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Listening to the pipes is a long-time tradition for our Irish Club parade. (File photo by Barbara Rice)

Parade Time

Expect road closures and gates closures from 9:30 -11:30 am

By Barbara Rice

Parade time is here!

The 29th Irish Club St. Patrick's Day Parade steps off March 1 at 10 a.m. Don't miss this fun March kick off.

Twenty-three On Top of the World clubs are ready to showcase their members on the parade route. Many other entries from near and far have their GPS maps set to OTOW to get them here bright and early.

A party follows the parade in the back parking lot of the East Activity Center.

Pick out a great spot to unfold your chair. Invite family and friends to share the celebration. Get here early. Roads and gates close shortly after 9:30 a.m.

Sit below Irish Lane to be sure to see all parade entries.

The parade staging area is from Netherlands Drive to Irish Lane. Participants assemble on upper World Parkway Boulevard East, Netherlands Drive, Mexican Way, Israeli Drive and Jamaican Street. They feed consecutively onto World Parkway Boulevard and march past the EAC and around behind the tennis courts by way of Brazilia Drive.

The green-studded festivities after the parade include food, entertainment, dancing and merriment.

Live music by Paddy-O-Furniture was a crowd pleaser last year and they are back this



Irish Club

year. Summit Broadband is sponsoring the band's return.

Two food trucks will be on hand at the post-parade party to offer menus with parade-day price specials. Galvin's Goodies, an OTOW favorite, will offer hot dog meals and ice cream. Indi's Food Truck, new to OTOW, will serve chicken combos.

Culver's life-size ice cream cone, Scoop-e, will hand out ice cream.

The Jolley Trolley will provide transportation free of charge from the OTOW west side to the parade and back afterwards. Pick up is planned to begin at 9 a.m. The trolley

will pick up along Americus Boulevard and at the West Activity Center. The trolley does not have time to enter building parking lots. The trolley service is sponsored by Summit Broadband for the third year.

The parade lineup has grown since the last OTOW newspaper article. There will be something for everyone to enjoy and more.

Welcome the young musicians in the Clearwater High School Marching Band, Dunedin Highland Middle School Band and Kilties, and the Violins 4 Joy. Teachers and parent boosters work hard to bring their students to us. They all deserve an extra OTOW cheer.

The grand St. Andrews Pipes and Drums of Tampa Bay and the Suncoast United Pipes and Drum Band will keep feet tapping.

St. Pete Irish Dancers and the Island Witches Dance Troupe will entertain, both for the first time. Scariff School of Irish Dancers and Sunshine City Dancers, each from Tampa, will also dance down the parade route.

Thespians from Countryside High School and East Lake High School theater groups will each perform snippets from their stage shows.

Exciting cyclists include our own Night Riders and Bob and Kim Stackpoole's be-dazzled tandem trike. Team Lucky will re-

turn with their skyscraper unicycle and bikes. Shriners will daredevil on their mini cycles and Kaylee, the scooter riding dog, will steal hearts.

Also rolling will be a procession of decked out Pinellas County Jeeps.

Army trucks, Santa Claus Drill Team, and Honor Flight of West pay tribute to our local and visiting military veterans.

Other parade highlights will be brought to OTOW by clowns, Roscoe the Leprechaun from Sunshine Storytellers, Pinellas County Sheriff, Pam Leonard Williams State Farm Insurance staff, Sunset Family Dentistry staff, and WalMart.

Look for Willi - the On Top of the World Pet of the Year. Willi will be walking with sponsor State Farm.

And remember, if you see a pirate - don't tell him where the leprechaun is marching. Pirates are coming to take the leprechaun's gold!

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

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

Parade committee members are Tom, Colman, Barbara Rice, Rose Mulhaar and Martin Forde.

For the first time - a pre-parade live TV show

If you are unable to watch the Irish Club parade in person, you are in for a treat.

For the first time in the history of the parade, the Irish Club and OTOW-TV will present a live pre-parade TV show at 10 a.m. on Summit Broadband channel 901 and the Box Office (otowboxoffice.com).

The Irish Club is providing two live announcers who will go over all the highlights to the upcoming parade. There may even be interviews. Then when the first line reaches the East Activity Center, the pre-parade show will go to live parade coverage.

Margaret LeTourneau is donating her Moving 'N

Grooving audio equipment and she will be the head audio engineer. When the parade reaches the EAC, everyone along World Parkway Boulevard East will be able to enjoy live announcements and commentary.

Enjoy the pre-parade show and the parade if you cannot attend in-person.

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Answering questions about new fitness instructor guidelines

My February 2025 article about the organized theft of OTOW News from the building distribution bins as soon as they are delivered has caused quite a stir.

Most residents really appreciate the newspaper and look forward to receiving it. They are angry about being deprived of their very popular newspaper they enjoy and look forward to reading.

Residents have requested the names of those involved in the thefts.

While we do have very reliable information on both the organizers of this theft, and specific residents who participate in the theft, we are withholding names for the time being.

I am leaving it up to each resident to let the "newspaper pirates" know their disapproval.

The perpetrators are members of a dissident group called the "CATS" (formerly known as "RATS"). Let them know that their actions are harmful to the vast majority of residents and that this must stop. These people are actively working to divide and fracture your wonderful community.

If you find newspapers swiped from a distribution bin, please stop by the Community Service Office or see Doug Kates in the newspaper office for a replacement paper. OTOW News will continue to be published in print and digital format for the benefit of this community.

It doesn't take a great deal of imagination to know who these pirates are, especially since they discussed their intentions openly in meetings. They also need to know that swiping OTOW News will not prevent the publication and distribution of it, or silence the publisher.

Fitness Classes Updates

A flurry of concerns has followed our announcement that SCA Pinellas Amenities ("SCA") will only allow certified instructors to teach or lead fitness activities.

No surprise there. Change, even minor changes, brings about a great hue and cry.

No, the world is not ending. Rather, SCA is working to improve matters for the safety and wellbeing of all residents.

In response to all this, Les Minelli, board member (LM), sent me a series of well thought out questions. In drafting my responses to Les and the Board Chairperson, I realized that this would be worthwhile to share with residents, as I believe the responses address many of your concerns.



President, Parkway Maintenance & Management of Pinellas, LLC

Les: "What was the reason (need) for these changes?"

SCA is committed to following best management practices for fitness and exercise programs, which includes fitness instructors obtaining and maintaining accredited certifications. We have been doing this for well over 30 years at other sites.

The impact certified trainers have had on their students is demonstrable. They have better outcomes with respect to injury reduction and higher levels of student performance improvement.

Bottom line is that certifications ensure safe and effective outcomes. Accredited certifications provide a valid, reliable and legally defensible measurement of minimal competency.

Les: "Do activities involving fitness include water aerobics, pickleball, tennis, golf and line dancing?"

To rephrase your concern, what activities fall under the widely accepted fitness industry standard of requiring certifications?

Broadly speaking, all exercise incurs a risk-reward relationship. Certified professionals are educated to assess the risk and prescribe exercises that ensure the best possible outcomes.

For many years, yoga instructors have required a base of 200 hours of training and membership in the Yoga Teacher Alliance (YAA). Yoga practice can span a range of slow and gentle, to high intensity practices, such as Hot Yoga and Ashtanga Yoga.

Water aerobics, and more generally - any group exercise format - requires that the instructor have a primary group fitness certification.

Zumba and other forms of fitness dance also require education and a specialty certification and/or license.

The only persons qualified to teach golf and tennis are professionals in their discipline.

One of the primary advantages to instructors becoming certified in membership in professional organizations is the requirement to continued education, also provide group insurance - particularly liability insurance at reduced rates to their membership.

Les: "If no, why were dance and cardio singled out?"

As noted in the above paragraphs, a certified professional is educated to assess and manage the risk-reward relationship of exercise.

A certified group fitness instructor is able to assess student capability and recommend the proper exercise progression or regression supporting safety and success. This is a process absent from the current instructor/leadership base.

There have been incidents of injury and fall. Certified instructors can provide exercise modifications suited to physical capacity.

Les: "Why do our 'lay folk' need professional certification and membership in recognized organizations?"

Lay folk are welcome to assist any certified instructor with the instructor's permission. However, as soon as a lay participant gives cues or guidance to any other participant in the class, they will have crossed a line. That line is resolved by proper training and certification in their specialty.

Les: "Will this improve instruction or lessen liability?"

That is two questions. Yes, training outcomes will improve with proper guidance by a certified instructor who is able to provide the proper exercise stimulus for desired outcomes.

Will it lessen liability?

Hard to say.

One thing I am certain of is that risk underwriters take into consideration the professionalism and qualifications of instructors. They also consider the standards of the facilities.

As previously mentioned, accredited certifications provide a valid, reliable and legally defensible measurement of minimal

competency.

Les: "Basic first-aid and CPR are reasonable, but isn't a 911 call a better response to an emergency situation?"

I am of the opinion that everyone should be trained in the basics of first aid, in AED operation, and emergency CPR.

Minutes matter.

Training is not a substitute for calling 911, but it does fill the gap of critical minutes until trained professionals can arrive and take over. It really has saved lives.

Additionally, CPR certifications are a requirement for obtaining and maintaining a group fitness certification.

Les: "Doesn't every participant in these classes sign a waiver of liability?"

This is true, but this initiative is far greater than transfer of liability. It is about the safety of residents and general harm reduction. Proper training and certification in a chosen specialty is the first step in harm mitigation.

Les: "Do we have any idea of how many of our present instructors will comply with these requirements or will they just quit?"

(As of this newspaper going to press, approximately three fitness classes and two-line dance classes will continue. Residents who hold professional certification and are interested in starting a new fitness class are encouraged to contact Activity Manager Nancy Rogers.)

Les: "Why are we destroying a very integral part of community togetherness?"

That seems to be a rather subjective question. Rather, this initiative is about inclusiveness for all members of the community, as well as promoting safe activities for residents.

Exercise, when done with proper training and guidance, has been shown to enhance the feeling of overall wellness and improve health outcomes. While SCA cannot provide anyone a longer life, most assuredly, the quality of years anyone has may be improved by sensible fitness activities, especially when properly instructed by a knowledgeable and properly certified fitness instructor.

You can make this day special by preparing just one card

On Top of the World sending a record 10 veterans through Honor Flight to Washington D.C.

By Terri Mikszenas

Honor Flight Mission 53 has been scheduled for Tuesday, April 15, and for the first time On Top of the World will have 10 veterans on the flight.

There are also three OTOW residents and a grandson of one of our honorees who have signed up as guardians.

The veterans are: James Ampela, Willy Burt, Philip Clinton, Steven Dukes, Sally Herman, Irving Hernandez, Sidney Kaye, Robert Kelly, Henry Santos and Norman Whitten.

Now, we need your help! How would you like to help make this a very special occasion for all 10 of our veterans?

Part of Honor Flight is a thing we call Mail Call.

When service people were on active duty, Mail Call was something they looked forward to because it could mean a letter from home or a gift from family.

Mail Call was a rare time for someone overseas to smile.

Honor Flight needs your help to make Mail Call 53 a success. We need cards, notes, stickers, drawings, etc. Pick out a name above, or pick out all 10 names above, and prepare a gift card that simply says "Thank you for your service" or "Thank you for our freedom."

Even if you don't know any of these veterans, pick one or two out. Maybe they are a neighbor?

If you have a group of friends or have a building social planned, perhaps consider writing cards for these veterans.

Your grandchildren are welcome to draw and mail pictures.

Honor Flight will send all 10 veterans to Washington D.C. to see the monuments in their honor.

On the way home to the St. Petersburg-Clearwater Airport, a very busy and emotional day will be capped off by Mail Call.

The person(s) you picked will receive your card on the plane.

It is an emotional and touching surprise for our veterans and you can be a part of it.

But this is a secret! Don't tell your veterans you sent them a card. Let it be a surprise.

Cards are due on or before Thursday, March 27, in time for me to deliver them. On the outside of the envelope include the veteran's name and "Mission 53."

In addition to participating in Mail Call, you are also invited to be at the St. Petersburg-Clearwater Airport when the plane lands.

Remember, many veterans came home from overseas and never received a welcome home. This is a second chance to wave a flag and cheer.

This all takes place on Tuesday, April 15.

The plane will land about 8 p.m.

It will be an emotional experience for our veterans to see a crowd at the airport.

Patriotic signs, flags, balloons, banners, posters, anything red, white and blue are all in order at this event. Pre-landing festivities begin at 7 p.m. Parking will be free at the airport.

For more information, visit the website www.honorflightwcf.org.



This was the scene at the St. Petersburg-Clearwater Airport when veterans returned in September 2023.

Please drop off your written cards and messages at the New York-New Jersey Club information table on any Monday or Thursday from 8:30-10:30 a.m. in the East Activity Center Auditorium before March 27.

You can also drop off your cards in the

newspaper newsroom any day during business hours 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Monday through Thursday, or 9 a.m.-2 p.m. on Friday.

Thank you for your help in this effort and for supporting these military heroes.

