.m. in the East Activity Center Largo Room. We do many fun things.

If you decide you like this motley crew, you can get on our email list to learn about fun things going on and meet ups.

We have no officers or dues as we are a meet up group for fun, experiences and friendship.

Have a great, active spring and get out there y'all.

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# Final event of the season is our annual ice cream social



By Sam Gonnella

Welcome to spring.

Welcome to “La Dolce Vita”- a phrase in Italian that translates to “The Sweet Life.”

People everywhere see the coming of spring as a new beginning. The anticipation of good things to come: Spring flowers, trees starting to blossom, life in the outdoors opening up once again.

How wonderful it will be again to sit at an outdoor café and enjoy your favorite morning beverage with a sweet pastry or two?

An afternoon visit to a local creamery for some ice cream or gelato?

Desserts are looked upon in the Italian culture as the finish to a great meal. From Tiramisu to Cannoli to Sfogliatella (ricotta cheese mixture in a flaky shell) or just a butter cookie, the feeling of satisfaction can make you smile.

The Italian-American Club’s final event of the season will be an ice cream social with



Above is a scene from our ice cream social in 2022. The event will be back on April 16. Get your tickets at our information table.  
*(OTOW News file photo by Mary Lou Wall)*

hopes to embellish the joy of spring here at On Top of the World.

A dessert lover’s dream: Ice cream with a choice of toppings and a variety of sumptuous layer cakes. An afternoon event that will be so “delizioso” (very delicious).

Our ice cream social will be the perfect time to bid farewell to Snowbirds, to renew friendships or to just chill out.

“Bouna Primavera.”

Happy spring.

The date is April 16 at 4 p.m. in the East Activity Center Auditorium. All OTOW residents are invited. The cost is \$7 for members or \$9 for non-members.

The Italian-American Club’s St. Joseph’s Dinner/Dance on March 26 was once again a joy-filled gathering. The official celebration for St. Joseph’s is March 19 and it is believed to have started in Sicily in the middle ages as

a thank you for answering their prayers to end a long drought.

The club has selected some interesting events for the fall/winter season. These events will feature popular foods, fun and games.

A little latin twist is coming in September.

A holiday PJ’s pizza/game party is coming in November.

Gasparilla Night will take place in January.

A trip to Tampa Bay Downs will take place in February.

St. Joseph’s Night will take place in March.

A dessert and games night will take place next April. Stay tuned.

Details, costs and dates will be published when established.

Available tickets for the events can be purchased at our information table in the East Activity Center Auditorium on any Monday or Thursday from 8:15-10:15 a.m.

You can look for future event postings on the OTOW Box Office (otowboxoffice.com) or OTOW-TV 901 .

We are hopeful that another Get Acquainted Saturday will be repeated again this summer. It gives clubs and the residents the opportunity to join and to also purchase tickets.

The Italian-American Club is now 200 members strong, but we always need volunteers to help facilitate events. If you can volunteer, please let us know.

Thank you.

# A dozen tips for each day - one is exercise

By Kathy Brumbaugh

Whole food, plant-based nutrition - pretty self explanatory, right?

Not according to Dr. Michael Greger.

Dr. Greger believes not all plant foods are created equal.

During our monthly meeting in March, our Plant-Based Living Group discussed the benefits of eating 12 foods Dr. Greger advises us to include in our daily diets. These 12 foods have special nutrients not found in abundance elsewhere.

We downloaded Dr. Greger’s “Daily Dozen” at nutritionfacts.org. You can do it, too. On the nutritionfacts.org website scroll down to “Apps.” Download “the daily dozen digest.” The list includes: Beans, berries, other fruit, leafy vegetables, non-leafy vegetables, cruciferous vegetables (broccoli, cauliflower, brussel sprouts), flaxseed, nuts, herbs and spices, whole grains, water and exercise.

Dr. Greger suggests three daily servings of beans. To satisfy the suggested requirement, we can select from many types of beans, as well as hummus, bean sprouts, miso, edamame, tempeh and tofu. We learned how to make hummus with different variations.

In honor of St. Patrick’s Day, Plant-Based Living Club attendees enjoyed top of the morning kombucha, which was my own recipe and is flavored with grapes, spirulina, and ginger.

Spirulina, a dried blue-green algae, is another nutrient dense food source providing



many health benefits. Spirulina is what gives the top of the morning kombucha its bright green color.

Many members of our group are now propagating scobys, the fermentation culture needed to brew kombucha, which is one way to keep fermented foods in our daily diet.

For information on our club visit OTOWboxoffice.com. Scroll down and click on our Plant-Based Living Club logo.

Also see VeganSalvation.com and/or nutritionfacts.org for the many benefits of eating plant based foods.

For club information: Contact Kathy at: kbrumbaugh51@gmail.com. or call 727-777-5127. Our next meeting is scheduled in the West Activity Center Learning Lab on Wednesday, April 9, at 3 p.m. Our agenda is



Kathy Murray shows off a fermenting jar she won for finding a pot of gold. This was in celebration of St. Patrick’s Day.

announced via our email list and on our Box Office.com web page. Come enjoy the fun of learning about nutrition with like-minded neighbors who care about their health.

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# Singles champions



In the photo at left are the top finishers from the recent Pickleball Club singles tournament. From left to right are Doug Tecsh (third place), Mike Polidoro (third place), Bob Voigt (first place) and Larry Grell (second place). In the photo at right are the top finishers from the women's singles tournament. From left are Kathy Grell (third place), Tara Gunning (third place), Marina Davidovich (first place) and Carol D. Moniz (second place).

# Sam Chakar and Donna Irwin win singles titles

By Charles Torisky

A record number of On Top of the World Tennis Club members, 33, participated in this year's annual tournament.

Competition was fast and furious from Jan. 27-Feb. 20.

The winner for men's singles was Sam Chakar. The winner for women's singles was Donna Irwin.

The mixed doubles winner was the team of Harry Morrison and Donna Irwin.

The senior singles champion (age 75 or older) was Bill Carey.

In team tennis, first place was the team of Bruce McMasters, Roger Bruton and Linda Eror.

Congratulations to all of our winners! Prizes will be awarded at the spring tennis meeting/picnic in early April.



Bill Carey won the Men's Senior Singles Title. To participate, a person had to be 75 or older.

Donna Irwin

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# ‘Rest area’ could use a renovation - anyone got some spare change?

By Paula Ergang

Members of the On Top of the World Ladies 9-Hole Golf League were happy to see OTOW employees trimming branches by the little house. This should help prevent further damage from future storms.

Employees also finished clearing out piles of fallen branches making it easier to play from the rough.

Thank you everyone!

Over the past seven months, the league has had to deal with a lot of damage from hurricanes. Now we’re dealing with another issue. The two picnic tables by the ninth hole are in need of repair. The rectangle table is less than 2 years old. It was built by a member’s husband and it is solid.

Somehow one bench is now missing a big chunk of wood and needs to be fixed.

The octagon table is very old and has been patched and repaired by the same person. One seat had to be removed because of rotting wood. More boards are also rotting and will eventually need replacement.

The tables are under the trees by the little house, but our league members aren’t the only people who use them. Many golfers sit there at the end of their rounds, perhaps to add their scores, rehash their game or to socialize.

The tables are also a good place to sit in the shade while out for a walk or just to watch players finish their round.

Now the league is asking for your help. We’re asking everyone who enjoys sitting at the tables to consider donating for the repairs. Any amount is appreciated.

If you’re able to help, you can come to the little house Tuesday mornings at 8:30



a.m. or around 10:30 a.m. after we finish playing.

You can also contact Wendy Colquhoun at 727-732-7918. We thank you in advance.

Our league continues in April with these weekly events: April 1 is Closest to the Pin on hole No. 4, April 8 is Jack Pot Play, April 15 is 3 Clubs and a Putter, April 22 will be Low Gross/Low Net and on April 29 it’s Throw Out the Worst Hole, followed by a general meeting, nine and wine snacks and a 50/50.

## Here are the latest low scores February 25

### 3 Clubs and a Putter

Flight A: Sue Beals and Marilyn Lisbon shot 39, Pat Holland 40 and Ann Stewart 44.

Flight B: Darilyn Bedel had a 43 and Judy Bergeron 46.

Flight C: Joan Yorkery shot a 41, Jan



Pettit 44 and Carroll Harris 49.

Flight D: Dorothy Hughes had a 48, Rosemary Lepping 52, Laura Chesson 55 and Sharon Bora 54.

Birdies: Marilyn Lisbon on hole No. 2 and Paula Ergang no. 4.

## March 4 Low Gross/Low Net

Flight A: Marilyn Lisbon had a 37 and Sue Beals 38.

Flight B: Gilda Gambacurta shot a 39,

Pam Riley 44, Suellen Dowe 45 and Jan Pettit 47.

Flight C: Sheri Blaa had a 45, Carolyn Lust and Carole Whynot had 47.

Flight D: Sharon Bora shot a 52, Theresa Gates 53 and Mary Ellen Makowski 54.

Birdies were scored by Marilyn Lisbon on hole No.2 and Diana Anderson and Anne Jarvis on hole No.5.

If you have any questions about joining our league, call Carroll Harris at 432-528-8684.

# Joy Walker club champion for 2025

By Karen French

Members of the Ladies 18-Hole Golf League were thrilled to start our championship tournament on Tuesday, March 4 and finish on March 11.

This was a two week handicap tournament. The competition was very tough and intense.

Congratulations to Joy Walker, the new club champion for 2025.

The handicap champion was Arlene Hanson.

First place for Flight A was Barbara Moon, second place Becky West. Flight B winner was Ursula Taylor. Joyce Majewski and Kim Norried were tied for second place. The Flight C winner was Jackie Miles and while second place went to Natsue Dawson and Donna Irwin.

We want to give a hearty hand of thanks to all who helped make the tournament a success and those who made and served food when the tournament was completed.

We look forward to meeting anyone who wants to join this fun and talented group. Please contact Becky West at 727-301-8854 if you are interested. We play every Tuesday morning.

We are thrilled to give a shout out to Terry Kuplen, who has been a member of the Ladies 18-Hole Golf League for more than 25 years. She and her husband, Dick, have owned their condo here at On Top of the World since 1996.

Betty Hood, president of the league at the time, invited Terry to join many years



ago and she has been golfing here ever since.

Terry started golfing in Long Island when retirement kicked in. Dick was a golf coach at the time and she asked him to teach her, but he chose to find her another instructor to keep their marriage intact - or so the story goes.

Terry joined up with three couples from church and golfed every week on Long Island before coming to Florida.

From there, she slowly moved up the ranks and loves golfing in our league. She said she feels very fortunate to be living here.

Terry grew up in a small town in Pennsylvania called Clearfield. It was once voted an All-American City and was a fabulous

place to grow up. The population was only 5,000.

Bob Hope once visited the town fair, which was much remembered by all.

Terry was training to be a registered nurse at the University of Pennsylvania when she was sent to work in a psychiatric hospital in Allentown, Pa., for three months.

While there, she went to a picnic and met Dick, who was teaching math in the local high school.

While conducting this interview with OTOW News, Dick shouted out in the background, “Tell her the truth about the orange bikini!”

Dick says he saw Terry come out of a swimming hole and followed her to a barn just in time to help her release a bird to its freedom. Just like in the movies, there was a piano in the barn and Dick sat down and wowed her with his piano skills!

Later, in the nursing dorm, he also had to serenade the other nurses as well.

It was, and is still a great romance. April 16 will be their 59th wedding anniversary.

Good thing she forgave him for the exploding golf ball prank several years ago.

Terry and Dick have three sons, 10 grandchildren and one great-grandchild. The youngest son just returned from Tanzania, where he spent six years helping on a farm in all areas.

You will always see Terry with a smile on her face and a helping hand where needed. Thank you for being another fabulous member of our golf league!



Terry Kuplen

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# Ada and John Maloof win partners tournament by two strokes

**By Sheryl A. Barbin**

The Friday Mixed Golf League held a Better Ball of Partners Tournament on Friday, Feb. 14.

Sixty-three golfers played on a beautiful Florida day in about four hours.

Ada and John Maloof took first place with a score of 53.

Second place went to Mike LaViolette and Gary Sandine with a 55. Third place went to Joe Wisinski and Ken Smith with a 55. Fourth place went to Harry Barbin and Ron Reinhart with a 56,

Fifth place went to Gary Piccoli and Art Reily with a 56. Sixth place went to Marilyn and Joe Lisbon with a score of 57.

Pete Stewart and Fred McAndrew finished seventh with a 57, Vincent Maranto and Bill Lucci finished eighth with a 58, Bill Higgins and Jack Patterson finished ninth with a 59 and Joe Iacobaccio and Diane McKenzie finished tenth with a 59.

All ties were broken by a match of cards.

We had seven closest-to-the-pin winners: hole No. 3 went to Donna Irwin and Sam Chakar, and holes No. 5, 9 and 16 went to David Saccone and Sonny Morris.

Hole No. 6 went to Mike Marsh and Warren Levine, hole No. 13 went to Gary Piccoli and Art Reilly, and hole No. 15 went to Mike Tomaselli and Pete Spokus.

Skins were awarded on seven holes: Hole No. 2 was awarded to Paul Cairns and Grant Hone. Hole No. 3 went to Harry Barbin and Ron Reinhart. Hole No. 8 went to Vincent Maranto and Bill Lucci. Hole No. 9 went to Pete Stewart and Fred McAndrew,



Hole No. 10 went to Scott Rogers and Bruce MacPherson. Hole No. 13 was won by Harry Barbin and Deb Young. Hole No. 17 went to Ada and John Maloof.

Congratulations to all!

A Select Drive Alternate Shot Tournament was held on March 14. Our last tournament will be a 6-6-6 Tournament on Friday, April 11.

Remember to sign up on the Box Office website by Wednesday at 6 p.m. for Friday's play.

For more information about our league, please contact Harry Barbin at 215-514-1280 or send an email to HarryBarbin1@gmail.com.



First place partner champions, Ada and John Maloof.

# Gerry Boone wins lawn bowls novice tournament



**By Kathleen Walter**

Thank you so much to the Irish Club for another fabulous St. Patrick's Day Parade!

Before the event, lawn bowlers welcomed the day with doughnuts and coffee with a twist at the home of Dottie Graham. We then had a great time decorating our truck and marching in the parade. We greatly appreciated the opportunity to share the love of our sport and experience the talent of our wonderful community.

The Lawn Bowls Club continues to practice every Monday through Saturday at 9:30 a.m. on our newly refurbished courts in front of the East Activity Center.

We are always glad to welcome On Top of the World residents who want to give our sport a try. We provide equipment and lessons. Just stop by while we are practicing to



Barb Lenzi, center, congratulates the top four finishers in this year's Novice Tournament. From left to right are Jeff Duncan (third place), Gerry Boone (first place), Drew Deagler (second place) and Roxanne Deagler (fourth place).

roll a few bowls. We promise you will have a good time and you may discover you have a hidden talent.

Tournaments were plentiful in March. At the writing of this article, two events were completed.

Top finishers in our Novice Tournament (a singles event for members with less than five years experience) were Gerry Boone first place, Drew Deagler second place, Jeff Duncan third place and Roxanne Deagler

fourth place.

Next was our Leads Tournament, an event that matches up newbies and experienced players on the same team.

First place went to Drew Deagler and Kelly Moore, and second place went to Jeff Duncan and Butch Swain.

Thank you to Barbara Lenzi and Sandy Wall, who organized the two tournaments.

Club activities slow down in April as we say goodbye to our Snowbirds. There is,

however, a small crew of individuals who are full-time residents and will continue to practice year-round. One of our year-round members, Sandy Wall, is a national champion and a former coach of Team USA. We are so grateful to see Sandy back on the courts. Sandy will be available to provide information about our club as well as to provide instruction. Her contacts are 540-323-1520 and slpwall1@verizon.net.



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SPORTS

# White beards didn’t help secure a victory

By Bob Rittner

Hitting is the glamorous element in softball, but winning often relies on defense, baserunning and baseball smarts.

Many final scores are determined by airtight defenses or alert baserunners who take away or take an extra base.

Victory may come down to outfielders who hit the cutoff rather than making an errant throw.

Although seniors have a lot of experience in playing the game, we also occasionally lose a step or forget to plan our next move before the next play even begins.

For those who do plan ahead - compensate for weaker arms or slower legs. It can help lead a team to victory.

Field 1  
Red 15, Blue 3  
Field 2  
Blue 3, Red 2

These two games demonstrated all elements of the game.

On Field 1, hitting was the key to Red’s victory as Ralph Scunziano and Dan Joyce each went 4-for-4 with Dan homering and doubling, and Ralph tripling. George Morgan’s blazing speed gave him two triples.

On Field 2, it was defense and smarts that marked both sides.

Neither team scored more than a run in any inning, but Blue won primarily due to three double plays with Tara Gunning as the pivot.

Tara’s smart boldness on the bases also accounted for the winning run as she raced home ahead of the relay.

Hitting did play a role as Joe DeChiaro stretched his hitting streak to eight consecutive at bats and Steve Garvin clubbed three doubles on his 4-for-4 day.

Blue 10, Red 8, White 4

Through six innings, the score was Red 3, Blue 4 and White 4. In the seventh inning, Blue exploded for three runs culminated by Bill Rafferty’s bases loaded triple.



Red responded with a four-run eighth inning to tie the score on consecutive singles by George Morgan and Gene Abood, followed by Tara Gunning’s double and Ralph Scunziano’s triple.

Ralph then sped home when Mary Anne Benuzzi lofted a long hit over the left fielder’s head.

Blue clinched the game in their next at bat with three more runs. Don Mandeville drove in Bob Dembinski. Then Charles Kovarik doubled, and both came home on a Ron Childress line drive single.

Rodger Hillier made a spectacular catch at the mound of a searing grounder, completing the play with a perfect lob to first base.

Field 1  
Red 9, Blue 5  
Field 2  
Red 8, White 4

Supporting Rodger Hillier’s brilliant pitching, Ralph Scunziano smacked two triples and Tara Gunning belted three doubles on a 4-for-4 day that battered Blue.

On Field 2, RBI doubles by Guy Bertuzzi and Bill Lepping drove in three runs in the sixth inning and a two-run homer by Eddie Ramirez in the seventh inning turned a close game into

a rout.

Field 1  
Red 4, Blue 2  
Field 2  
Red 11, White 6

Every player on the White team sported a white beard and mustache, but Red scored five late runs to seal the victory.

The stars for the White Beards were Terry Murphy, who had three hits and two RBIs, and Bo Voigt, who hit a home run and two triples.

Otherwise, Red pitcher Guy Bertuzzi shut down the White offense.

Up and down the Red lineup, batters slugged their way to victory.

On Field 1, Red scored twice in the ninth inning on clutch singles by Phil Goodwin and Karin Robinson, who each scored on hits by Mike Blaa and Bill Rafferty.

Game 1  
Red 3, Blue 3  
Game 2  
Red 5, White 5

Able to play only on one field, the others all being flooded, we played with four teams in a doubleheader.

In the first game, Ralph Scunziano scored twice as he doubled and tripled. His double also drove in a run and his race home on Bill Rafferty’s single gave Red a 2-0 lead.

But doubles by Gary Zimmerman and Bill Lepping Jr., plus singles by Jim Kemp and Richard Mierzejewski, gave Blue a short-lived 3-2 lead.