Increased bad driving habits

The Irish Club has worked very hard again this year to provide the community with a fun-filled parade, which is scheduled for Saturday, March 1, beginning promptly at 10 a.m.

During the parade, World Parkway Boulevard East will be closed to the community for approximately 90 minutes. The road will remain open for emergency responders, however, during this time, all other traffic is required to cease.

This request is not only for the safety of parade attendees, but also for the participants in the parade.

The parade is a lot of fun for the community and showcases the true spirit of On Top of the World.

After the parade, the Irish Club is offering free beer (only for age-appropriate attendees) and free pretzels, while supplies last. You'll find them at the East Activity Center back parking lot.

There will be two food trucks this year! Galvin's Goodies, which serves hot dogs and dessert goodies and Indi's Restaurant, which serves chicken tenders and chicken wings, among other things.

Adding to the fun, there will be live music provided by Paddy O' Furniture!

So, invite your friends and family, and come out to this fun community event.

Violations Reported from

Pinellas County Sheriff's Office

Your Management Company received a call from the Pinellas County Sheriff's Office asking us to share the following information about multiple traffic violations happening in the community.

It appears that drivers are running stop signs and ignoring directional signs, such as one way entrance/exit signs.

As a reminder, the speed limit in the community is 20 miles per hour. For your safety and the safety of other motorists, pedestrians and bicyclists sharing the roadway, please adhere to community speed limit signs.

In addition to obeying speed limits, please follow other signage, such as stop signs or one-way signs.

While these types of irresponsible driving behaviors have not yet resulted in any accidents or injuries, thankfully, it has resulted in many near misses, which could have had serious consequences.

Due to this uptick in traffic violations, the sheriff's department has indicated that they would have more deputies patrolling the area to act as a deterrent. So please be cognizant of who you share the roadway with. Drive safely and let's work together to make sure everyone arrives alive.



Community Parking

Parking is always a hot topic. Even more so when it involves residents who have more than one vehicle.

In some instances, residents may be parking that second vehicle at another building, in another resident's assigned space, or even in a designated visitor "V" space. It is important to understand that numbered parking spaces are assigned exclusively to residents. Visitor parking is on a first come-first serve basis in those spaces marked with a "V" and are 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. Street parking is available on any streets not marked with "No Parking" signage.

Additionally, parking is not permitted on designated bike or fire lanes, at the end of your street or in the cul-de-sac should it be marked as a designated fire lane.

Vehicles parked in designated bike or fire lanes should be reported immediately 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.

How Do I Submit Maintenance and Service Requests

To ensure the most efficient processing of your maintenance or service request,

please submit any requests in the following manner:

- In person at the Community Service Office, 2069 World Parkway Blvd. East
- Via <https://www.otowclearwaterinfo.com/service-department-request-form/>
- Via telephone at 727-683-6981
- Via email at cso@parkwayclw.com

Any matters related to maintenance and service items need to be directed to Parkway Maintenance. Submitting your request yourself, and to the appropriate persons, is the only way to ensure that your request has been received and addressed as quickly as possible.

Please do not rely on neighbors, friends, or even board members to submit requests on your behalf.

Additionally, should you see something that needs to be repaired, please report it and don't assume that someone else has reported it.

Once your request is received, a service order will be generated and forwarded to the appropriate department for resolution.

Please keep in mind that non-emergency service requests are typically addressed in the order they are received.

In some instances, we may need to contact you for additional information or clarification regarding your request. To ensure a smooth process, please provide accurate contact information and respond promptly to any inquiries. Submitting multiple requests for the same issue is unnecessary and may slow down our response time.

For any questions about your request, please call our Service Request Line at 727-683-6981 until the Community Service Office reopens.

If you are experiencing a life-threatening emergency, dial 911 immediately. In the event of a power outage, please contact Duke Energy directly at 800-228-8485.

As a reminder, window and door repair or replacement is the responsibility of the condo owner, while the Association is responsible for maintaining the structure and common elements.

After-Hours

Emergency Information

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

For all other inquiries regarding general issues or questions that are not service-related, you will need to come in person to the Community Service Office.

OTOW Alerts

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

You can also sign up from the "Stay Informed" tab located at the top of the home page.

Alternatively, you may visit the Community Service Office to apply. OTOW-ALERTS provides advance warning of severe weather events as well as other matters of critical concern to the residents of OTOW Clearwater Condominium Community. It is not hyperbole to say an advanced warning may save lives!

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

Community Service Office

Information

The Community Service Office (CSO) hours of operation are Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The office closes for lunch from noon to 12:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, unless otherwise posted.

If your call goes to voice mail, it is because the staff is working with someone else. Please be patient. Calls and voicemails will be responded to during normal business hours.

Once the requested service matter is identified, a service order will be generated and submitted to the appropriate department to address the matter.

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

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

From time to time, it may become necessary for us to contact you with questions or clarification of your request. It is not necessary to report service requests more than once.

If you have any questions regarding your request, and until the Community Service Office reopens, please call the Service Request Line at 727-683-6981.

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

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OTOW TRIVIA

What is the correct speed limit for community roads?

Seriously folks. Slow down! There are about 4,000 resident-owned vehicles in this community. We share the road with commercial traffic, visitors, walkers, runners, bicyclists and three-wheelers. Slow down. Do the speed limit. Be observant. Don't get distracted. Watch for dogs. Obey crosswalk signs. Don't pass on the right. Get home safely so everyone can enjoy tomorrow.

will lead to increased patrols

Upcoming Projects

Painting/Waterproofing

As this article goes to print, residents in building 54 should have seen the painting contractor working on the front facade of their building.

This important ongoing work involves the pressure washing of the masonry block, a thorough inspection of the surface followed by sealing any hairline cracks, an ample treatment of surface sealer, and finally followed by the application of a high-performance coating.

Please keep in mind that when the painting contractor is operating on the front facade of buildings that they may require residents to temporarily relocate vehicles and move personal property from porches to perform this work. Heavy equipment and specialized spraying equipment is used by the contractor so please keep this in mind and proceed safely in these work areas. Please use caution in these areas while the improvements are underway and be aware that inclement weather can affect these approximate start dates.

Construction, Roofing, and Large Scope Projects

Building 76 will be the next structure in the improvement cycle to see crews from the roofing contractor arrive beginning in mid-to-late March.

This will be the third project of four in the fiscal year as the roofing contractor should be at the halfway point at building 86 as this article goes to print.

The contractor will begin the staging of materials and performing the preliminary roof replacement activities at building 76 just prior to the start of rooftop activities.

This year's projects are expected to take 3-4 weeks to complete barring weather delays and will require the staged closure of the building's parking lots, either partially or in their entirety, to allow for safe and efficient operation by the contractor.

Bulletins with exact work start dates will be posted in the building in advance of the contractor's arrival. As always, please observe all cordoned off areas in the interests of safety.

In March residents should see the licensed railings contractor sending their crews to buildings 3 and 18A for the ongoing

railing improvement project. These projects are slightly different in scope and will require a bit more time to remove the existing railings and install new components than previous projects. Because of this, the duration of the improvements will take between 4-8 weeks to complete depending on the scope and the size of the structure.

This state licensed contractor will be replacing or adding aluminum components to the walkway guardrails and stairwell handrails, so please exercise caution in the areas where these improvements are being made.

The improvements are estimated to be complete in 4-6 weeks. Notices will be posted in advance of the work so residents should keep an eye on their bulletin boards for updates.

Dedicated Parkway Maintenance teams are continuing to work on the restoration of elements substantially damaged by last year's multitude of tropical activity. For work outside the extensive expertise of the Management Company, specialized contractors are being solicited to provide additional restoration services.

From paint coating and elevator services to metal work and fiberglass/architectural

foam fabricators, Parkway continues to work towards the full restoration of the community.

Recurring Reminders

For All Community Residents

A reminder that renewal fees are due in March for all residents who utilize the boat/kayak stands on the shore of Lake Arbor.

The fee for the 2025 registration period is \$50.

Residents looking to inquire about available space should contact the inspection services division of the Management Company through the community service office at the East Activity Center.

Please keep in mind that space is limited and on a first come/first served basis. If you currently have a registered boat/kayak in this area, a representative should have contacted you about your yearly renewal. If you elect not to renew, you will have until March 10 to remove your boat from the area. Boats left in this area after the deadline date will be removed, impounded, and ultimately disposed of if not claimed. Thank you for your cooperation.

On Top of the World Chorus presents

Music From The 2025 Spring Concert

A variety of
favorite love songs.



7:00 pm, Saturday, March 29
3:00 pm, Sunday, March 30



A variety of games to make the afternoon fun!
\$30 per ticket, which includes lunch

Advanced Tickets Only

Sold 8:30-10:30 am

Thursdays in Auditorium

or

Sold 4:00 - 6:00 pm

Mondays before regular bingo

No Tickets
Sold At The Door!



Saturday
March 8

East Activity Center Auditorium
Doors Open 10 am
Games Begin at 12 pm

Vote for yourself - vote early

By Diane Like
Vice Chairperson

Vote for yourself! Vote early!
Every year, before our On Top of the World association meeting in June, unit owners are asked to cast your proxy to either vote to waive reserves or not to waive reserves.

What Are Reserve Funds?

A reserve fund is a dedicated savings account your association uses to pay for major repairs or replacements that don't happen annually.

Among other things, common expenses covered by reserve funds include, but are not limited to, structures, including load-bearing walls, fire proofing and fire protective systems, plumbing, roof replacements, elevator repairs, road and parking lot resurfacing,



painting and water proofing, and any other deferred maintenance expense or replacement cost that exceeds \$10,000.

In our current budget, you'll find the annual cost listed as Capital Expenditures and

Deferred Maintenance.

What changed?

This year, it is particularly important that we have the majority of owners vote on this question of reserves.

Florida Statute 718 changed last July. In our next election, in order to waive the reserves, we now need a **majority of unit owners** to vote to waive having reserves. That means **this year we need at least 2,550 owners to vote "no reserves."**

If we fail to obtain enough votes, our monthly maintenance fees will go up at least \$100 per month for each unit just for the reserves and does not include the other normal increases for insurance or cost of living.

Last year we only had 42 percent of owners vote on the question. The majority

of those who voted, voted for no reserves so that carried us through.

So, when I say "vote for yourself," I mean voting to waive reserves will help you and all owners to fend off an avoidable cost.

What you need to do

In closing, the proxy will be mailed in late April or early May. When you receive yours, vote for yourself immediately!

Vote online at otow.conduu.com (if not registered, visit otowclearwaterinfo.com/electronic-voting/) or with the proxy you will receive in the mail.

Return your proxy as soon as you get it.

Protect yourself, your money, and your way of life.

Special Election Results

Elect 4 board members to the board on Jan. 30, 2025

Beamer, Terry	162
Convery, Kelli	783
Elza, Michael M.	802
Hardman, Chris	273
Hooper, Janet	1142
Kelly, David E.	1194
Lawrence, Patricia	632
Natel, Clare	606
Ward, Britt C.	492
Westervelt, Douglas J.	1087

Total units recorded as voting: 2554

Total disregarded received: 186 *

Units disregarded as valid: 127

Total number of votes: 7173

Total units valid: 2427

(each unit could have voted for up to 4 people)

* Reasons for Disregards

No signature:	111	Received late:	38
Ballot not in required secrecy envelope:	8	More than 1 envelope per unit:	14
No votes or more than 4 votes:	8	Not received in outer envelope:	5
Name on envelope was not an owner:	2		186

Boat Storage Renewal Guidelines

A reminder that renewal fees ARE DUE IN MARCH for all residents who utilize the boat/kayak stands on the shore of Lake Arbor. The fee for the 2025 registration period is \$50. Residents looking to inquire about the available space should contact the inspection services division of the management company through the Community Service Office at the East Activity Center. Please keep in mind that space is limited and on a first come/ first served basis.

On Top of the World – Public Notice Unclaimed Water Vessel Charity Donation/Donation Auction

Pursuant to 2018 Florida Statute 328, Parkway Maintenance is giving notice that it will be donating unclaimed property within 60 days of this published notice

Dated this 1st day of March, 2025, and published in the March 2025 edition of OTOW News

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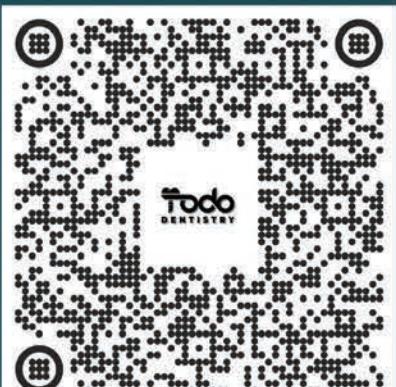
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Clubs must pick up a new packet

Happy Irish Club parade day on Saturday, March 1.

Please enjoy the parade at about 10 a.m. and the post-parade party in the East Activity Center back parking lot at about 11 a.m.