In the next inning, Red tied it when Ralph tripled and scored on Tara Gunning’s single.

In game 2, Ray Woolsey’s RBIs provided White with a three-run lead early that extended to 5-0 when Ed O’Connor blasted a long two RBI double to right field.

In their last two at bats, Red pushed across five runs to tie. Key blows were singles from Bob Dembinski, Gene Abood and Dan Joyce for one run and a three-RBI double by Don Mandeville, who then scored on Gail Potter’s single.

Field 1  
Red 5, Blue 5  
Field 2  
Red 6, White 6

On Field 1, Melvin Tennille had three hits and scored three runs while playing pristine defense at second base. His second base counterpart, Mary Anne Benuzzi, maintained her stellar defense with a series of running catches and sure handed pickups of any ball hit her way.

Defense also dominated on Field 2 as left fielder Jack Wright flawlessly registered six outs on fly balls, one a running backhand grab. His left field counterpart, Rick Champ, made two running catches to keep the opposition from scoring.

Ray Woolsey hit a long homer over the center field fence to build an early three-run lead for White, which led throughout the game, but a three-run outburst by Red in the ninth inning created the tie.

Blue 9, Red 8, White 7

Each team at one point had the lead, but in the last inning, Blue scored one run while the other two teams were shut out.

Spectacular defensive play by Robert Bannick and solid fielding by Melvin Tennille, Vicki French and Richard Mierzejewski kept the scores down and the game close.

Red 8, Blue 2, White 2

Don Mandeville, Richard Mierzejewski and Charles Kovarik combined for seven hits in nine at bats, including four doubles to account for five runs. Each played flawless defense at third base, first base and middle infield, respectively.

Red and White threatened, but could not sustain rallies.

All three catchers, Meg Allen (Red), Bob Field (Blue) and Ed O’Connor (White) made putouts at home plate and Meg added a running catch of a foul pop-up.

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# Men’s golf scores from February and March

By Barney Hanrahan  
We begin the new year with installment of our newest member and president-elect Ron LaFond.  
Now the scores.

**February 19**  
**Flight A**

Top scores: Gary Sanders, 60, Doug Silver, 64, Mike Crittendon, 65, Jay Schwallie, 65, Mike Walker, 65.

**Flight B**

Top scores: Tom Sullivan, 61, Len Picone, 61, Daniel Morey, 64, Roger Amundson, 65, Bob Beals, 65.

**Flight C**

Top scores: Ken Schoenherr, 58, Jack Sousa, 64, Guy Bertuzzi, 65, Gerald Morrisette, 65, Jack Drewiega, 65.

**Flight D**

Top scores: Vincenzo Maranto, 57, Paul Seggelin, 63, Harry Crawford, 64, Robin Hendricks, 65, Jim Caldwell, 65.

**March 5**

This was an eventful day as some players were not able to finish their round due to rain. Those who completed their round are as follows:

**Flight A**

Top scores: Dale Drenning, 62, Gary Sandine, 63, Barry Pelham, 67, Stanley Doran, 67, Mike Crittendon, 68 (all did not finish).

**Flight B**

Top scores: David Johnson, 61, Bob Beals, 62, Mike Smith, 66, Tom Stephens, 67, Tom Sullivan, 68 (top two did not finish).

**Flight C**

Top scores: Marc Schell, 62, Bill Gambacurta, 63, Ken Schifferle 66, Joe Ventimiglia, 67, Greg Basheda, 74 (all did not finish).

**Flight D**

Top scores: Jim Caldwell, 60, Roger Shockley, 66, Tennyson Spiceland, 68, Paul Seggelin, 72 (all did not finished).

**March 12**  
**Flight A**

Top scores: Fred Peace, 61, Gary Sandine, 61, Mike Schuyler, 64, Mike Walker, 64, Mike Crittendon, 65.

**Flight B**

Top scores Ron Noble, 62, Mike Smith, 63, Andy Polselli, 63, David Johnson, 63, Bob Beals, 63.

**Flight C**

Top scores: Jack Drewiega, 57, Joe Ventimiglia, 58, Henry Rejman, 61, Jack Sousa, 62, Guy Bertuzzi, 62.

**Flight D**

Top scores: Jim Caldwell, 60, Roger Shockley, 60, Harry Crawford, 62, Tim Palmquist, 63, Robin Hendricks, 65.



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OTOW Pickleball Club  
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Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays: 4:30 pm - 6:30 pm  
Sundays: 9:00 am - 12:00 pm

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9-Ball: Tuesdays and Fridays from 1:00 - 3:00 pm

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OTOW Ping Pong Club: Tuesday-Friday, 10:00 am to 1:00 pm, WAC Belleair Room

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OTOW Shuffleboard Club: Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, 4:00, EAC Shuffleboard Courts

**LAWN BOWLS**

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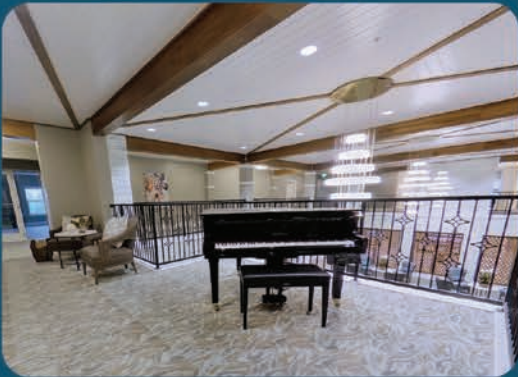
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# Around the Bay

Clearwater Area Entertainment  
By Mike Wood

## April showers our area with great shows and concerts ‘Around the Bay’

What a fantastic spring theater and concert season we have taking place this month. We have everything the avid concert and theater goer would ever want.

Gene Simmons from the 1970s rock group Kiss, Rick Wakeman the keyboardist from Yes and the iconic band Chicago headline the rock music scene.

It won't get any better than Lori Morgan, Pam Tillis and Alan Jackson bringing back your love of country music.

Theater enthusiasts will be delighted with shows like "The Lion King," "The Sunshine Boys" and "Dial M for Murder."

There's even something for opera fans as The Florida Orchestra teams up with Opera Tampa to bring you La Boheme.

Yes, folks. April is showering us with the best of the best this month "Around the Bay."

Don't forget. \* is must see.

### 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](http://www.rutheckerdhall.com)

#### The BayCare Sound at Coachman Park 301 Drew St, Clearwater

April 11, 8 p.m., Chicago – This iconic band returns to Clearwater for what will be a great concert.

April 13, 7 p.m., Air Supply 50th Anniversary Tour.

April 17, 7 p.m., Warren Zeiders – The Relapse Tour with special guest Tyler Braden

April 18, 8 p.m., Khruangbin – A La Salsa 2025 Tour.

#### The Nancy & David Bilheimer Capitol Theater 405 Cleveland St, Clearwater

\* April 1. 8 p.m., Rick Wakeman – See this "keyboard wizard" in his final tour.

\* Must See \*

April 5, 8 p.m., Lorrie Morgan and Pam Tillis Gritz and Glamour Tour.

April 10, 7:30 p.m., Micky Dolenz of the Monkees – Songs and Stories.

April 18, 8 p.m., Justin Hayward (Moody Blues singer-songwriter) with special guest Mike Dawes.

#### Ruth Eckerd Hall 1111 McMullen Booth Road Clearwater

April 4, 8 p.m., Geoff Tate (Queensryche) – Operation Mindcrime – The Final Chapter Tour.

April 8, 7:30 p.m., Jason Isabell and the 400 Unit

April 18-19, 8 p.m., Pretty Woman, The Musical – If you saw the movie, you'll love the stage adaptation of this romantic story.

April 25, 8 p.m., The Gene Simmons Band with special guest Bobby Lee Rogers – This concert will take you back to the KISS days of rock-n-roll, and much more!

#### Palladium Theater

##### 253 5th Ave N, St. Petersburg

Eleven great concerts in April highlighted by the Tampa Bay Symphony and The Florida Orchestra.

Visit their website [www.mypalladium.org](http://www.mypalladium.org) for show dates, times and tickets.

### Live Theater Venues in Pinellas County

#### Francis Wilson Playhouse 302 Seminole St, Clearwater

\* April 3 – 13, The Sunshine Boys – two aging vaudevillians attempt to reunite for a TV special in this hilarious, yet touching tale by Neil Simon. \* Must See \*

Tickets and showtimes are available on their website at [www.franciswilsonplayhouse.org](http://www.franciswilsonplayhouse.org).

#### Early Bird Dinner Theater 13355 49th St N, Clearwater

April 3 – 27, Sylvia – A hysterically funny modern romantic comedy about marriage and a dog.

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](http://www.earlybirddinnertheater.com).

#### freefall Theater

##### 6099 Central Ave, St. Petersburg

April 11 – May 11, For Closure – A side-splitting and satirical look at the foibles and hypocrisies of modern life, set on the Florida Gulf Coast.

Dates, showtimes and tickets available on their website: [www.freefalltheater.com](http://www.freefalltheater.com).

#### West Coast Players

##### 21905 US Hwy 19 N, Clearwater

April 25 – May 11, Dial M for Murder – If you loved the 1954 movie of the same name, directed by Alfred Hitchcock, you'll also love this intriguing crime thriller stage adaptation.

Tickets are available on their website: [www.wcplayers.com](http://www.wcplayers.com).

#### St. Petersburg City Theater 4025 31st St S, St. Petersburg

Visit their website for dates, showtimes and tickets: [www.spcitytheater.org](http://www.spcitytheater.org).

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Blended Venues – providing both live musical concert and theater shows

#### Central Park Performing Arts Center 105 Central Park Dr, Largo

Eight great shows this month, highlighted by Branford Marsalis and Ricky Nelson Remembered, starring Ricky's twin sons Matthew and Gunnar Nelson.

For tickets and showtimes, visit their website [www.largoarts.com](http://www.largoarts.com).

#### The Mahaffey Theater Duke Energy Center for the Arts 400 1st Street South, St. Petersburg

Twenty-two great shows this month, highlighted by The Florida Orchestra, The Great Gatsby Ballet and What the World Needs Now – The Burt Bacharach Songbook Live Tour featuring Todd Rundgren.

Show dates, times and tickets are available on their website, [www.themahaffey.com/shows-and-events](http://www.themahaffey.com/shows-and-events).

#### Tarpon Arts Performing Arts Center 324 Pine Street, Tarpon Springs

April 5, 6, 11-13, The Sweet Delilah Swim Club by James, Hope and Wooten.

Show dates, tickets and the 2025 brochure are all available through their website, [www.tarponarts.org](http://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](http://www.zubrickmagic.com).

Popular Concert and Theater Venues Across the Bay

#### The Straz Center

##### 1010 N Macinnes Pl, Tampa

April 2 – 20, Disney's The Lion King – Best Musical Tony Award winner returns to Carol Morsani Hall.

April 3 – 6, The Pillowman by Martin McDonagh at the Shimberg Playhouse.

\* April 11-13, La Boheme – This tragic operatic masterpiece will bring you to tears, featuring The Florida Orchestra teaming up with Opera Tampa at Ferguson Hall.

\* Must See \*

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

#### Amalie Arena

##### 401 Channelside Dr, Tampa

April 26, 7 p.m., Alan Jackson's Last Call: One More for the Road Tour with special guest Zach Top.

The full listing of shows and tickets are available through the Amalie Arena website [www.amaliearena.com](http://www.amaliearena.com).

#### Raymond James Stadium

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# COMMUNITY REPORTS



## First with a Florida Flag



Malaguena residents pride themselves on being the greeters to the west side. When you drive into On Top of the World and pass the greeter’s gate, you come to a stop in front of the Malaguena building. When a recent decision was made to get a new flag pole in the front yard, residents decided they wanted something special. They decided to add a Florida state flag because they believe no other building at OTOW has one. During a flag ceremony on March 14, a brand new flag pole was raised (yes, raised! It’s adjustable.) The new American flag went up followed by the Florida state flag. Now, when you come to the stop sign, you can admire both flags. Above, Dan Hyden and Dennis Weil hold the Florida flag. Rex Doty holds the American flag. At left, Lorise Weil sings the National Anthem as a group of residents make the ceremony official. Cynthia Flaspohler is the building’s social director. She also played a role in making the day happen.

*(OTOW News photos by Doug Kates)*

## Bohemia residents step up when the need for donations was more than ever before

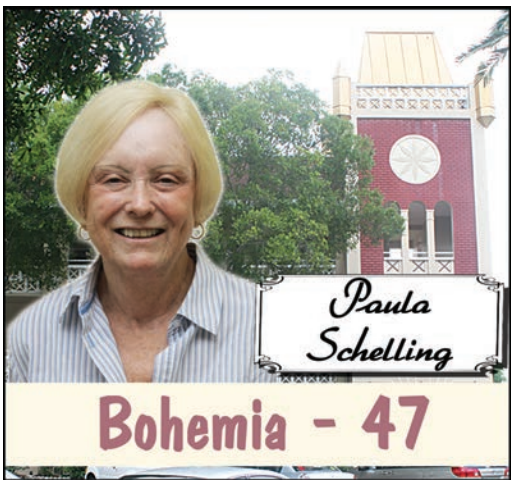
In 1967, 15 mixed religious affiliations and ethnic groups saw the need to help our area which was growing rapidly.

With rapid growth comes additional concerns, and the need for food, jobs and shelter. These issues can cause emotional problems.

The original group joined together to form what was then called, Religious Community Services, frequently referred to as RCS.

As our region grew even larger, RCS expanded, too. The leaders of the original organizations reached further out to other organizations, both religious and secular, and they responded. It was for this reason they rebranded, to what we know today as Hope Villages of America.

HOPE reaches out to the homeless, those in domestic violence situations, jobless individuals and maintain a food bank to assist the hungry.



There are no age restrictions or income levels that are turned away.

The Housing Stability Services branch assists with safe, affordable housing. They help the homeless to return to self-sufficiency and provide life skills to meet success and

much more.

The Abuse Service branch provides a hotline for those who need immediate help. They provided safe shelters to more than 300 women and children this past year.

Help is not limited to just women and children, but provided to men who are also engaged in domestic violence.

HOPE trucks are seen throughout the area collecting food from their bins found in strategic locations.

The greatest challenge was after our double hurricanes when the food bank began running low. But HOPE rose to the occasion and succeeded.

Hunger does not affect everyone, but everyone can help those who are hungry. It is simple. Dropping off a few non-perishable food items in a bin can make a difference.

Ten years ago, residents in the Bohemia building began collecting food items at every function they hosted. At the end of our first

year, we had collected 500 pounds and were so proud.

Over the years we have challenged ourselves to beat the previous year’s record. This past year we recognized the great need due to the storms. We added a couple of extra collection dates to help out.

At the end of the year we collected 1,280 pounds of food.

We have set the bar high for next season. That is going to be a tough number to beat.

HOPE’s greatest need is volunteers to help at the food bank on Druid Road here in Clearwater. The director of program services is an On Top of the World resident.

There is an old cliché, help your neighbors.

If you are looking to volunteer a few hours a week, consider HOPE. The number is (727) 443-4031 Extension 503 and ask for Cesar.





April 2000

(Our monthly 25 Years Ago column reflects world news from 25 years ago)

By Randae Van Denover

U.S. Events

April 22: In a pre-dawn raid, 6-year-old Elián González is seized by federal agents from his relatives’ home in Miami. He is returned to his father in Cuba bringing one of the most publicized custody battles in United States history to an end. Elián had arrived in Nov. 1999 as a Cuban refugee in a 17-foot boat that crashed and killed his mother and other refugees. In 2013, Elián stated that he was happy that he did not stay in the United States, saying that he would have been manipulated into becoming a “performer” for the Cuban dissident movement and the American media. I don’t profess to have any religion, but if I did my God would be Fidel Castro.” (wikipedia.org) Floridian Janet Reno and the first woman to serve as US Attorney General, made the controversial decision to return the boy to his home in Cuba.

The Business World

The year 2000 was the year of the Initial Public Offering (IPO). The largest IPO of the year, unsurprisingly, was a technology company. AT&T spun off its wireless service provider and took it public in April of 2000. AT&T Wireless would be acquired by Cingular Wireless in the incestuous telecom world, just a couple of years after its introduction to the New York Stock Exchange.

The Sports World

National Walking Day is Wednesday, April 3. Take steps towards a longer, healthier life by striving to walk 150 minutes a week. If that seems ambitious to you, remember that even short activity sessions can be added up over the week to reach this goal. And it’s easy to fit in a few minutes of walking several times a day.

The Science World

Viewing the Aurora Lights is a bucket list item for many people. It can be an experience of a lifetime. This year (with big sightings in April), forecasts call for major ones throughout the year ... the best conditions in nearly two decades. This has to do with the sun and how it interacts with the Earth’s atmosphere. After a coronal mass ejection from the sun, its magnetic fields travel all the way to Earth. When those charged particles hit Earth’s magnetic field, they get pulled toward the poles, like a magnet, basically. And at the poles, these charged particles bring energy to gases in Earth’s atmosphere. All that extra energy is released by glowing in the Aurora Lights. We are in the solar maximum right now and remain throughout 2025 and potentially even later than that. The lights can be seen across wide sections of the U.S. by the naked eye but, sadly, not so in Florida.

Unusual Weather

An Easter Sunday tornado outbreak occurred on April 23, 2000. A total of 28 tornadoes touched down within about a seven hour period. Areas affected were from Southeast Oklahoma through Southwest Arkansas, Northeast Texas and across Northwest Louisiana. This was a phenomenal weather event.

OTOW News

The early years of On Top of the World, an early morning Easter service would be held either on the front lawn at the entrance to OTOW or in the main auditorium of the East Activity Center. On Easter 2000, Major John Needham of The Salvation Army gave the Easter message and the The Salvation Army Brass Band provided special music. OTOW Chorus and selected individuals also supported the meeting. It was well attended and a lovely way to start a special day.

Melbourne held a picnic after the parade

Feb. 18 saw a post-valentine gathering of about 24 Melbourne residents in the core to enjoy desserts and conversations.

Although there were many sweet treats to choose from, there were also veggies and fresh fruit.

An “anonymous” resident named Richard Kunzeman joked that adding a celery stick to his plate made his entire plate a “healthy” meal.

Nutritionists would probably disagree but, then again, we typically don’t have desserts for dinner every night.

Shirlee Ward and Veronica Thompson defied the laws of probability by winning the 50-25-25 raffle. They both live in the same apartment. Congratulations ladies!

On March 1, our Irish eyes were smiling as the sun was shining on our annual post-parade picnic on our World Parkway lawn. After gathering beads and other treats from our fantastic seats on the parade route, we had about 40 residents and guests enjoy a sub sandwich lunch.

We celebrated the March birthdays of Pam Lacey and Cindy Hisler, guests of Richard and Julie Kunzeman, with song and cupcakes. The ladies have been close friends for about 40 years.

Although Rose Reed and Grace Rudman were our lucky Pot of Gold winners, we were all lucky winners because we had a chance to share a beautiful day and laughs with our friends and neighbors.

We conclude the month of March with this wish not only for March but all year: May your troubles be less. May your blessings be more. May nothing but happiness come through your door.



Lesson learned: Teacher Sheryl McKay likes it here at OTOW



Neighbors, flag, shows and more all this month from Viennese Villa.

April finds the Villa’s spotlight shining on Sheryl McKay.

Sheryl’s a “Michigander” through and through having grown up on the family farm with four siblings.