During the parade, World Parkway Boulevard East will be closed to the community for approximately 90 minutes. The road will remain open for emergency responders, however, during this time, all other traffic is required to cease.

This request is not only for the safety of parade attendees, but also for the participants in the parade.

The parade is a lot of fun for the community and showcases the true spirit of On Top of the World.

After the parade, the Irish Club is offering free beer (only for age-appropriate attendees) and free pretzels, while supplies last. You'll find them at the East Activity Center back parking lot.

There will be two food trucks this year! Galvin's Goodies, which serves hot dogs and dessert goodies and Indi's Restaurant, which serves chicken tenders and chicken wings, among other things.

Adding to the fun, there will be live music provided by Paddy O' Furniture!

So, invite your friends and family, and come out to this fun community event.

Attention Club and Activity Representatives

As announced in my February column, the SCA Annual Club Forms are printed and ready for pick up in the Community Service Office.

To date approximately 20 clubs and activity reps have picked up their copy, one packet per group (groups will be asked to sign out the documents, name of representative and the name of your club or activity).

The forms will also be accessible at www.otowclearwaterinfo.com under "Community Activities" and "Forms."

Please read, complete, and return the packet not later than Friday, March 14. Please take your time to read and complete the forms fully. I received a few packets that were incomplete.

SCA Amenities has updated its Rules for Use of Facilities, as well as rules for club organization. Please read the forms in their entirety as this year you will see changes in both policy and procedure. Of note, any activity involving fitness ("fitness dance," cardio, etc.) must now be led by an individual with professional certification and membership in a recognized organization for that specialty, have completed a basic first aid course, and be trained in CPR.

The leader(s) must also show proof of liability insurance and indemnify SCA Amenities against loss.

SCA Amenities has provided a grace period of Friday, March 14, 2025. If compliance is not made by that date, SCA Amenities will not allow the use of its facilities for those activities not in compliance.

CPR, First Aid Classes

CPR, First Aid and AED classes will be held on Friday, March 7, 10 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. in the East Activity Center Auditorium free of charge to one or two instructors of each fitness group affected by the new requirements.

Twenty slots are available free of charge.

To register for the class, please email me at general_activity@scaclw.com with your name, name of your club, your address and contact info for one or two instructors from



your fitness group.

Important: Fitness group leaders who are undecided as to whether to obtain a certification and/or liability insurance may continue to hold virtual classes from a DVD or CD. Please call or email me and I will explain your options and can also offer you the name of a DVD or CD already approved.

SCA must ensure any virtual recorded fitness class is a credible/professional source.

Another notable change is to the facility reservation process. Groups that hold a recurring room reservation will only be required to renew twice a year in September and March, not four times per year.

Also, since facility rules for room usage are clearly stated on the reservation form, rather than collecting a security deposit for each room reservation, violations will be promptly reported to management (rare), and a possible fee imposed.

Other changes include a limit on the number of activities under the umbrella of one club or instructor, and the number of residents required to form a club has increased from two to three.

The same grace period exists for clubs to comply with these changes, Friday, March 14, 2025

All leaders or presidents of clubs, please ensure that your co-coordinators or board members read and understand the updated 2025 club forms. Thank you and please contact me if you should have any questions: general_activity@scaclw.com. Meetings require an appointment.

Food Truck Night

The next Food Truck Night is 3-7 p.m., Wednesday, March 5.

It all happens at the East Activity Center back parking lot near our beautiful Pavilion. Tables and chairs will also be 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: Happy Snapper, BBQ Queen, Bria wood-fired pizza, Stevie D's Philly Cheese Steaks, Puff Mama and CocoMo's (tropical nonalcohol drinks).

3D Mobile Mammography

3D Mobile Mammography will be here on Friday, May 2, from 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 on-site 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 with 3D Mobile Mammography.

A few facts about breast cancer that you

may not be aware of:

• 1 in 8 women will be diagnosed with breast cancer.

• Majority of breast cancers are diagnosed in women after age 50

• 95 percent of breast cancers occur randomly and are not hereditary.

• 20 percent of women diagnosed with breast cancer are over age 75.

• Routine mammography screening is the best tool for detecting cancer early.

3D Mobile Mammography boasts a very easy and comfortable experience: 10-minute appointments, no doctor's order needed, all insurances accepted, same day results, the latest imaging equipment, top notch, and welcoming staff, and a beautiful, state of the art coach.

If you have any additional questions or would like to register for an appointment, you can do so at their website: www.3dmobilemammography.com.

A link to the website will also be available at Nancy's Bulletin Board at the OTOW website www.otowclearwaterinfo.com.

OnSpot Dermatology Mobile Unit "Derma Drive" will be here on Tuesday, March 18, parked at the EAC front parking area off World Parkway Blvd. from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Here are the facts:

• 1 in 5 Americans will develop skin cancer by the age of 70.

• More than two people die of skin cancer in the US every hour.

• Having five or more sunburns doubles your risk for melanoma.

• Here's the good news! When detected early, the five-year survival rate for melanoma is 99 percent.

To make an appointment visit onspotdermatology.com/otow or click on the flyer/link posted on the OTOW website www.otowclearwaterinfo.com. You can call 941-444-0011.

AAA Safe Driving Course

The next AAA Safe Driving Course will take place on Tuesday, April 8. This course is for OTOW residents only.

From now on the AAA Safe Driving Course will be held on a quarterly basis. The next class will be held at the West Activity Center Learning Lab on Tuesday, April 8, from 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. with an hour lunch break from noon – 1 p.m. The maximum class size is 30.

Please bring your own bag lunch and refreshments.

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 Boulevard to register. The fee for the course is \$20.

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 also email you the certificate in 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 all happy, and safe road travel!

OneBlood

One Blood will be at the East Activity Center Front Parking Lot facing World Parkway on Thursday, March 13, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Residents can register to donate blood at Nancy's Bulletin Board at the www.otowclearwaterinfo.com website, in the Community

Service Office or just show up that day.

All donors will receive a St. Patrick's Day T-shirt, \$20 Ecard and mini wellness check-up, including blood pressure, temperature, iron count, pulse, and cholesterol screening!

Take this opportunity to save lives! See the flyer below to learn how to register, or you can also just show up that day.

Thank you for saving lives!

The Honor Roll for February is as follows: Charles Fuhr, Angelika Taylor, Paul Lovely, Vincent Kehoe, Rex Doty, Diana Carraturo, Jeffrey Martin, Kathleen Lovely, John Drewiega, Dale Rainwater, Kathleen Procopio, Allan Hamilton, Anthony Procopio and James Bridges.

Saturday Farmer's Market

Farmer's Market is now weekly on Saturdays in front of the East Activity Center.

The schedule in March is as follows: Saturday, March 8, 15 and 22 from 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. The Farmer's Market will not be held on Irish Club Parade Day on Saturday, March 1.

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 and on OTOW-TV channel 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@scaclw.com or call 799-2734. This starts the process.

Once we confirm all the details, you will fill out the online Facility Request form.

Visit: otowclearwaterinfo.com, click on "Community Activities" and "Forms" and select the SCA Online Facility Request form. Complete and sign the form with your mouse or finger and click submit.

I will acknowledge receipt in an email. This form works better if you use Google as your browser.

Paper forms are still available and can be picked up and dropped off in the Community Service Office where I have a mailbox. Please complete the form outside of that busy office and then drop it off. I will acknowledge receipt in an email or phone call.

Activity Card Renewal

The Community Service Office 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.

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

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On Top of the World

Thursday, March 13 p.m.

10:00 AM - 3:00 PM

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March Calendar

SPECIAL EVENTS

Parade: 10 a.m., Saturday, March 1, World Parkway Blvd E.
 Food Truck Night: 3:00 - 7:00 pm, Wednesday, March 5, EAC Back Parking Lot
 Bingo Marathon: 12:00 pm - 3:00 pm, Saturday, March 8, EAC Auditorium
 Salute To Veterans: 1:00 - 5:00 pm, Sunday, March 9, EAC Auditorium
 Get Acquainted Coffee, 10:00 am - 12:00 pm, Thursday, March 13, EAC Auditorium
 OneBlood: 10:00 am - 3:00 pm, Thursday, March 13, West Activity Center
 OnSpot Dermatology: 8:00 am - 3:30 pm, Friday, March 14, EAC Front Parking Lot
 Theater Workshop Show: 7:30 - 10:30 pm, March 14 and 15, 2:00-5:00, March 16
 Saturday Farmers Market: 10 am - 3 pm, Saturday, March 15, 22, 29 EAC Front Lot
 Entertainment Committee Show: 7:30 pm, Thursday, March 20, EAC Auditorium
 Entertainment Committee Dance: 7:30 pm, Saturday, March 22, EAC Auditorium
 Board Meeting: 1:00 - 3:00, Thursday, March 27, EAC Auditorium
 Chorus Concert: 7 - 10 pm, Saturday, March 29; 3 - 7 pm, Sunday, March 30, EAC Aud

AUDITORIUM

Canadian Club Spring Fling: 5:00-9:30 pm, Wednesday, March 19
 Club Ticket Sales: 8:30-10:30 am, Mondays and Thursdays
 Bingo: 6:00 - 10:00 pm, Mondays, East Activity Center Auditorium
 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
 On Top of the World Line Dance Club: 1:00 - 3:00 pm, Tuesdays
 Canadian Club Annual Meeting: 6:00 - 8:30 pm, Friday, March 28

LARGO ROOM

Art Guild Board Meeting: 3:00 - 5:00 pm, Thursday, March 6
 Art Guild Club Meeting: 1:00 - 4:00 pm, Monday, March 10
 Art Guild Painting Pals: 1:00 - 4:00 pm, Wednesdays
 Art Guild Drawing Classes: 2:00 - 5:00 pm, Tuesdays
 Art Guild Acrylics Class: 1:00 - 4:00 pm, Thursdays
 Baby Boomers Meetings: 5:30 - 6:30 pm, Wednesday, March 5 and Thursday, March 20
 World Quilters: 8:00 am - 2:00 pm, Tuesdays
 Town Hall (Formerly The Forum): Friday, March 7, 3-4:30; Thursday, March 20, 3-4:30

CRYSTAL BEACH ROOM

All In: 2:00 - 4:00 pm, Wednesday, March 5 (formerly Card Bingo)
 Press Association Meeting: 1:30 - 2:30 pm, Thursday, March 6 (Pavilion)
 Entertainment Committee Board Meeting: 10:30 - 11:30 am, Monday, March 10
 Pickleball Board Meeting: 1:00 - 3:00 pm, Monday, March 17
 Art Guild Coffee and Critique: 9:30 - 11:00 am, Monday, March 17
 Ladies Bunco: 6:00 - 9:30 pm, Wednesday, March 19
 Good Karma Book Club: 10:00 - 11:30 am, Thursday, March 20
 Lawn Bowl Annual Meeting: 1:00 - 3:00, Friday, March 28
 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
 Pray for America: 10:00 am - 12:00 pm, Saturdays

SAFETY HARBOR ROOM

Lambda Chat: 10:30 am - 12:00 pm, Friday, March 7 and March 21
 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, March 7

DUNEDIN ROOM

Jesters Board Meeting: 11:00 - 12:00 pm, Tuesday, March 11
 Music Group: 3:00 - 6:00 pm, Tuesdays
 French Language & Culture Society: 10:00 - 11:00 am, Wednesdays
 Writers Ink: 1:30 - 3:30 pm, Thursdays
 Qwirkle: 1:00 - 4:00 pm, Mondays
 Italian Language Classes: 10:30 am - 12:00 pm, Fridays
 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, March 5
 Canadian Club Happy Hour: 4:30 - 10:00 pm, Friday, March 7
 Dorado Building Potluck Dinner: 4:00 - 9:00 pm, Monday, March 10
 Republican Club: 6:00 - 9:00 pm, Tuesday, March 11
 Jesters Meeting: 6:00 - 9:00 pm, Wednesday, March 12
 Valencia Annual Meeting: 6:00 - 9:00 pm, Monday, March 24
 Siboney Social: 6:30 - 8:00 pm, Wednesday, March 26
 Casa Verde Dinner: 5:00 - 9:00 pm, Monday, March 31
 Hatha Yoga: 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

Azores Building Pot Luck Picnic: 12:00 - 3:00 pm, Saturday, March 8
 High Vibe Tribe: 7:00 - 9:00 pm, Tuesday, March 11
 Lambda Social: 6:00 - 9:00 pm, Friday, March 14
 Texas Hold'em: 6:00 - 10:00 pm, Friday, March 21
 Democratic Club Board Meeting: 2:00-4:00, Thursday, March 27
 Ladies Exercise Brunch: 7:30 - 11:30 am, Monday, March 10
 Bid Euchre Potluck: 5:00 - 6:30 pm, Tuesday, March 25
 Veterans Social: 9:00 - 10:00 am, Wednesday, March 5
 American Gothic: 1:00 - 4:00 pm, Saturday, March 15
 Bavarian Chalet: 5:00 - 7:00 pm, Saturday, March 22
 Tai Chi Potluck: 4:00 - 7:00 pm, Thursday, March 20
 Caring & Sharing: 9:00 am - 12:00 pm, Tuesdays
 Kibitz Corner: 9:00 - 10:00 am, Mondays and Wednesdays
 Bonesavers: 8:00 - 9:00 am, Mondays and Wednesdays and Fridays

PAVILION

Canadian Club Picnic: 12:00 - 3:00 pm, Tuesday, March 4
 Press Association Pizza Party: 1:30 - 3:30 pm, Thursdays, March 6
 Lawn Bowl Social: 2:00 - 5:00 pm, Sunday, March 9
 Fixers Club Social: 11:00 am - 4:30 pm, Tuesday, March 11
 American Gothic Social: 1:00 - 4:00 pm, Saturday, March 15
 Lawn Bowl Luncheon: 11:00 am - 4:00 pm, Monday, March 17
 Modernage Luncheon: 2:00 - 5:00 pm, Saturday, March 22
 Lawn Bowl Party: 11:00 am - 4:00 pm, Wednesday, March 26
 Travel Club Cookout: 2:00 - 7:00 pm, Friday, March 28
 Victorian Luncheon: 12:00 - 4:00 pm, Saturday, March 29
 Irish Club Picnic: 11:00 a.m. - 5:00 pm, Monday, March 31

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
 Hatha Yoga: 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: 3:00 - 4:00 pm, Wednesday, March 12
 Baby Boomers Acoustic Jam: 10:00 am - 1:00 pm, Thursdays
 Computer Club: 8:30 - 10:00 am, Wednesdays and Saturdays
 Democratic Club Happy Hour: 7:00 - 9:00 pm, Tuesday, March 25
 Democratic Club Meeting: 2:00 - 4:00 pm, Thursday, March 13

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Open: 10 am-12 pm, Mondays; 1-3 pm, Wednesdays; 10-12, Thursdays

WOODSHOP

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Entertainment



Over
the
Edge

Saturday, March 22
7:30 pm \$10

East Activity Center Auditorium

Upcoming Schedule

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20 Celebrate, 3 Dog Night, CSNY & more, 7:30 pm, \$20, SHOW
22 Over The Edge band, 7:30 pm, \$10, DANCE

APRIL

17 Crystal Stak - Tribute to Whitney Houston and more, 7:30 pm, \$20, SHOW
26 Sequel, 7:30 pm, \$10, DANCE

MAY

15 George Trullinger Variety Show, 7:30 pm, \$20 SHOW
17 The Southshore Cruisers, 7:30 pm, \$10 DANCE

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

Committee



Remember your teen years? Bring back that music on March 20

By Mary Ann O'Neil
Happy St. Patrick's Day month to all.

May the road rise up to meet you and the wind always be at your back.

Once again, the On Top of the World Entertainment Committee brought to our community an enjoyable evening of entertainment in February.

A tribute to Elton John - Greggie & The Jets - brought back memories to all of us who were and still are Elton John fans. If you missed this show, you missed a great night of entertainment.

Our February dance featured TC & Sass and was very well attended. And yes, we danced our Sass's off!

Our Sunday Meet & Greet was a fun afternoon of horse racing. Many residents brought their dollar bills and placed a bet on their favorite horse and jockey. Free refreshments were provided after the last race.

If you missed the February Sunday Meet & Greet, mark

your calendar for May 18 for our Kentucky Derby Day. Why not make a Kentucky Derby hat. There could be a surprise for the best hat!

The show on Thursday, March 20, is Celebrate. This show features Three Dog Night - a band that had 21 top 40 hits.

But it also showcases CSNY, The Eagles, The Monkees, Mamas and Papas, Credence, Doobie Brothers, Grand Funk Railroad and the Beatles.

These are the songs that instantly bring back feelings and memories of our teen years.

All of our shows for 2024 were sold out. Our first two shows of 2025 were sold out as well. So do not wait to purchase your tickets. All show tickets are \$20.

The Over the Edge band will entertain us on Saturday, March 22. This band performs around the area and is very entertaining. Get your dancing shoes on and get ready for

a wonderful time.

Why not get a group of friends together and reserve a table or two? The cost is only \$10 and you do not have far to drive or walk for a night out.

Just a reminder, wearing shorts is not allowed at dances.

I know I mention all the time in my articles that stage show tickets and dance tickets are reasonable and at a fraction of the cost charged elsewhere for the same entertainment. But I just want to make sure you do not miss great entertainment right here in our own backyard. Remember, the Entertainment Committee will try to accommodate your party, so get your friends together and reserve your table(s).

Our shows and dances are reserved table seating - bring your own favorite beverages. We do not provide glasses for your drinks other than the cups for your coffee. The ice buckets provided for each table are to be used for the ice

for your drinks, not to chill your bottles or cans. Please be considerate of those sharing your table.

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 so that you can plan ahead.

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. We accept cash or checks only.

The more people who attend our shows and dances, the better entertainment we can bring to you.

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

On behalf of the OTOW Entertainment Committee, we appreciate all the support you give us.

the band **Celebrate!**



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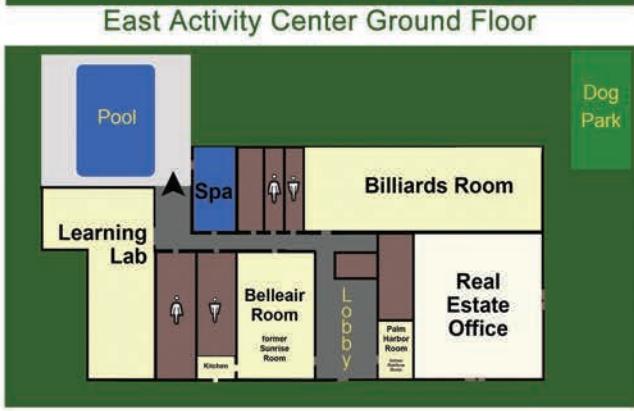
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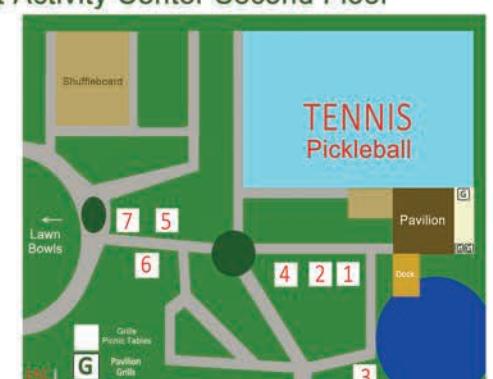
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Your much younger wife can stay at your condo when you move on

SCAM ALERT: The Certified Copy of Deed scam is alive and well, again.

In this scam, after you have purchased a home, condominium, homeowners' association, property, and your deed is recorded, you often receive a very official-looking letter. It appears to come from the local county government or deed-recording office.

I mean, it really looks official.

In one way or another, the letter informs you about the necessity of having a certified copy of your deed.

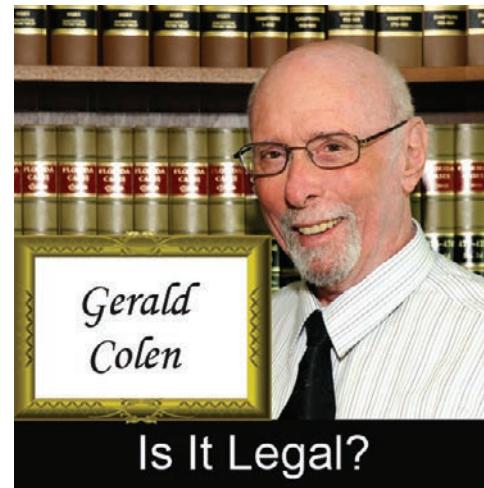
Some of these scam letters just refer to the necessity of having a copy, without mentioning whether it's a certified copy. Then, of course, you are told what it costs. I've seen letters that say the cost is \$250.

Please believe me: You DO NOT need a certified copy of your deed. For that matter, should you ever need one, you can get it for around \$10 from the clerk of courts.

You don't even need a copy of your deed, because you will have the original recorded one since your closing agent, or title insurance company will send it to you, after the deed is recorded in the public records of the county where the property is located.

Scam Alert: Folks, it is not possible to alert you about all of the scams that are out there. You already know that. What I try to do is go to websites for the F.B.I. (fbi.gov), the I.R.S. (irs.gov), the Federal Trade Commission (ftc.gov) and see what scams they are warning us about.

And it goes without saying, but I am saying it anyway, that if you receive a text message, email, or phone call, about a credit card



issue, rather than respond, call the credit card company, using the phone number on the back of your credit card, say you are calling about a scam and you will be given someone to speak with about the matter.

Q. I live at On Top of the World which is an over-55 community. I am (considerably older than 55) and my spouse is (considerably younger than 55). My realtor said that if I pass away, because my spouse is not yet 55, she will have to leave our home. How can this be?

A. Your realtor is incorrect about OTOW. In an over-55 community, 80 percent of the residences must be occupied by at least one person who is 55 or older. That means that 20 percent can be less than 55. At either OTOW in Clearwater or the OTOW in Ocala, when the over-55 person passes on and the younger one inherits the residence, the younger person can continue to occupy

the residence.

Q. My disabled child lives with me. She is under age 55. She can take care of herself but when I pass away, I want her to have a home. Will she have to leave my residence at On Top of the World, because of her age?

A. Your child will not have to leave OTOW, either in Clearwater or in Ocala. See my answer above.

Q. I am a veteran having been in Vietnam. I have no spouse and am disaffected from my son. I do not need financial help now, but don't know about the future. More to my point is I have no idea what I need to do to plan for my demise. Suggestions from you, Mr. Attorney?

A. Of course, the Veterans Administration will be very helpful. Also, I am aware that there are veterans' organizations who are always available, if you reach out to them. I don't know the name of one in Pinellas County, but in Ocala, the On Top of the World Veterans group is eager to help all veterans.

Q. Where do you get the questions you use in your newspaper column?

A. I get them from client meetings, and equally, from people who are not clients. I get them from folks I meet who might stop me and ask me something.

I get them from realtors and financial planners, who were asked questions they would like me to address.

I speak to folks at my lectures and frequently, someone in the audience will come

up after the lecture and ask me something. I get them from emails I receive.

I get them from internet posts on the listservs of the National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys and the Academy of Florida Elder Law Attorneys.

I am always on the lookout for something that might interest the people who read this column. I believe that the Q and A format works best.

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Ralph Rogers was the singer at the Get Acquainted Coffee event in February. (OTOW News photo by Doug Kates)

Salute to Veterans set for March 9 and OTOW veterans get in free

By Sue Trost

Spring is almost here as the Good Neighbors Association is preparing for its Salute to Veterans Social which will be held on Sunday, March 9, from 1-5 p.m. in the East Activity Center Auditorium.

This event is sponsored by The Veterans Club, The New York-New Jersey Club, the Snowbirds Club and The Good Neighbors Association.

This is our opportunity to honor those who have unselfishly served and protected

our country.

Tickets are \$10 (free to veterans) and includes entertainment from Les 'N More, a light meal and dessert. All proceeds will be donated to Bay Pines Veterans Administration and the On Top of the World Veterans Club.

There will be drop boxes available if you would like to bring a small donation of items such as toothpaste, soap, toothbrushes, shaving cream, etc. that will be donated to Bay Pines.

There will not be tickets available at the door on the day of this event. The tickets are available at the Good Neighbors Association and The New York-New Jersey Club information tables on Mondays and Thursdays from 8:30-10:30 a.m. in the EAC Auditorium. Veterans will need a ticket as well.

Our Spring Flea and Craft Fair will be held on Saturday, April 12, from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. in the East Activity Center Auditorium.

Tables are \$15 apiece or two for \$25 and

are being sold at the Good Neighbors Association information table. Tables are being sold on a first come, first served basis. Come early to make your selection of table(s).

Our next Good Neighbors Get Acquainted will be held on Thursday, March 13 from 9-11 a.m. in the EAC Auditorium. We will be serving coffee and donuts and will have live entertainment, door prizes and Share the Wealth raffle tickets.

Louie Bravo will be the live entertainment. Hope to see you there!

My science teacher played a part in Eagles winning the Super Bowl

In the fall of 1980, I arrived at a middle school science class a little early and took my seat.

My science teacher was looking out the classroom window in the direction of our high school football field.

My science teacher was also the head football coach at the time.

Even though my class was early in the morning, he was already planning for the game. You could see in his eyes he was considering strategies, plans and who knows what else as he looked out the window.

I was kind of honored that he took a few seconds to look at me. He said, "Doug. We have a tough game tonight."

"I will be there," I said to him, as I did attend most Southwestern High School football games. "It should be a good game."

If my memory is true, we were playing Olean High School that night. It was going to be the Trojans versus the Huskies in Jamestown, N.Y.

This was the fall of 1980. Fran Sirianni was my high school science teacher. He was a very strict teacher. You didn't mess around in his class. You didn't misbehave in his class. You always paid attention in class.