She graduated with a masters from Western Michigan University. Her teaching legacy began in Michigan and then spanned 35 years, including stops in Ohio, Pennsylvania and, finally, Florida.

Sheryl found On Top of the World some 20 years ago and, as the saying goes, “the rest is history.”

Sheryl enjoys sports, cruises and this cowgal vacationed at a dude ranch!

Yippee Ki Yay!

Having family nearby is a bonus. Sheryl enjoys our corner of paradise and we at the Villa are glad she’s our neighbor.

Our “flag guy,” Brian Lance, saw fit to replace our rather tattered, sun-faded “Ole Glory” on the Villa’s Ecuadorian side. Brian and wife, Jerrie, put out flags around the Villa on appropriate holidays for which we are grateful.



Sheryl McKay

OTOW residents showed off their outstanding talents again in March. The Theater Workshop show was fun and the OTOW Chorus spring concert was wonderful.

This month the Entertainment Committee is paying tribute to the late Whitney Houston. I heard the concert is sold out. The Entertainment Committee deserves a round of applause.

Well that’s about it for now. Any news please text me.

Happy birthday and anniversary to those celebrating.

Stay safe.

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# Neighbors chip in to help with renovation

Brian Munroe and Lynn Bamberger got one of those dreaded phone calls no one wants to receive.

While home in Canada as Snowbirds, their condo flooded and needed major renovation work.

They worked with Parkway Maintenance, Able Builders and State Farm over the phone.

Everything took place while they were still in Canada.

So how did neighbors in their building react when Brian and Lynn finally got a chance to return to On Top of the World and enjoy half of the completed renovation work?

Their neighbors took them out to breakfast.

Not just that, Brian and Lynn received gift cards from their neighbors so they could continue with the lengthy renovation project.

"It brought tears to my eyes," Lynn said. "We were quite emotional."

Judy Bosnyak and Ronald Cree organized the breakfast.

"Judy said it was like a shower or house warming," Lynn said.

"We didn't know what they still needed so we thought gift cards would be the most helpful," Judy said. "They are a special couple."

The completed mini-renovation project included painting and renovating two closets, two storm doors and three new windows.

"We had been waiting for the windows to arrive," Lynn said. "Then we were finally finished with our little renovation."

Brian and Lynn participate in the Canadian Club, play some golf and enjoy some art and exercise classes.



"And we walked every morning beside the golf course," Lynn said.

"I'm a big fan of sense of community," Brian said. "Prior to buying here, we were Snowbirds on our sailboat for 16 years."

When Brian and Lynn first came back from Canada in October 2024, they couldn't even move back into their condo. It was still unlivable. They stayed in a hotel for a month, then at a friend's place prior to returning to their condo this past February.

Although only two rooms were livable when they moved back in, they were happy just to be "home."

That's when the building took them out to breakfast.

"It was amazing," Brian said. "Relatively new acquaintances were demonstrating empathy. It was the essence of the community."

The entire project will wrap in April. Brian



Above is what it looks like when Brian Munroe and Lynn Bamberger had to renovate their condo because of a leak. Neighbors took the couple out to breakfast and presented them with gift cards to help finish the renovation project.

and Lynn are looking forward to coming back this fall to enjoy their fully renovated condo.

At that time, enjoyment will consist of

golfing, swimming, participation in club events and classes, and do whatever else "tourists" do in Florida.

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# OTOW singers provide voices for Neil Diamond tribute concert



French Renaissance building resident Faith Beebe sings with the Ruth Eckerd Hall Chorus.

This is her fourth year in the chorus and she loves the performance opportunities the chorus experiences.

On Saturday, March 1, the chorus performed as part of the “I am, I said: A tribute to Neil Diamond” concert at the Nancy and David Bilheimer Capitol Theatre in Clearwater.

Chorus members sang on five of the songs in the concert, including Soolaimon, Holly Holy, Brother Love’s Traveling Salvation Show, Coming to America and Sweet Caroline.

It was a fun and amazing experience for the chorus.

The band was very pleased with the chorus performance and hopes to work with the chorus again in the future.

The chorus performs at several com-



Next to musicians Tommy Vee and Jeff Vee are, left to right, Marie Call, Faith Beebe, Ron Steinacher, Jodie Thomas, Russ Lipari, Amy Hartman and Vicky Fulop.

munity events during the Christmas season, including The Salvation Army Festival of Trees, the downtown Clearwater tree lighting at Coachman Park, the Florida Botanical Gardens Holiday Lights show and at the

Ruth Eckerd Hall Polar Experience at the Baycare Sound.

The chorus will be performing their spring concert on Friday, April 11, at 7 p.m. in the Murray Theater at Ruth Eckerd Hall.

The concert will have a variety of music for all musical tastes and special accompaniment including a flute and a string quartet.

Tickets will be on sale in the coming weeks.

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# On Top of the World News building reporter excited about trip on Honor Flight

It is with great pride that I would like everyone to know I was selected for the upcoming Mission 52 Honor Flight.

I was notified back in January. Honor Flight Mission 53 takes place on April 15.

I'm looking forward to going to Washington, D.C., to see all the different memorials dedicated to those who have served our country. Maybe I'll make new friends along the way.

I was in the Ohio Army National Guard from 1975 until 1978. My unit was the 299th Signal Platoon in Kettering, Ohio, and I had the rank of Specialist 4 (SP4).

In January 1978 there was a devastating winter storm in Dayton, Ohio. The National Guard was called to help. I was put on active duty after the storm to assist with the clean up.

I never heard of Honor Flight until I met Terri Mikszenas here at On Top of the World. She invited me to apply for Honor Flight and told me a little about it back in 2023. I was surprised when I was notified that I was chosen to go.

I look forward to getting more involved with our community veterans and meeting new friends.

I am also the building reporter for Bedford. In March, residents from our building had a ladies luncheon at Carrabba's. Eight ladies attended. Afterwards, dessert and games of dominoes were enjoyed.



Bedford Ladies Night at Carrabbas.

## Food Truck Night - April 2

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# Mardi Gras comes to Austrian Alpine

Cliff and Laurel Chavis hosted a Mardi Gras-themed happy hour in the Austrian Alpine building second floor core.

Our neighbors were ready to join in the fun.

With an assortment of table decorations, beads, masks and signs, the core was transformed into something colorful and unique.

Cliff and Laurel provided a table full of tasty food.

Laurel's menu consisted of authentic muffulettas, Mardi Gras wings, bananas foster, moon pies, Zapps Cajun chips and hurricanes.

Bob Young contributed banana foster chocolates from William Dean Chocolatiers.

This was much more than a happy hour. It was a meal. And if anyone left hungry, that was not the fault of the hosts.

Thank you Cliff and Laurel for a memorable festival.

Austrian Alpine held its annual building meeting where 24 residents turned out to participate.

Laurel is our new building secretary and we thank her for taking the initiative to offer her skills.

Bob shared a list of proposed ways to spend voluntary dues.

Marilyn Whelan asked for people to volunteer to host events throughout the year. Marilyn has been a volunteer host for as long as I've known her close to 10 years.

Several neighbors generously donated American flags, bulletin board paper and their time to improve the appearance of the core.

We appreciate all these contributions and participation.

One of the most popular projects that



was unanimously adopted was the addition of enhanced mailbox numbers which would especially help our visually impaired neighbors.

We have nearly 30 volunteers in our building who host parties, help maintain various lists, act as wing coordinators and much more.

Thank you Laurel and Lauren Notaro-Smith for helping create a simple and beautiful bulletin board for the benefit of our neighbors to read news from clubs, management and our building.

Laurel, Lauren and I cleaned the mailboxes to prepare them for the application of the new numbered stickers. We very much appreciate the help.

Thank you Mohand Abdelli for making a template that helped us keep the numbers in line. Thanks Bob, Laurel and Donna for getting the numbers applied to the boxes.

It was a successful group effort from the start.



The Austrian Alpine core was transformed into Bourbon Street.



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# Try cooking up something with a Greek influence this weekend



Greek cuisine has been recorded in images and texts that date back to ancient times.

Influences from Greek cuisine spread to ancient Rome and then throughout Europe and beyond.

Ancient Greek cuisine is characterized by its frugality and was founded on the Mediterranean triad. It is known for wheat, olive oil and wine. Meat is rarely eaten. Fish is more common.

This trend in the Greek diet continued in Cyprus and changed only fairly recently when meat became more available.

Wine and olive oil have always been a central part of Greek cuisine, and the spread of grapes and olive trees in the Mediterranean add further to the influence.

Today, Greek cuisine uses vegetables, fish, pork, poultry, veal, beef, lamb, rabbit, goat and seafood. Other important ingredients include pasta, cheeses, herbs, lemon juice and olives.

Bread made of wheat is everywhere. Other grains, notably barley, are also used, especially for paximathia.

Common dessert ingredients include nuts, honey, fruit, sesame seeds and filo pastries.

Greek cuisine uses some flavorings more often than others, such as oregano, mint, garlic, onion, dill, cumin and bay leaves. Other common herbs and spices include basil, thyme and fennel seed.

Parsley is also used as a garnish on some dishes.

Many Greek recipes, especially in the northern parts of the country, use “sweet” spices in combination with meat. For example: cinnamon, allspice and cloves.

The climate and terrain favors the breeding of goats and sheep over cattle, and so beef dishes are uncommon.

Fish dishes are common in coastal regions and on the islands.

A great variety of cheese types are used in Greek cuisine, including Feta, Kasserí, Kefalotyri and Graviera.

Dining out is common in Greece. The tavern (café) and estiatorio restaurant are widespread, serving home cooking at affordable prices to both locals and tourists.

Common street foods include souvlaki, gyros, various pitas and roasted corn.