Why?

Fran knew everyone had a nerve in their shoulder. If you were not paying attention in class, he put his hand on your shoulder. This was not a good thing! He would find that nerve and let you know you were out of line.

One day I walked into class on a Monday. We were going to learn how to build magnets out of wood, wires, coils and a battery. Problem is, I forgot over the weekend I was supposed to get those supplies and I showed up in class with no materials.

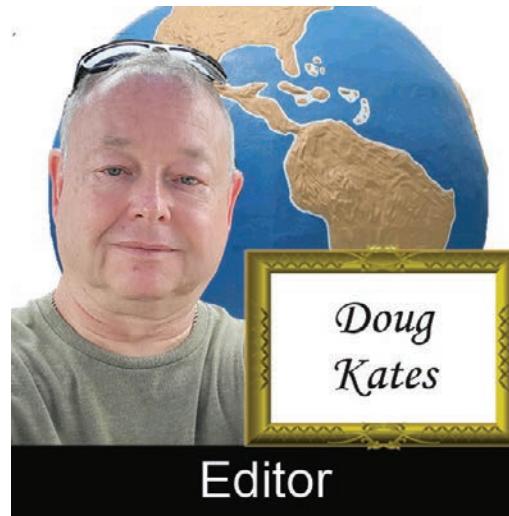
Mr. Sirianni walked over to me and asked where my supplies were hiding. I said I forgot them. Like a shark attack in any Jaws movie, I knew I was in trouble ... I knew I was about to get the nerve pinch ... but on this day he was merciful. Instead of the pinch, he gave me some supplies leftover from a previous year.

I never forgot my science project supplies ever again!

Why am I telling you this story?

I'm bragging!

Later that same school year, June



1981 to be exact, Fran Sirianni had a son named Nick.

Like myself, Nick would go on to graduate from Southwestern Central High School. Nick would go on to attend college at Mt. Union in Pennsylvania.

By now you may be adding 1 and 1 together.

Nick followed in his dad's footsteps and became a football coach, himself. After playing for Mt. Union, he became a coach at Mt. Union.

Later, Nick was promoted from the college football ranks to the National Football League ... and yes ... you have figured it out, Nick went on to be the head coach of the Philadelphia Eagles which won the Super Bowl on Feb. 9 in New Orleans.

Nick Sirianni attended my high school!

Yay!

His dad was my science teacher!

Wow!

Isn't that fun?

If you are new to On Top of the World, you probably missed a column I wrote back in 2015. That's when the Kansas City Royals won the Major League Baseball World Series. The general manager of the Royals that year was Dayton Moore. He was actually a friend of mine at Southwestern!

Two checkmarks for Southwestern.

Dayton attended my birthday parties when we were kids and we played Little League baseball together. One time we went to a rollerskating party and he ended up skating with the girl who I wanted to skate with. Her name was Tammy.

That was the start of our falling out.

Dayton went on to get a World Se-



A banner inside Southwestern High school prior to coach Nick Sirianni leading the Eagles to a Super Bowl win.

(Photo courtesy of the Jamestown Post-Journal)

ries ring. I watched it on TV.

I went on to have my own fun, just not as dramatic as Nick and Dayton.

In 1993, I was in victory lane when Dale Jarrett won his first Daytona 500. If you watch replays of his victory lane celebration, I'm there. I photographed the entire race.

When the Denver Broncos won the AFC championship in 1997 in Pittsburgh, I was there photographing the game. Whenever a team wins a title, you see photographers storm the field

after the final second ticks off. That was me in 1997. I stormed the field when the Broncos clinched a Super Bowl appearance. John Elway was right in front of me celebrating.

Ok. Ok. So no one from Southwestern H.S. knows I did either. Photographers don't count.

But I am proud that Nick joins Dayton in making my high school famous.

Congratulations Nick and all Eagles' fans at On Top of the World.



Look for Pet of the Year, Willi, with State Farm in the Irish Club parade on March 1. At right, Willi gets his first place gift certificate prize for winning the honor.

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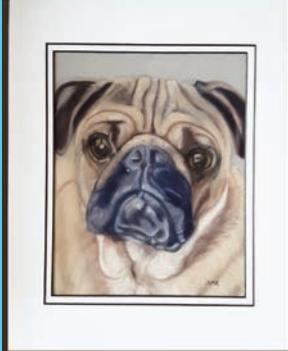


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Mondays and Thursdays

Friday, March 14 and Saturday, March 15, 7:30 pm
Sunday, March 16, 2:00 pm
East Activity Center Auditorium



Portraits by Irene

Each month in 2024, 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.

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.



My name is Jack. I recently made the long drive down from Boston with my mom and dad Jim and Trish Alves of the Bavarian Chalet building (25). I love it here. As you can see from my picture, the day we left Boston it was below zero and snowing! I love people and other dogs and my parents tell me I'm "wicked smart!" I especially love looking at the ducks and pelicans here in Florida, but am hoping not to meet any gators.

Each month in 2024, 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 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.

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

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2. Reservations are REQUIRED – please call 727-799-3417 Option 7 no later than 1:00 pm the day prior to your planned trip. Monday's trip deadline is 1:00 pm Friday. Please be present in the core of your building at your scheduled pick up time.
3. Shopping time is 1.0 hours for grocery stores and 2.0 hours for Countryside Mall. Those going to Sunset Point 19 Plaza will have approximately 90 minutes to shop. Shopping time begins when you are dropped off at the destination.
4. Although appreciated, the driver is prohibited from accepting gifts or tips.
5. The driver may not assist you with entering or exiting the bus or with your packages. Please do not ask him to do so.
6. The start time listed is when the shuttle bus departs the Community Service Office. The pick-up schedule will rotate weekly between low and high buildings, meaning one week pick-up will start with the lower-numbered buildings, the following week it will start with the higher-numbered buildings.
7. Seats are not assigned. They are first come – first served.
8. Seat belts must be fastened during bus movement and must remain fastened until the bus comes to a complete stop.
9. Eating, drinking, smoking, vaping, fighting, distracting the driver, or any other unacceptable actions at the discretion of the driver are strictly prohibited on the bus. Violation of the above may result in your bus privileges being revoked.
10. All route changes are at the discretion of Management.

Bus Schedule - March

DATE	TIME	LOCATION	SHOP	BUS
Mondays	9:00 AM	Publix	1 hour	SCA
Mondays	12:30 PM	Walmart	1 hour	SCA
Tuesdays	9:00 AM	Aldi	1 hour	SCA
Tuesdays	12:30 PM	Sunset Point 19/Sprouts	1 hour	SCA
Wednesdays	9:00 AM	Target/CVS	1 hour	SCA
Thursdays	9:00 AM	Walmart	1 hour	SCA
Thursdays	12:30 PM	Publix	1 hour	SCA
Fridays	9:00 AM	Countryside Mall	2 hours	SCA

SCA - (On Top of the World shuttle bus)

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On Top of the World

Activities



Jacky Ormsby and Doug Sweeting return a shot. (Photo by Doug Kates)

PICKLEBALL

Tara Gunning and Bob Voigt win spring doubles tournament

Thirty players competed in mid-February for the Pickleball Club mixed doubles championship at the Pavilion Park complex.

Tara Gunning and Bob Voigt emerged the champions in the double elimination event.

Diane Taylor and Mike Polidoro took second place, Jacky Ormsby and Doug Sweeting to third place, and Carol Derita Moniz and Tom Barrett took fourth place.



Pictured above are the top duo finishers in a pickleball doubles tournament held in February. From left to right are Carol Derita Moniz, Tara Gunning, Bob Voigt, Jacky Ormsby, Doug Sweeting, Mike Polidoro, Diane Taylor.

Rosie Multari is coming back in March and all OTOW line dancers are welcome

By Dale Stackhouse

Calling all line dancers!

The Snowbirds Club is happy to announce the return of Rosie Multari, who will present a workshop on Wednesday, March 12, from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.

Rosie is a well-known and accomplished line dance teacher and choreographer, who has visited us for several years now. She is always a welcome guest, not only for the fun dances she brings, but also because of her warm personality and great sense of humor.

Rosie brings dances for every level, so all can enjoy.

Her husband, Bruno, accompanies her, and provides back row support, for when we are turned away from the stage. He refers to himself as a BRAT ... Back Row Assistant Teacher a gentle reminder to new line dancers who think they will hide out in the back row and won't be noticed.



Wrong!

Soon the dance will turn in that direction and everyone will be looking to you for guidance.

The middle of the crowd is always the best place if you are a newcomer, where you are surrounded on all sides by someone who hopefully (no guarantees) knows what they are doing.

Members of all On Top of the World line dance clubs may attend the workshop, free of charge. Please wear your name tag.

In last month's column I talked about some of the challenges of learning to line dance ... in particular breaking down the choreography and becoming acquainted with the associated vocabulary.

But everyone learns in a different way.

Some just want to watch and pick it up once the music has started. Others prefer to have the dance broken down in advance, with each section practiced before the music begins. Still others want to study the stepsheet (which is like a recipe of the dance) and practice on their own, sometimes with the help of videos and tutorials.

For the latter category, an invaluable website is copperknob.co.uk. When you click on the site, a page will come up with all kinds of information, but what you want

to do is enter the name of the dance you are seeking in the search line. Usually a number of choices will come up, sometimes a great many, so it is wise to get the name of the choreographer from the instructor.

Click again, and you have the stepsheet with an option to print it if you like (I recommend the large print setting. To the right you will find many demos of groups or individuals performing the dance and if you keep scrolling down you will come to the teach videos, which include step-by-step instruction.

I hope you will find this information useful. When you try a dance you like in class, and would like to learn to do it better, this is a great way. Like anything, some stepsheets are easier to read than others, but combined with a video, it is a great way to learn.

New York-New Jersey Club, Good Neighbors Association, Snowbirds Club**Three clubs combining efforts to give tribute to our veterans - please attend****New York - New Jersey Club**

By Pat Hayes

The New York-New Jersey Club sponsors activities all year round. In March we are happy to participate in the St Patricks' Day parade sponsored by the On Top of the World Irish Club.

We also are proud to co-sponsor with Good Neighbors Association, the OTOW Veterans Club and the Snowbirds Club a "Salute to Veterans" on Sunday, March 9 in the East Activity Center at 1 p.m.

Les 'N More will DJ this event. Tickets are free for veterans and \$10 for everyone else.

We will be serving hot dogs with mac and cheese, dessert, coffee and water. Please buy your tickets in advance at either the Good Neighbors or New York-New Jersey Club information tables.

Because this event has grown to include food, our club has cancelled our cheese pizza event initially planned for March 5.

To make up for this food loss event, our club encourages everyone to attend the Italian-American Club's St. Joseph Dinner Dance on March 26. Visit their information table for more information.

All information tables are 8:30-10:30 a.m., Mondays and Thursdays in the East Activity Center Auditorium.

Other upcoming events

The New York-New Jersey Club will host Pizza Night on Tuesday May 13 at 5 p.m. in the Auditorium. There will be a DJ. Cost is \$10.

You will have a 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 supplied.

We will be introducing a new DJ for this event - "Frontline" Scott McParland. So bring your dancing shoes.

On Tuesday, Aug. 12, our club will be



Pictured above, Carla Hines sings to residents during Dessert Night sponsored by the New York-New Jersey Club. Below, residents wait in line for fruit toppings to make their cheesecake even sweeter.

(OTOW News photos by Mary Lou Wall)



hosting a New York Block Party at 5 p.m. in the Auditorium. Cost is \$10.

The menu will include New York-style dirty water hot dogs, beans, chips and dessert. Coffee, water and ice will be provided. Once again we are pleased to announce Frank Lebano from Brooklyn will be our host DJ.

On Tuesday, Oct. 7, our club will host Sports Shirt Night at 5 p.m. in the Auditorium. Cost is \$18.

We ask that you attend wearing your favorite sports team shirt. We even allow Patriots and Red Sox fans.

The event will be catered by Felice's Italian Catering and will include subs with pasta salad. Your choice of subs include sausage and peppers, meatball parmesan, chicken parmesan, Italian (Godfather), tuna or turkey and swiss.

The DJ will be Scott McParland. After dinner enjoy "Desserts by Lou."

Coffee, water and ice will be provided.

On Tuesday, Dec. 9, our club will host our annual Ugly Christmas Sweater Party for \$28 per ticket. Our DJ will be Frank Lebano. The menu will be announced later.

A special thank you to all of our club volunteers who help at our events. If you would like to be a volunteer, stop by our club information table on a Monday or Thursday.

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Cybersecurity Workshop Coming In April

Computer Club names officers for 2025



Computer Club

By Joe Wisinski

Almost 100 members and guests recently attended a luncheon sponsored by the On Top Of the World Computer Club.

The luncheon, which took place in the East Activity Center, served as an installation banquet for the club's newly installed officers.

"It was a great afternoon socializing with other members," said Computer Club member Jim Ellis. "I spent a lot of time with new and old friends. And the food was on the mark."