## Strawberry Cake

### Ingredients

Nonstick cooking spray  
2 eggs  
1 cup 1 tablespoon sugar  
½ cup reduced-fat Greek yogurt  
¼ cup melted butter, cooled slightly  
1 teaspoon pure vanilla extract  
1 ½ cups all-purpose flour  
1 ½ teaspoon baking soda  
¼ teaspoon kosher salt  
1 pound strawberries, hulled, sliced  
Honey whipped cream

### Directions

1. Preheat the oven to 375 degrees. Spray a 9-inch springform pan with nonstick cooking spray; line the bottom with parchment paper
2. Combine the eggs and 1 cup of sugar in a medium bowl and beat on high speed with a handheld mixer until thick, pale and doubled in size, about 4 minutes. Add the yogurt, melted butter and vanilla until a toothpick inserts clean then beat for another minute. Add the flour, baking powder, and salt; mix until combined, 30 seconds. Pour half of

the batter into the prepared pan and spread evenly to the edges. Sprinkle the sliced berries on top. Pour the remaining batter over the berries; spread evenly once again. Top decoratively with the strawberry halves and sprinkle with the reaming 1 tablespoon sugar.

3. Bake until a toothpick inserted in the center comes out clean.

4. To make honey whipped cream, beat 1 cup heavy cream until soft peaks, then beat in honey to taste (about 2 tablespoons).

## Pork Souvlaki with Honeyed Apricots

### Ingredients

2 shallots minced  
2 cloves garlic, minced  
2 tablespoons chopped fresh oregano  
1 jalapeno pepper, seeded and minced  
juice of 1 lemon  
½ cup extra-virgin olive oil  
2 pounds pork tenderloin, trimmed and cut into 1 ½ to 2 inch chunks

### Apricot Ingredients

Juice of 3 limes  
¾ cup dry white wine  
¼ cup honey  
1 shallot, minced  
12 plump dried apricots  
1 tablespoon chopped fresh mint  
1 tablespoon pine nuts, toasted  
Greek yogurt, for serving

### Directions

1. Prepare the souvlaki: Combine the shallot, garlic, oregano, jalapeno, lemon juice and olive oil in a large resealable plastic bag. Add the pork, turn to coat, and refrigerate overnight.
2. Soak 12 to 16 wooden skewers in water for at least 20 to 30 minutes. Meanwhile, make the honeyed apricots: Bring the lime juice, wine, honey and shallots to a simmer in

a small saucepan over medium heat. Add the apricots and cook until the mixture is syrupy, about 12 minutes.

3. Preheat a grill or grill pan to medium. Remove the pork from the marinade and thread 2 pieces on to each skewer. Grill until cooked through, 3 to 5 minutes per side.

4. Fold the mint and pine nuts into the apricot mixture. Serve the souvlaki with a drop of yogurt and apricot mixture.

## Lamb Shanks

### Ingredients

1 gallon water  
½ cup sugar  
½ cup salt  
4 lamb shanks  
Salt and freshly ground black pepper  
Granulated garlic to taste  
2 ounces virgin olive oil  
1 96 oz can crushed tomatoes  
2 carrots, chopped  
3 celery stalks, chopped  
1 large yellow onion, chopped  
1 bulb fresh fennel, chopped  
1 cup red wine1 cup orange juice  
½ cup freshly chopped  
Italian parsley

### Directions

1. Brine: place the water, sugar, and salt into a large container. Add the lamb shanks and soak for 24 hours.
2. Preheat oven to 350 degrees
3. Remove the shanks from the brine and pat dry. Season with salt, pepper, and garlic to taste.
4. Coat shanks with flour and sauté in 2 to 3 ounces of olive oil in a medium sauté pan over medium-high heat until golden

brown, about 5 minutes each side.

5. Place the shanks in a roasting pan with the crushed tomatoes.

6. In same sauté pan that the shanks were seared in, sauté the carrots, celery stalks, onion, fresh fennel and garlic until tender, about 5 minutes over medium-high heat. Remove from the heat and add to the roasting pan.

7. Deglaze sauté pan with 1 cup red wine and orange juice. Reduce by half and add to

roasting pan.

8. Add ½ cup fresh Italian parsley and fresh oregano to roasting pan. Cover and roast in the oven for 2 hours or until tender. After 1 hour turn shanks and cover for remaining time, making sure shanks are covered in the gravy.

9. Garnish with fresh oregano sprigs and parsley.



# Ways to replace expensive eggs

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By Marie

Email questions, suggestions and comments to  
**Marie**  
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We are all dealing with the high price of eggs these days. Prices are due mostly to fears of bird flu. As a result, many farmers have had to slaughter their entire flocks, resulting in egg prices sky-rocketing to record levels.

The high prices will persist for a while. It can take six months to a year to raise a productive laying hen.

This column offers ideas for replacing eggs in baked dishes and creative ideas for a twist on the “egg” sandwich. Let’s rise to the challenge like creative chefs.

### Substitutes for Egg Sandwiches

#### Fage Plain 5 percent

Greek yogurt is naturally high in protein. A 3/4 cup of the Fage brand contains 15 grams of protein. But the full-fat variety (5 percent) delivers something skim versions can’t provide - the satisfying creaminess you love from eggs. Serve as a side with strawberries for breakfast. You’ll love it on a warm spring morning.

#### Sabra Classic Hummus

Now, this is a clever idea for my creative chefs. A half cup has 8 grams of protein, which isn’t to be dismissed. But when you spread it on a whole-grain wrap with a ton of vegetables - red peppers, spring mix, cucumbers, carrots, pickled red onions - you have a sandwich that carries all the creaminess of egg salad.

#### Canned Garbanzo Beans

Chickpeas have 12 grams of protein per cup. Drain them, but save that liquid. Mash the chickpeas and spread on toast. Season with a drizzle of olive oil for an easy breakfast.

When you buy them in the can, save the liquid, which can be used as an egg replacer in baking recipes. Oh yeah! Three tablespoons equals one egg.

#### Just Egg Folded, Plant-Based Egg

These are four square sheets that cook up in a toaster oven, air fryer, or hot pan. Slide a serving onto a breakfast sandwich and you’ve just added six grams of protein. They’re made from mung beans, with spices added. You can buy them for \$9 at Wal-Mart.

### Eggs Substitutes for Baked Products

Eggs are used in baked products for a variety of reasons: To cause a bread to rise (leaven), to moisten muffins or to thicken pancakes. Here are substitutes you can use in lieu of eggs. The finished product won’t be exactly the same as real eggs. The texture may be a bit different, but overall, you should expect the flavor to remain intact.

For baking recipes that use eggs as a binder or for moisture in a cake, a substitute like applesauce can do the trick.

One quarter cup of unsweetened plain applesauce equals one egg.

Or use 1/4 cup of mashed banana to equal one egg. This will not add flavor, but it will add sweetness and moisture.

If the eggs act as a leavener, try 1 tablespoon of apple cider vinegar plus 1 teaspoon of baking soda. This equals one egg.

Using yogurt in place of eggs is ideal for baked goods where there’s another leavening agent at work. It’ll help with binding and moisture in denser baked goods like quick breads. One quarter cup of yogurt equals one egg.

Good nutrition is one of the key foundations of good health.

*(This column is not intended to provide medical advice. The reader should consult a physician for medical advice.)*



# Chia Seed Honey Oat Bread

### Whole Flax Seeds / Chia Seeds

Vegans know all about “flax egg.” But for all of you who are unfamiliar, you can turn these seeds into a binder for baking in the same way you’d use an actual egg. Two tablespoons of flax have three grams of protein, so try your flax egg in pancakes topped with peanut butter for even more protein.

### To Make A Flax Egg

Step 1: Place one cup of whole flaxseed into a small high-speed food processor or a very clean coffee grinder.

Step 2: Grind flaxseed on high until it turns into fine flaxseed meal, which is typically about 30-40 seconds depending on the food processor.

Chia Seeds can also be used for cakes or breads. They add nutrition and function as thickening or leavening. This bread recipe is a slightly dense bread with a light nutty flavor. The bread is good for a sandwich or toast.

### Chia Seed Honey Oat Bread Ingredients

- 1 1/2 cups old-fashioned rolled oats
  - 1 1/4 cup warm water (about 110°F)
  - 1/4 cup chia seeds
  - 2 tablespoons honey
  - 1 tablespoon active dry yeast
- 1 tablespoon baking powder
  - 2 cups all-purpose flour
  - 1 teaspoon salt
  - 1 tablespoon olive oil
  - ½ teaspoon cinnamon

### Instructions

1. Combine oats and warm water. Cover with damp towel and soak for about 30 minutes.
  2. In small bowl, hand-stir chia seeds, honey, yeast, and 1/2 cup warm water. Let sit for 5-10 minutes until it becomes frothy. This indicates yeast is active.
  3. With dough hook, thoroughly mix chia seed mix, baking powder, cinnamon, oil and salt into oats. Then, gradually add in flour and mix until a soft dough forms.
  4. Knead dough on floured surface for about 5–7 minutes until smooth and elastic.
  5. Place the dough in a greased bowl in a warm place, covered with damp cloth. Let it rise for about one hour or until doubled in size.
  6. Preheat your oven to 375 degrees fahrenheit (190°C). Once the dough has risen, shape it into a loaf and place in a greased 9×5-inch loaf pan. Let it rise again for about 30 minutes.
  7. Bake for 30–35 minutes. Cool in the pan for 10 minutes before transferring to a wire rack. Butter top of loaf.
- Servings: 17



# Americana residents invite first responders to picnic to thank them during elevator outage

By Roy Lemnus

Americana residents celebrated the restoration of their building elevator with a picnic at the On Top of the World Pavilion.

The elevator was recently restored after Hurricane Milton put it offline since hurricane season.

A repair company had to be hired and everyone cheered once back in service.