Some food was left over after the luncheon, and Jim took it to an organization that serves the homeless.

In addition to serving lunch, the club gave away several prizes — four laptop computers, an iPad, an Android tablet, and a Kindle reader. There were also door prizes and a 50-50 raffle.

Special Announcement

The Computer Club is planning a community-wide event on April 5. All OTOW residents are invited to a free session on cy-



The 2025 Computer Club board members, left to right, are Rowland Hetrick, vice president; Charlie Wood and Scott Mascitelli, board members at large; Lisa Pompeo, president; Terri Mikszenas and Dan Speer, board members at large; Cheryl Lindback, treasurer; Mike Wood, immediate past president. Missing was Joe Wisinski, secretary.

(OTOW News photo by Howard Wolff)

bersecurity.

Watch for our April 2025 story for details, but meanwhile, plan on joining us in the East Activity Center from 9 to 11 a.m.

About the Computer Club

The Computer Club meets every Saturday morning from 8:30 to 10 a.m. Meet-

ings 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, visit our website at www.otowcc.com, or click our link in the OTOW Box Office website, otowboxoffice.com.

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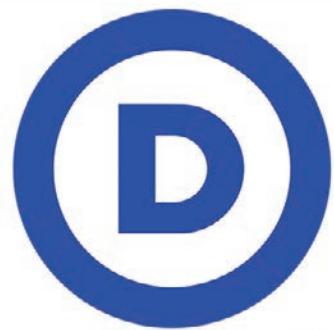
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Democratic Club

By David Beaven

Why are there political clubs in a retirement community?

Well, we have extra time on our hands.

Some of us play golf. Some play cards. Some like to dance.

There are all kinds of different activities at On Top of the World for our residents. And in fact, some like to dabble in politics.

For many residents, when a conversation turns political, they turn off. Kind of like when someone goes on and on to me about sports, I tune it out pretty quickly.

But for local Democrats and liberal minded Independents, our Democratic Club provides an outlet for them to share their views.

Our club often has guest speakers and we have worked on political campaigns, as well.

Recently, some of us went to a Pinellas County Commissioner meeting in St. Petersburg.

As residents, we are interested in what's going on here in the county. The state representatives were there to listen to the local

needs of Pinellas County as they were getting ready to go into their annual session.

Our Democratic Club meets on the second Thursday of the month at 2 p.m. in the West Activity Center Learning Lab. This month, that will be on March 13.

We also have a monthly Happy Hour at 6 p.m. for folks who work. That will be on Tuesday, March 25.

For more information, check our webpage worlddemclub.blogspot.com. Or call Dave Beaven at 727-410-7566.

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Canadian Club celebrates 50th anniversary in gold, red and white

By Connie Stanley

The Canadian Club hosted its second happy hour –karaoke on Friday, Feb. 7 with an awesome crowd of 73 in attendance!

We had 25 great singers who braved the stage to sing, and the line dancers enjoyed the entertainment!

People brought wonderful snacks to share and four people went home with \$30 Share the Wealth prizes!

We've received wonderful feedback.

Saturday, Feb. 15, is known in Canada as "Flag Day" and we were fortunate enough to enjoy tasty poutine on Food Truck Night in the East Activity Center parking lot!

Our first Flag Down was in 1965.

Eric Primeau, originally from Montreal, Quebec, owns and operates Florida Poutine and brought his food truck to On Top of the World. This delicious dish is made with succulent French fries, and a blend of bovine/poultry gravy that will knock your socks off, topped with awesome, real, fresh squeaky cheese curds - the only curds that are made fresh, right here in Florida.

Our Golf Fun Day coordinated by Harry Morrison was scheduled for late February. Details will appear in the April newspaper. There were 64 participants ready to play.

Our club's 50th anniversary party was celebrated in February during a gala evening with lots of gold accenting our red and white color theme!

More than 160 folks came out and participated in a wonderful buffet with a choice



of Chicken Florentine or bourbon glazed salmon filet. The club provided a white Pinot Grigio or red Pinot Noir to complement the tasty menu at each table. Four Costco cakes adorned the dessert counter at the Good Karma Outpost with tea and coffee.

At the outset of the evening, our past presidents and spouses were graciously piped in to "Scotland the Brave" by bagpiper, Raymond Willis, accompanied by Neil Forbes from Toronto. This was followed by everyone singing the Canadian National Anthem followed by America the Beautiful.

Then, Past President Harry Morrison and his wife, Barb, pinned corsages and boutonnieres on each past president and spouse. It was a lovely and elegant start to kick-off the evening.

The guests danced the night away to

wonderful 1970s music selections by Les from Les N' More of Safety Harbor.

From everyone's feedback, it was a great night enjoyed by all!

We included a full-on photo booth in front of the white and gold 50th banner and photography was courtesy of member, Rowland Hetrick, whose great shots were sent out to each individual via email.

Our club has a full slate of events in March starting with the OTOW St. Patrick's Day Parade on Saturday, March 1. Again, we hope you can come out and march with our entry and enjoy the fun and frivolity. Wear your red and white with a sprig of green.

Our fourth annual picnic will be Tuesday, March 4, in the Pavilion from noon until 2 pm. For any questions, please contact Coordinator, Joanne Fenn, 860-930-5039 or via email at: fennjo@aol.com.

We have a third happy hour-karaoke with a '50s sock hop theme on Friday, March 7 in the Belleair Room of the West Activity Center from 4:30-7 p.m. featuring DJ, Scott McParland. You can submit your song requests in advance to emcee: Gil Small. Tickets are \$5 and are available at our information table Mondays and Thursdays from 8:30-10:30 a.m. or at the door.

Again, it's BYOB and please bring a snack to share from the buffet table and bring a few dollars to purchase Share the Wealth tickets for a chance at a cash prize: single tickets \$2; 3 for \$5 or 10 for \$10.

And all of you line dancers out there,

come on down!

Our annual Spring Fling has a "Let's Play Ball" sports team theme this year and will be Wednesday, March 19 in the EAC Auditorium. Ticket sales are on Mondays and Thursdays at our information table in the EAC until March 13. Prices are \$25 for members and \$30 non-members.

The menu by Banquet Masters is Italian herb roasted chicken with oven roasted red bliss potatoes, green bean medley, garden salad and dessert cakes from Costco, along with tea and coffee.

Our club members will be attending a spring training baseball game between the Blue Jays and Pittsburgh Pirates on Sunday, March 23 at TD Ballpark in Dunedin at 1:07 p.m. Coordinator Susan Cober purchased 60 tickets and we are looking forward to a wonderful group outing and a great game kicking off the Blue Jays season.

The Blue Jays have been training at this site since 1977, first at Grant Field and then at TD Ballpark.

Canadian Club elections will be taking place at our annual meeting. Please submit your name to Connie Stanley or Past President Laurie Fischer, who will handle the elections by Thursday, March 20.

The meeting will be in the EAC Auditorium at 6 p.m. on Friday, March 28, including a wine n' cheese social to start the next season.

Chorus spring concert set for March 29 and 30

By Ka-Rim Troyli

The On Top of the World Chorus is planning its spring concert "Music from the Heart," which will include a collection of heartfelt songs many of you will remember fondly from youth.

What the songs have in common, despite their origins, is that they all are meaningful in one way or another.

Please mark your calendars for Saturday, March 29 at 7 p.m. and Sunday, March 30 at 3 p.m.

Tickets can be acquired by reaching out to a chorus member - one could be a neighbor in or near your building. You can also purchase tickets in advance on Thursday mornings from 8:30-10:30 a.m. in the East Activity Center Auditorium.

Additionally, tickets will be available at the door the evening and afternoon of the concerts. Suggested donation for tickets is \$5 each and both performances are open seating.

At this point in our rehearsal process, we are unable to welcome new members, however, there are still opportunities to lend your



Chorus

hands - if not your voice - to the On Top of the World Chorus. We are looking for folks who are willing to lend us a little time.

Are you interested in helping us with concert setup or break down? How about ticket sales at the door? Are you available one or both days of the concert weekend, March 29 and 30?

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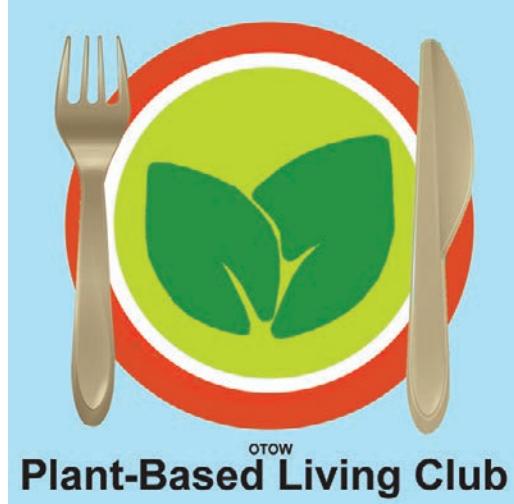
A reminder that renewal fees ARE DUE IN MARCH for all residents who utilize the boat/kayak stands on the shore of Lake Arbor. The fee for the 2025 registration period is \$50. Residents looking to inquire about the available space should contact the inspection services division of the management company through the Community Service Office at the East Activity Center. Please keep in mind that space is limited and on a first come/ first served basis.

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Do your stomach a favor - eat some sauerkraut



By Kathy Brumbaugh

Twenty Plant-Based Living Club enthusiasts are ready for New Year's day 2026!

Yes, 10 months away and we are practicing making freshly fermented sauerkraut.

At our club's February meeting, and as the new club president, I highlighted nitrate rich foods, such as beets, citrus, leafy greens, and pure cocoa - to name a few. I provided a means for us to get necessary fiber.

The fiber in our gut is known as "prebiotics." And that's where our fresh sauerkraut comes in to play. Fermented foods are probiotics in our gut flora. "Probiotics" feed off the fiber, "prebiotics." Balancing "prebiotics" and "probiotics" has anti-inflammatory properties and wards off colds, viruses and diseases with only three tablespoons a day.



Plant-Based Living Club members enjoy lunch at an Asian bistro in Dunedin.

Not a sauerkraut eater?

Try other fermented foods like fermented hummus, kefir and sourdough bread.

Margarita Kombucha may be our beverage of choice to ring in 2026!

In February, the club enjoyed lunch at Mr LC Sushi Asian Bistro in Dunedin.

For information on our club visit OTOWboxoffice.com. Scroll down and click our Plant-Based Living Club logo. You can contact us through Vegans10@yahoo.com.

Our next meeting is scheduled in the West Activity Center Learning Lab on March 12 at 3 p.m. All residents are welcome. The

Plant-Based Living Club consists of members who are on different pathways in their lifestyle journey. By eating more plants and whole foods we are taking personal responsibility to be healthier.

Food Truck Night 3-7 p.m., Wednesday, March 5 East Activity Center Back Parking Lot

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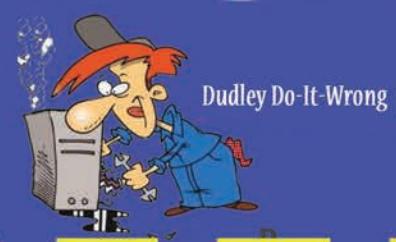
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Travel Club hosts chili contest and adds trip to Key West

By Tom Chalupka

The Travel Club is continually looking for new adventures for our members and many of those great adventures have been a great success.

On Feb. 1 we had our first cooking competition with a Chili Cookoff and we had six great cooks go head-to-head and participate. They were Ellen Anderson, Janice Berman, Tom Butcher, Tom Chalupka, Rob Milroy and Melinda Wiersma.

The winner was Rob Milroy.

Rob and his wife, Karen, are Snowbirds and spend their summers in the beautiful state of Washington.

Rob is originally from Hawaii and served our country with the US Coast Guard, so he lived in numerous areas of the country.

Rob said, "I love to eat so I loves to cook" and he found his winning chili recipe online.

Congratulations to Rob and thank you very much to all of our cooks and all the club members who helped make this event a success.

Ft Myers and Key West here we come.

At our February meeting, the Travel Club announced new events for our already packed spring and early summer schedule.

On April 29 we will depart by bus for a three-day, two-night trip to Ft Myers where we will be touring the Edison Ford Estates and be taking the Key West Express for a round trip to Key West the next day.

The Key West Express is a 170-foot catamaran that has an average cruising speed of



Rob Milloy, right, is congratulated by Tom Chalupka for winning the first Travel Club chili contest.

34 knots for the 3.5-hour trip.

We will spend about five hours on our own in Key West before we board for the return trip to Ft Myers.

The following morning, to complete the trip, we will stop and tour the Ringling Brothers Museum and Estate before we

head home.

Another new event announced is an evening at Snappers Comedy Club on Friday March 14. The featured comedian that evening will be Reno Collier, who has been on numerous television shows and has headlined the Comics on Duty tour for American



Travel Club

troops stationed all over the world.

Remember, they say that laughter is the best medicine and so we hope to get lots of laughter that evening.