Jan Piper and Amy Crummel decided it was time to have a party. They volunteered their time, money and enthusiasm to plan this party. More than 55 residents responded.

During this time period, residents helped each other with the ups and downs of navigating the stairs.

Older and disabled residents needed help. Calls went out and Fire Station 48 crew gave up their time to assist - mainly with helping residents getting up and down stairs safely.

Jan and Amy decided to invite them to the party. It was arranged by the Clearwater



Fire Department to let the first responders come to the party in shifts to the picnic.

A four alarm picnic proceeded.

Hamburgers, hot dogs, Italian sausage and brats were grilled. Residents brought numerous salads and desserts. It was a real time celebration between residents and first



First responders from Station 48 join Americana residents at the picnic.

responders.

In addition, Americana residents thank Station 48 personnel for every call they make to our community, no matter which building.

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OK. So we planned a patio party. But when it rained, it became an indoor/outdoor party. As you can see, people took advantage of sheltering in place.

## Patio party could have used a very large umbrella

When Mary and Steve Arnholt, and Alma and Dennis Gommel are in attendance at Rio Riviera parties, be ready for a fun event.

After a lengthy period without rain, planners decided to host an outdoor patio party. Of course, the day of the event, the heavens had another idea.

Undeterred, the folks living on Camelot and Shangrila Drives showed up in force and the patio party became an indoor/outdoor good time.

Thirty-five people showed up to enjoy lots of potluck offerings and a live guitar and sing-a-long celebration provided by Jeremy Thomas, one of our newest residents.

Nothing stops a good time at Rio Riviera. Thank you to all who participated.

Watch for upcoming events. They will be posted on the building bulletin board in the main lobby. If you'd like to host an event, or if you have an idea for a newspaper story, contact our board with your ideas.

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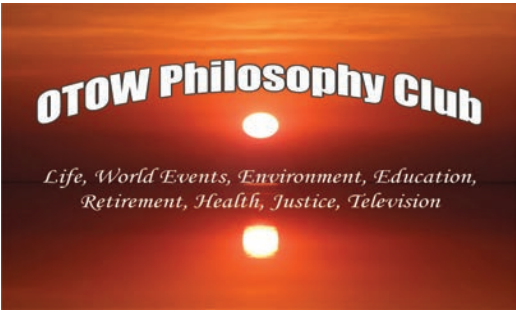


Shuffleboard is open to all OTOW residents with a valid activity card. If you attend during club hours, you can use our equipment. Outside of club hours, you must have your own equipments.

## Philosophy Club

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

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



## tops is now Freebirdz

The On Top of the World community support group called TOPS is now Freebirdz.

There is no longer a paid affiliation with the TOPS association.

Residents can now join the Freebirdz support club without a membership fee or dues. Just sit, talk, enjoy and lose weight.

Meetings are 10:30 am-12 p.m. Fridays in the East Activity Center Crystal Beach Room.



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

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

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

Men and women are both welcome.

## New 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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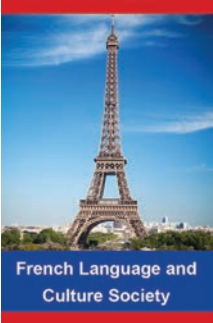
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## Experienced Mah Jongg players wanted

Are you ready to toss your tiles again?

If so, there is a group of experienced Mah Jongg players that meets each Friday afternoon from 1-4 p.m. in the West Activity Center Palm Harbor Room.

We mainly adhere to the National Mah Jongg League guidelines with just a few variations.

No sitting at home in your room wishing you were playing Mah Jongg! Bring your lucky Mah Jongg card and join us Friday afternoons. We look forward to seeing you. If you have questions, please stop by the Palm Harbor Room before our games begin.

If something on this page needs to be updated, please call Doug in the newsroom at 799-3216



# Royale Dutch residents meet for Vietnamese food



The Royal Dutch building held its first monthly dinner of 2025 in February at Royal Ha Long Bay Chinese Dim Sum & Vietnamese Bistro in Dunedin.

There were 16 residents in attendance. Topics discussed were the condensing and sweeping of all resident's storage spots, reorganizing the bike room and planning our next dinner in April.

We enjoyed each other's company and meeting new neighbors. The food was delicious and the service was perfect.



At left, 16 residents from Royale Dutch meet for dinner.



The Dorado annual business meeting was attended by nearly 30 people.

# Dorado elects officers for 2025 and hosts guest speaker

Dorado building residents know how to combine business with fun.

Residents held their annual business meeting to elect officers in March. The meeting was enhanced with a good old fashioned potluck supper. This gave residents time for fellowship and created an opportunity to meet new resi-

dents.

Our special guest was Association Board Chairperson Diane Like. She was very informative and talked about the reserve issue with us. She said to make sure to read her article in the March edition of OTOW News.

Officers elected for 2025 were President Edwina

Schick, Vice President Veronica Towey, Secretary Glenda Retting and Treasurer Ellen Anderson.

Edwina gave special thanks to outgoing Vice President Ann Brown for serving the past five years.





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Forty residents take part in the Azores annual picnic at the East Activity Center Pavilion.

## Azores holds annual picnic

Azores residents held their annual picnic at the On Top of the World Pavilion in March.

More than 40 residents attended.

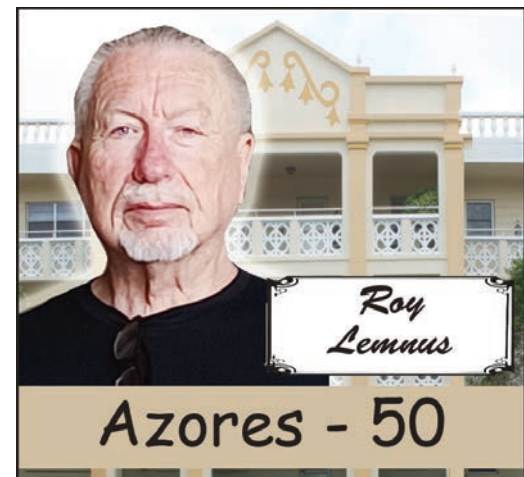
Hamburgers, hot dogs, potato salad, cole slaw, baked beans and Waldorf salad were on the menu. Cookies, brownies, cupcakes, muffins and assorted nut cups were for dessert.

A 50/50 raffle was held and 23 raffles were arranged for door

prizes.

We would like to thank the following door prize contributors: Chick-fil-A, Pickles Plus, Caribou Coffee, Sunset Grill, Coachman Car Wash, CMX Movie Theaters, Broken Eggs Cafe and Busy Bee Diner.

Peggy Longfellow provided an Italian goodie basket for the grand prize.



## Second annual Granada parking lot party set for April 5

Welcome spring. It's the cemento thing. Granada residents should mark their calendar for April 5 at 3 p.m. to join in the fun for our second annual "Cemento" parking lot party.

Last year was amazing.

Just bring your cooler for your drinks of choice, a dish to pass (snack or dessert) and your chair.

The main entrée will be donated by a few neighbors, but please sign up on our bulletin board so we know how much to buy and prepare.

Granada's neighborhood entertainer, Bill Houser, AKA Mr. Fun, will provide great music for dancing and singing. So just sit back, relax, have fun, catch up with neighbors and meet new ones.

A reminder to all Granada residents.

We live in a condo community. Condominium life is different. We all gave up our homes where we could make as much noise as we wanted. Previously, in our homes, we made repairs when we were ready.

As a condo community, we must remember our neighbors below or above us.

Do you want to look up at your ceiling and see water coming from above, possibly two floors higher?

If a pipe breaks, call maintenance right away and get that water turned off. If it's your water heater or other appliance, turn that water off.



Often windows and air conditioners have to be watched and repaired quickly. Please be the responsible owner and make any repairs as soon as possible. Your problems can become a costly problem for your neighbor too.

Other upcoming building events to note and sign up for:

Building luncheon, April 14, 2 p.m. at Diesel Garage Grill and Bar, 34200 US Hwy 19 N in Palm Harbor.

Meet and Greet, April 24, 4-5 p.m. This will be a social hour. Bring money for a drawing, your favorite beverage and a lawn chair.

Until next month – may all be blessed and let not your hearts be troubled!



This picture was taken during the early stages of last year's parking lot party. Bring a lawn chair and your favorite beverage. The parking lot will fill up fast.



## Pizza and cake is the perfect complement

The Brahman building celebrated two birthdays in February.

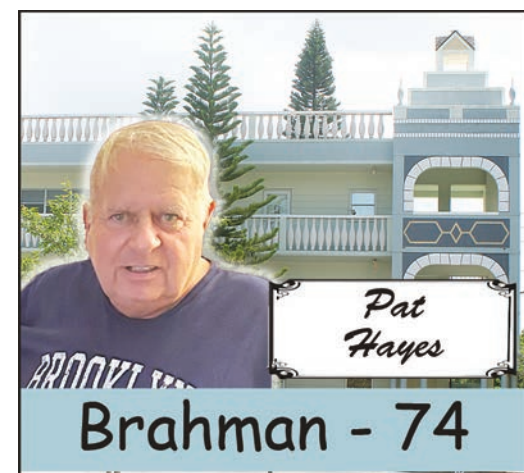
Rob Milroy and Nancy Stiner were joined by 32 of their building friends to celebrate.

Once again we visited Queen's pizza. After we all had dinner, we enjoyed plenty of birthday cake!

Thank you Karen VanHoesen for making all the arrangements.

Nancy Schifferie volunteered to make arrangements for our next get-together which was at the Olive Garden on Thursday, March 27 at 5:30 p.m. Details in the May newspaper.

We have had four building get-togethers with 30 or more residents since December. I would like to thank everyone who participated. Hopefully we can plan a few more events over the summer.



At left, Nancy Stiner and Rob Miloy cut the birthday cake for March.