Due to popular demand, we have scheduled a second bus for our Tuesday, April 22 lunch cruise out of Clearwater Beach on Starlite Majesty. We will enjoy lunch and a 1.5-2 hour leisurely and informative cruise along Florida's beautiful inland waters. This trip will include transportation, lunch and the narrated cruise.

If you want more information or if you want to buy tickets to these, or any of our other 10 scheduled day trips, dinners or lunches, we are at our information table in the East Activity Center on Mondays and Thursdays from 8:30-10 a.m. and at our monthly meetings on the first Friday of the month in the EAC Oldsmar Room at 2 p.m.

Remember our moto is "We're Going Places" and we certainly do.

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Republican Club changing date for monthly meetings

By Deborah Russell

The Ronald Reagan Republican Club meeting in February proved to be very productive and lively.

Plans for this year are already being put into place, volunteers for committees have been requested and some have committed themselves to certain positions.

This month's meeting began on Tuesday, Feb. 11, at 6 p.m. with a 45 minute meet and greet with cookies provided by Karen Tatge and cold drinks followed by the general meeting.

President Carl Turner opened the meeting followed by Maureen and Jim Bjorgo leading the group singing God Bless America. Deborah Russell led a prayer.

The first order of business was a report from our secretary, LouAnne Feist, quoting old business from last month's meeting.



Next, Karen Tatge gave the treasurer's report which was accepted and seconded.

Our yearly required audit report was given by Christina Nolan.

Announcements for our participation in the St. Patrick's Day Parade were made by Deborah Russell. We are proud to participate as our President celebrates his first year back in the White House.

The audit was approved by all present and seconded.

The winner of the 50-50 drawing tonight was Doug Hine who won \$31. He gave all but the \$5 he spent on his tickets back to the club. Thank you, Doug!

Last month club officers decided to ask members to consider holding our meetings on the first Tuesday of the month, rather than the second Tuesday, due to timeline limitations for article submissions.

A minimum of 20 percent of members were needed to have a quorum for this vote and since we met that number, the motion to move the meetings to the first Tuesday of

the month was approved.

It was agreed that the March 2025 meeting would remain on the second Tuesday, then the April meeting would begin the new season.

We are happy to announce our membership numbers are growing every week and we encourage you to visit our Republican Club information table at the East Activity Center each Thursday from 8-10:30 a.m. You can sign up for membership at that time also.

For more information about our club, please email carlmarvinturner@gmail.com or call or text 443-623-9303.

We are happy to have you as our guest at the West Activity Center, first Tuesday of each month (beginning in April) please come March 10.

Art Guild Artist of the Month

Congratulations to Maggie Reinhart, the Art Guild Artist of the Month for March. Her painting, "Boy Fishing in the Rain," will be on display in the East Activity Center Auditorium for the month of March. Go see it.

Maggie said this painting was an inspiration from her 12 year old grandson who has been

ocean fishing with his dad for many years. Maggie said she saw the clouds and "just had to paint them."

The theme of the painting is perseverance and hope, to do what you want to do inspite of the reasons why not.



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A Valentine's Day celebration provides many emotional opportunities

By Earl Ballance

Last month's Lambda social was held in the Oldsmar Room and was affectionately dubbed "The Red Party" in honor of Valentine's Day.

The Oldsmar room was transformed into a blazing sea of red and the refreshment superstar was Cupid's Punch (which some suspect contained a secret ingredient — a hint of embarrassment).

So, if you thought Valentine's Day was about love and romance, you clearly haven't attended a Lambda event.

Instead of candlelit dinners with soft music, we've opted for an evening filled with laughter and the spirit of camaraderie. And the highlight of the evening - the annual tradition of exchanging Valentine's Day cards.

This year we even added a twist!

Last years' classics turned into a "revenge of the puns" kind of showdown. Exchanging cards serve as great material for next year's payback.

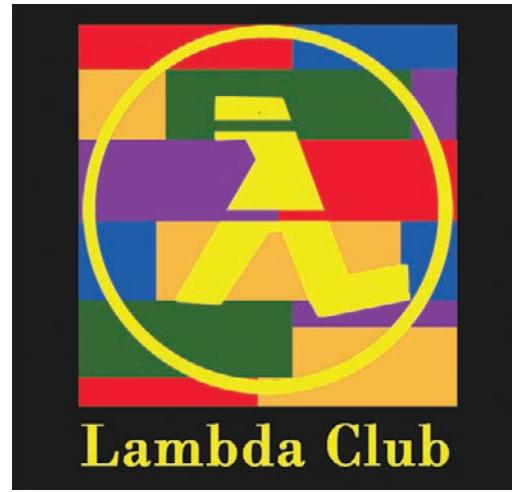
Speaking of food, the "love boat" potluck dinner had a romantic twist. This Valentine's potluck table was a feast for the eyes as much as for the palate, perfectly capturing the spirit of Valentine's Day.

Some might wonder why a gay men's social club like Lambda puts so much heart into Valentine's Day. For us, it's a powerful reminder of the right to love whoever we choose. It's about living your life openly with the person who lights up our life, without fear of persecution or judgment. It's a celebration of that freedom in an atmosphere that embraces acceptance and inclusivity.

For Lambda, Valentine's Day isn't just a date on the calendar — it's a state of mind.

This month's Lambda party we'll be celebrating St Patrick's Day, the one day when everyone wishes they were Irish.

Our event will be held in the Kitchen/



Clearwater Room at 6 p.m. on March 14.

The famed Celtic Punch will be offered with the sounds of Irish pub music before the potluck buffet serves up its Irish recipes. Everyone is encouraged to wear green.

So what else has been going on in Lambda?

Many times the talents, compassion, and achievements for the arts often go overlooked and unnoticed. Bob Sharp and Roberto Depalma, members of the Lambda Club, are two such characters. They were involved with Hollywood studios and production before moving to On Top of the World more than three years ago. It's always entertaining to sit with them and hear tidbits of Hollywood past.

Roberto worked in special effects in the movie industry and took a role in the movie Nightmare on Elm Street Four. Bob got hired by a PBS station. They started working together to produce their own work called Lucky Cat productions.

Working together, they won two Emmy Awards for two years in a row for their children's educational production. They have been together for 27 years so have lots to



No one left the Lambda social in February without getting a special card.

celebrate this past Valentine's Day.

Lambda's March Book Club selection is "Waiting for the Flood" by Alexis Hall. There is always a night scheduled for book discussion. If you are interested, contact Bill Raymond at braymond3@gmail.com or call Bill at (727)599-8317.

The 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 meet-

ing up every Monday at 2 p.m. at the Shuffleboard Lot on the EAC, and the weather has been perfect these past few weeks. 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) or call David Beaven at (727) 410-7566.

A refresher on solid and broken lines

By Tara Still

Have you ever encountered someone moving too slowly (at least in your mind) in the only lane available for travel in the direction you are going?

What can you do?

Well, it depends on the street markings:

One or two solid yellow lines mean do not cross, with the exception of making a left turn.

If you see one solid and one broken yellow line, the driver with the broken line on his side is allowed to pass other vehicles if traffic permits.

A solid white line shows the edge

of the roadway and can also separate engine powered vehicles from bicycle lanes.

Two solid white lines mark lanes when there is more than one lane moving in the same direction. You cannot cross.

Broken white lines indicate lanes

when there is more than one lane traveling in the same direction. You may cross broken white lines.

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Sources: Florida DMV Handbook and AI

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Journaling is a form of writing with personal rewards

By Lori Gottshall

We are always looking for surprises when the Writers Ink group meets on Thursday afternoons at 1:30 p.m.

This group of creative writing enthusiasts manages to satisfy that expectation every week in the Dunedin Room of the East Activity Center.

For example, Marty Griffen likes to use journaling as her way of recording and presenting what's going on in her life. Sometimes the pieces are about her travels, what she saw, who she was traveling with, and how the sights and people around her became memories in her life. Sometimes it is a little vignette about a particular shopping trip.

My personal favorites happen annually during the film awards season. Marty reviews the big movies with a quick synopsis of the plot followed by commentary on how the piece fits in with the director's professional history, or prevailing sociological happenings, or how a particular actor was true-to-type (or not), etc.

As a writing style, journaling is more than a book report or a simple calendar of events. It is a way for writers to record their feelings and reflections about their experiences.

Done on a regular basis, journaling can assist the author in dealing with emotions, tracking personal growth, or improving creative writing skills. It is frequently a private



tool, not shared and thus, not subject to judgement. It can be a powerful tool when it is shared or used for fictional work.

With a spontaneous and unstructured style, journaling can document personal reflections, random and diverse subject matters, declarations of goals and intentions, reflections on events or dreams, brainstorming possibilities, wish lists, and even drawings.

Are you a journal writer? What is your preferred subject matter or style?

There is always room for another writer in our group. We would like to meet you. Bring something you wrote, or just stop in to observe if you are interested.

165 quilts on display at county show

By Cheryl Kutchinski

The World Quilters group planned a "sweet" excursion for Valentine's Day.

Members attended the Mid-Pinellas Quilt show at the Seminole Recreation Center. The show was presented by the Largo Cracker Quilters and Procrastinating Quilters guilds.

There were 165 beautiful quilts displayed for viewing. Many were traditional style while others incorporated hand or machine embroidery.

Some quilts were quite artistic and even three dimensional.

All attendees were invited to participate in the judging of the quilts. It was difficult to pick a favorite because each quilt was beautiful and unique in its own way.

Our group ended the day at Queen's Pizza for a nice meal. It was a fun day with lots of laughs.

World Quilters meets every Tuesday



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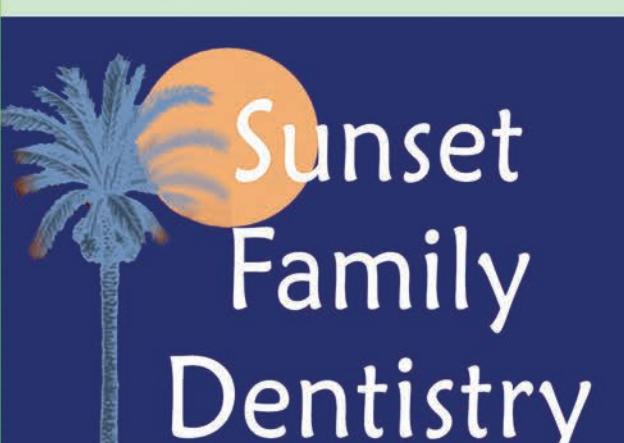
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Twenty-two Boomers prepare to enter West Coast Players theater.

20 seats please! Boomers go to theater together

By Dianne Dvorak

Margery Cruise of our On Top of the World Baby Boomers group organized at least 22 people to see "Always...Patsy Cline" at West Coast Players in January, and most of us went to Johnny's Italian Restaurant before the show.

The voice and comedic acting of the two main characters, who played off each other, was professional and fun to watch. It was great for us to support local theater.

Patsy Cline was known for her hit songs "Crazy" and "I Fall To Pieces." She was the first woman solo artist to be inducted in the Country Music Hall of Fame in Nashville.

Baby Boomers meet at the East Activity Center Largo Room on the first Wednesday and third Thursdays at 5:30 p.m. every month. Come check us out.

We often go out after the meetings for a bite and a beverage. We are a meet-up group, not a club, so there are no dues or officers.

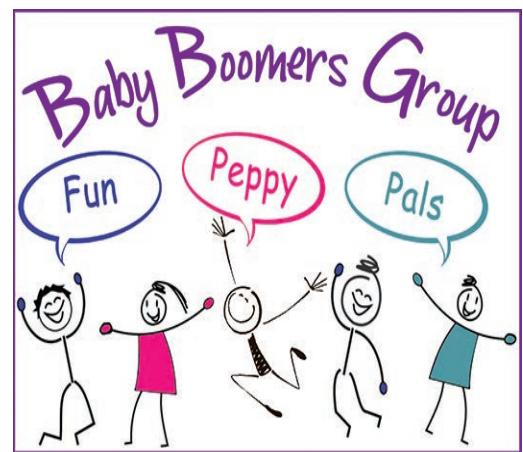
Communication on ideas or events are done through our Google group email. We all come up with fun ideas and places to go in the area and many of us enjoy the shows here at OTOW.

We have to get tickets early though because they are generally pretty great and sell fast. The Baby Boomers group is up for fun

and laughs and we enjoy meeting new people and making friends.

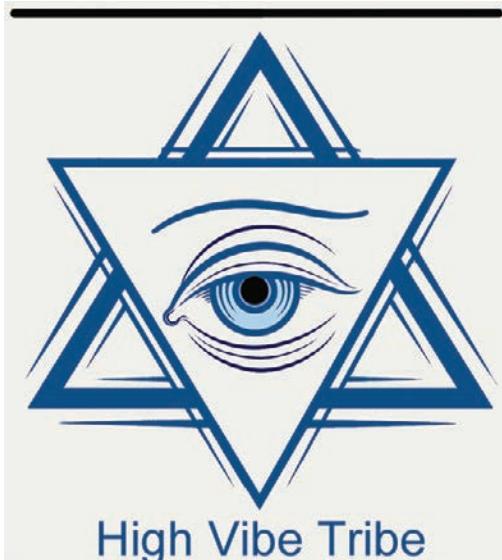
Come and bike with us on the Ream Wilson Trail for a regular ride from OTOW on Fridays. We meet at 10 a.m. at the EAC World Parkway side. Or, join us for bowling Mondays at 9:50 a.m. and we get lanes at 10. We bowl at Maple Lanes only 10 minutes away from OTOW. We bowl two games, for a great deal of \$1.50 a game.