# Age, geographic boundaries and broken ribs won't keep Charlie Lorenzetti from skiing



Are you still snow skiing?

This is a question I recently asked Rizal building resident Charlie Lorenzetti, an avid snow skier.

Every year, Charlie packs up his snow skis and heads for the mountains. Did I mention that Charlie is 70-plus years old?

Shortly after his most recent ski trip, Charlie and I sat down and talked about his love for skiing. This is what he had to say...

My first question for Charlie was why snow skiing?

He replied, "Growing up in Arlington, Va., on the outskirts of Washington, DC, downhill skiing was not a very popular sport in my neighborhood. My late brother, John, went to southern Pennsylvania a few times and told me it was fun. So, I went to the public library and checked out a book by World and Olympic Champion Jean-Claude Killy. After reading his book, I just had to try it. Long story short, I was hooked!"

I then asked him how much he skis and where his favorite places are to ski.

He replied, "I didn't ski much between the early 1970s and early 2000s due to work and raising a family. Then about 20 years ago, in my early 50s, I picked up the sport again and have been skiing almost yearly ever since.

"I've skied European favorites Cortina, Italy and Engelberg, Switzerland. My favorite US ski resorts include Stowe, Vt., Mammoth Mountain, Calif., Vail, Col., and Heavenly Mountain on the California/Nevada border."

I asked Charlie where he went on his most recent trip.

He stated, "I've skied twice this winter.



Charlie Lorenzetti atop Heavenly Mountain overlooking Lake Tahoe.

In January I was a participant on a Ski Club of Washington, DC, trip to Vail, one of the largest ski resorts in the U.S.. The club stayed in Lionshead, one of Vail's villages and an easy walk to a gondola lift.

"In February, I led a club trip to Park City, Utah. My group stayed in beautiful (and expensive) Park City, which allowed us to walk a mere block to the town lift and to the town's many restaurants, shops and bars. The skiing at both of these mountains was fantastic!"

Charlie did mention, almost in passing, that while he was in Park City, he had a colli-

sion with another skier at the end of his last day and suffered six broken ribs. He managed to take a lift down to the bottom of the mountain, thereby avoiding the dreaded sled ride down with the ski patrol.

That prompted me to conclude our interview by asking Charlie what the future held for him and skiing.

He proudly replied, "I'm not going to let my collision negatively affect my love for skiing. In fact, I plan on skiing Steamboat Springs, Col., next January, which has the fabulous (and infamous) Strawberry Fields Hot Springs.

"Then, I plan to return to Europe to ski Madonna di Campiglio in Northern Italy. This trip is important to me because my grandfather, Giovanni (John) Lorenzetti, emigrated from the village of Pinzolo, Italy, located just south of the Madonna.

"After that, I'm just going to let my body tell me when it's time to hang up the skis."

I closed my notebook and thanked Charlie for his time. His message: if you let your mind, heart and body guide your actions, any activity, yes, even snow skiing is possible.

What an inspirational man!

## One of our own, Jim Ampela, will be on Honor Flight

It is with much respect and gratitude to announce that Bavarian Chalet resident, James Ampela, will be one of the veterans on Honor Flight Mission 53 on April 15.

He will be traveling with nine other veterans from this community, along with their guardians, as they visit Washington, DC, for the day.

Jim is originally from New York, N.Y., and attended high school in Jackson Heights, N.Y.

During Jim's teen years, he worked for his father in the family neighborhood delicatessen. The Vietnam situation was heating up and he entered the military before his draft number arrived.

Jim enlisted in the Air Force on May 4, 1964. He was on active duty for three years and put on active reserve one year. Jim's classification was ground radio operator.

He assignments included SAC Base in Northern Maine, where he was attached to a tactical communications office in which the sole responsibility was to create the daily "go codes" and provide a safety net for air traffic control.

He was later transferred to Clark Air Force Base in the Philippines, which was his final duty station.

Jim told me he was never assigned to Vietnam, but had a few anxious moments - nothing com-

pared to what some folks experienced.

Jim moved to On Top of the World nine years ago from New Jersey. He enjoys being a part of the woodworking shop. He is very active in the Clearwater Rotary Club of Clearwater East serving as president elect. Jim's church, Holy Trinity Episcopal, is a very important part of his life. He sings in the choir and is chairman of a men's monthly lunch group. Thank you Jim for your service.

Honor Flight will be landing at the St. Petersburg-Clearwater International Airport about 7 p.m. You are invited to welcome Jim and the others home. Parking is free.



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Rural French residents enjoy dinner together at The Clear Sky Draught Haus.

# Rural French visits the Draught Haus

Rural French enjoyed a nice building dinner on Tuesday, Feb. 18. This dinner was hosted by Sue and Bruce Personius. Their restaurant of choice was The Clear Sky Draught Haus on Main Street in Dunedin. For this dinner we had a group of 32 neighbors come together. We enjoyed our own area of the restaurant, which was off to the side. This allowed for all of us to be

seated together during the dinner. While the food and conversation was being enjoyed, our two waitresses hustled to keep our drinks full and our food orders coming out quickly. Our group enjoyed excellent food, service and a good atmosphere before and during the meal. To our surprise, our host, Sue, placed goodie bags on the tables for all who attend-

ed the dinner. That was a nice way to bring an end to the good times. Our sweet tooths were being satisfied as we enjoyed the after dinner treats. Do you have an idea or favorite restaurant? If so feel free to plan and organize our next building function. We all enjoy getting out and spending our time together. Don't always wait for your same neigh-

bors to plan our functions. You can plan the next one by signing up on our building bulletin board. Just do it and making it happen. I'm always looking for stories to share with our readers. Contact Jim leBlanc, your building reporter, if you have anything you'd like to share with your On Top of The World community.



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We will miss Betty Ann Pusateri

# Wanted: Some new friends to sit in the sun and drink adult beverages

When my husband and I first moved to the Old World Spanish building in On Top of the World, it was late in August of 2017.

Within a few weeks, Hurricane Irma made landfall in Florida. We were still unpacking. We had some water intrusion from wind-driven rain. But the mess in our sun-room was resolved easily enough and soon forgotten.

Before long, we came to recognize the very best part of our new community.

Once the fall months arrived, the parking lot spaces began to fill and our Snowbirds were fully here by mid-November as they are in most buildings.

But this was something I had to witness in order to understand the impact of our Snowbirds. They become our friends. They complete our neighborhood.

During my first fall season in Old World Spanish, I learned that our warm, afternoon western sun was enjoyed most days of the week by several of my neighbors by sitting outside.

I came to call them our “Australia Way Ladies of the Second Floor.”

There was Millie Varrasso, Betty McElroy, Sue Sinnott and Betty Ann Pusateri – all Snowbirds and most from Massachusetts.

Over the last several years, Millie and Betty moved back north. Sue remains the only one of the group to still spend time outdoors every day when it is not raining. And Betty Ann still joins Sue on occasion.

But by the end of this month, that will end when Betty Ann moves back to Massachusetts to be near her five children and



many grands and great-grands.

Oh my, will Betty Ann be missed by so many of our neighbors. She is kind and wise, an excellent listener and loyal friend.

Her wonderful stories of travel and family are always engaging.

I will certainly miss Betty Ann’s bright greetings, her warm smile, and gentle, assuring manner.

In honor of Betty Ann, I want to revive a “Ladies of the Second Floor.”

My neighbor, Sue, and I are the beginning. Now who will join us for an afternoon tea or adult beverage and share a story with us?

It’s what neighbors do.

It’s what On Top of the World is all about.

Friendship.

And we thank Betty Ann for her friendship these past 20 years. And also, how beautifully she helped to complete our own neighborhood in Old World Spanish.



Joanne Cordes, left, Karen Barkiewicz and Betty Ann Pusateri at a previous holiday party in front of the Old World Spanish building.



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# Annual pizza party set for April 23

Here at Siboney, we are enjoying the spring weather.

A recent core party was held with 19 residents enjoying food and dessert. We enjoyed talking with our neighbors and everybody is happy that the Florida winter has left us.

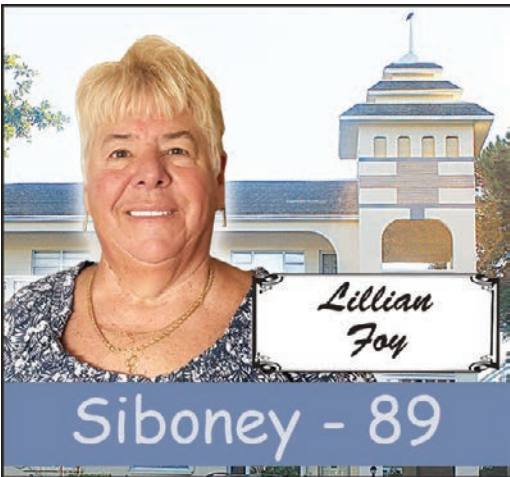
Long time resident, Ed Ule, has moved on. Ed was a veteran and a very friendly man who enjoyed talking to his neighbors.

We are sure that he'll do just fine in his next adventure. We will miss you, Ed.

Siboney will be having its annual picnic/pizza party at 6 p.m., on April 23 in the West Activity Center Belleair Room. A sign-up sheet will be on the information bulletin board. Please sign up.

We are happy for Linda and Tom Tarka. Their condo has sold. They are in Plattsburgh, N.Y., enjoying the change of climate and being with their family. We will miss you, Linda and Tom.

Connie Ballard bought their unit and will be moving in. Connie has been a resi-



dent in our building before and we are happy that she is joining us again.

Easter is on April 20. We hope everyone enjoys the great day. Passover starts on the April 12 and ends on April 19. Enjoy the seven day festival.

Enjoy the holidays everyone.



A welcome back spring party took place in March.

Queen Victoria neighbors held a surprise birthday celebration for one of our original condo owners.

Ruth Bean turned 99 in March.

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