Sometimes we do lunch at Clear Sky Draught House afterward. Guests always welcome.



High Vibe Tribe begins fourth year

What will Year of the Wood Snake bring?



By Laurie LeClaire

As our fourth year unfolds for our metaphysical group, I am filled with gratitude for the variety of speakers who have stepped up to share their topics to present.

Each month has a different topic and often brings different group dynamics into play.

Working with the wisdom gleaned from decades of living through our spiritual challenges brings up interesting conversations and shared journeys.

Some of the topics have been as diverse as the following: Authors' book presentation, metaphysical cruise director, near death experiencers, hydrogen water presentation,

Bengsten method of healing, galactic shaman and alkywan photon sphere presentation, grief counselor and Shamanic practitioner, Qigong instructions and group practice, drum circle, Charley Thwheat's guitar music and group singing, essential oil presentation, Akashic record presentation, year of the dragon presentation, sound meditation and guided meditations, and angels and how we interact with them.

On March 11 I invite each person who desires to share a personal insight, story, object or life lesson which has helped them heal or grow on their life journey.

I plan to share some insights about the year of the wood snake which began last

month lasting until 2026.

We have had some great meetings when we open the room to more personal sharing. I have witnessed the power of prayer and decreeing and energy magic as we weave our intentions into reality.

All in our community are welcome to attend this free group. It is a once monthly meeting from 7-9 p.m. on the second Tuesday evening in the Clearwater-Kitchen Room of the East Activity Center.

This month we meet on March 11. You may direct any questions to Laurie LeClaire at otowoowoo@gmail.com.

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The big winners are, left to right, Mike Marsh, Bob Ellis, Bill Whipps, Warren Levene and Tom King.



Players must arrive by 6:30 p.m.

By Joe DeChiara

The first tournament of 2025 attracted 28 players.

The final five players divided the prize pool evenly: Mike Marsh, Bob Ellis, Bill Whipps, Warren Levene and Tom King.

The club voted in two new changes to

our by-laws. Players must arrive no later than 6:30 pm to play in the tournament. If a player arrives after the tournament begins, but before 6:30 p.m., chips will be deducted from his starting chipstack based on how many blinds he/she has missed.

The dues remain at a one-time fee of \$5.

Our next meeting will be announced by the new board members.

The next tournament will be held on Friday, March 21 at 6 p.m. in the Kitchen/Clearwater Room.

Bob O'Donohue, Ned Moftah win Dan Budd Tournament



Ping Pong

By Marie Valdes

I wish to extend my heartfelt thanks to all our club members who participated in our recent fourth annual white ball tournament honoring our past club member Dan Budd.

Although I did not have the opportunity to meet Dan personally, many have told me stories about how kind he was, and how he loved to have fun at ping pong. That is exactly the type of culture we share in the Ping Pong Club each day!

Some of our regular competitors were away on holiday and missed all the fun and action, only to find out upon their return that Bob O'Donohue and Ned Moftah were our "A" division champions after their match with Yan Shi Lu and Phil Henne.

As a bystander, from what I saw, it was a challenging win. There were some tough matches throughout the morning with various teams having to play the third tie-breaker round. There were 18 competitors in the "A" division, resulting in nine teams.



Participants in the annual Dan Budd ping pong tournament.

Our "B" division champions were Eddie Ramirez and James Phillips. This was a much smaller division, with only six competitors.

Thanks to Eddie, who wasn't going to play in the competition, but stepped up so that James would have a partner and be able to compete.

Winners from both divisions will have their names added to the wall plaque in the

West Activity Center Belleair Room.

Thank you to both Oscar Kanter, for planning the logistics and team selection process, and to Karen French for helping to keep the play organized and running smoothly and for our pizza delivery for the party after the tournament!

Also a special thanks to Janice Wisinski for reciting such an uplifting prayer and re-

membering our friends Dan Budd, Lela Niccov and Bruce Bandini.

I am thankful to be a part of such a wonderful club, which is filled with fun loving, kind and thoughtful people. You all make me smile every day!

We invite you to join in our club fun Tuesdays through Fridays from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., and all player levels are welcome!

Irish Club Parade Post-Parade Party
About 11 am, Saturday, March 1
EAC Back Parking Lot

Who is St. Joseph?

Italian-American Club featured event is the St. Joseph's Dinner Dance on March 26

By Sam Gonnella

The Italian-American Club's next big event is 5 p.m., Wednesday, March 26, and is the traditional St. Joseph's Dinner Dance in the East Activity Center Auditorium.

But how many people at On Top of the World know St. Joseph?

This leads us to the question, was it divine intervention or an engineering masterpiece?

The legend of the Loretto Chapel spiral staircase has been studied for many years.

People of faith consider it as an example of a miracle.

The Loretto Chapel, located in Santa Fe, N.M., was almost complete in the late 1880s when the architect suddenly passed away. His design of a staircase to the choir loft was unfinished.

Local carpenters were solicited to resolve the issue. Their assessment was that the chapel space available would only allow for a ladder and not a staircase.

The legend goes on to say that a stranger came one day and announced that he was a master carpenter and could provide a staircase to the loft. He was hired and in a short



amount of time completed the staircase.

A spiral staircase with no nails, screws nor glue was used. The wood he used was also unknown or native to the rural region.

The carpenter disappeared before he could be thanked and paid.

The choir loft was now accessible, but left many questions to be answered.

Historians and architects have recently found some potential explanations regarding its construction. A builder acknowledged

that the construction was a "mind boggling" engineering feat.

The spiral staircase has no visible support, but he concluded that natural physics is apparent.

The support beams had been twisted into a helix. Also, according to the Library of Congress, Francois-Jean Rochas may be the mysterious carpenter and the wood might have been a spruce that is extinct.

In the end, could it have been a miracle or a masterful engineering feat?

Food for thought.

The nuns in the chapel at that time, believed St. Joseph was the master carpenter, the mysterious stranger.

The Italian-American Club's traditional St. Joseph's Dinner Dance will be catered by Felice's Italian Catering. The affair will include Penne pasta alla vodka tossed in a heavy cream tomato sauce. Other choices include Chicken Florentine with creamed spinach sauce; eggplant rollatini, which combines a single breaded eggplant with a seasoned ricotta cheese mixture, and sweet sausage with green bell peppers. There will be plenty of savory sauce to add, plus a tossed

salad and assorted pastries to complete the feast.

Bon Appetito (enjoy your meal).

Festival and dancing music will be provided by a DJ.

Come and enjoy the food and fun. Cost is \$30 for members and \$33 for non-members.

On April 16 at 4 p.m., our club will host an Ice Cream Social for our season-ending event. This late afternoon affair is sure to satisfy your sweet tooth.

Dessert includes ice cream, fruit toppings, a variety of layer cakes and coffee.

Make a sundae, enjoy the layer cakes or have both.

The cost is \$7 for members and \$9 for non-members.

Tickets for both of these events can be purchased at the EAC on Mondays and Thursdays from 8:15 to 10:15 a.m. Come to our table to renew your membership or join the club for 2025.

Look for event postings on the Box Office (otowboxoffice.com) or OTOW-TV 901.

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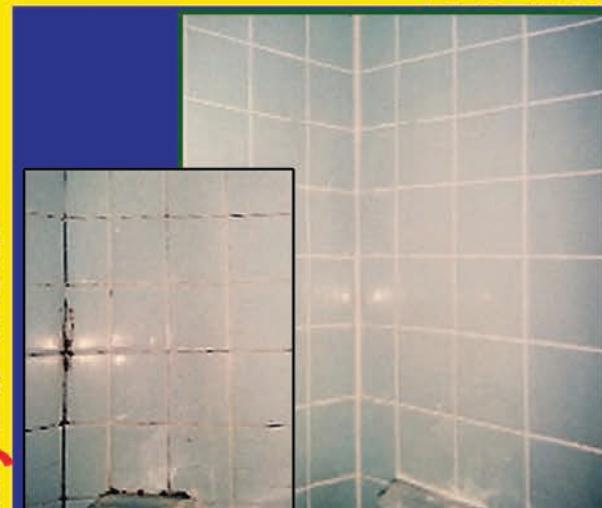
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Diane Taylor headed to US Open to compete in doubles pickleball

By Marina Davidovich

Diane Taylor is a resident at On Top Of the World and is a member of the Pickleball Club.

She is from Michigan, but she spent the last two years living in Mt. Prospect, Ill.

She is a true midwesterner for her whole life.

Diane and her husband had been visiting OTOW for about 15 years when her mom bought a place here. Now her mom and all her sisters have a place here, too.

Three years ago Diane bought here and stayed as a Snowbird.

Diane has been playing pickleball for about three years. She plays nearly every day, because she loves to play as often as she can.

Diane says, "I don't have previous experience with any racquet sports. I took lessons and learned from people who have different skills, including pickleball, tennis, ping pong and racquet ball."

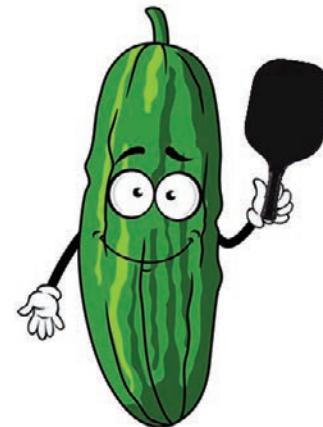
Pickleball is a very social sport and you can easily play on your own and join open courts to play. It can be as competitive as you want it to be or play casually if that is your preference."

There are a lot of different tournaments to play for pickleball and soon it will be in the Olympics!

One event Diane will be playing/competing in is called the Minto US Open in Naples.

"I will be playing in the women's doubles event, 50-59 age bracket with a 3.5 rating," she said. "I am 60, but my partner is 58, and you have to play with the youngest person in your team."

The US Open in Naples is the largest pickleball tournament in the country and currently officials are stating that all US



Pickleball

states will be represented and 31 countries!

To get into the US Open you must be ranked in pickleball through a rating called DUPR. From there, they break it down between your age and ranking to play for an event.

The event runs from April 25 – May 3. Participants include juniors, amateurs, wheelchair and professionals in singles and doubles.

Getting into the tournament is based on above ratings, age, etc., and is a lottery based on those results.

The first tournament I ever played in was at OTOW, Diane said.

The OTOW pickleball group is an amazing bunch of welcoming people who play on a regular basis. If you are ever interested in playing pickleball, you should reach out to this group.

We wish Diane the best of luck in the US Open!



Diane Taylor

Joe Willis wins shuffleboard title

By Tim Lewis

Our first shuffleboard tournament of the season is in the books.

The first week of February we had our singles tournament, which was a two-day double elimination event. We started the tournament with 20 players and when all was said and done, Joe Willis came out on top. Joe won all six of his matches.

Darren Ceccarelli came in second place with his only two losses against Joe.

Kelley Lewis made a strong showing finishing in third place, after losing once to Joe and once to Darren.

The On Top of the World Shuffleboard Club has grown to 63 paid members and is still growing. Come and join in on the fun competition Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays at 4 p.m.

On the Friday following the competition, we had a great time picnicking together at the Pavilion.

Club President Tim Lewis provided the tunes and cooked burgers and hot dogs. Many others brought side dishes and desserts for all to enjoy.

The club is planning a "fun" day the first week in March. Also coming later in March will be our doubles tournament competition and another post tournament gathering.

Thank you and congratulations to all the players for the display of good sportsmanship and for a well-played tournament.



Darren Ceccarelli took second place, Joe Willis was the champion and Kelley Lewis finished third.

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SPORTS

Mike Crittendon and Verna Lundgren win Jack and Jill honors for 2025

By Karen French

The On Top of the World 18-Hole Golf Course was full of more than 70 golfers for our annual Jack and Jill Tournament on Tuesday, Feb. 11.

Verna Lundgren and Mike Crittendon won the event in the A Division with a 64.

Arlene and Ed Hanson shot a 76 to win the B Division. Gloria and Bud Sayer shot 83 to win the C Division.

We would like to thank all the men and women who came out to participate in this fun-filled yearly outing.

The welcoming committee sold mulligans for \$1 per shot and I believe all participants were happy for this reprieve which is sometimes needed over 18 holes.

The cheers were heard throughout the course all morning long. Cheers for great hits off the tee, great putts and amazing chips onto the green. We won't discuss the groans which were occasionally heard for the opposite. Talking with everyone afterward, all were very happy with the day's events.

The full results are as follows:

A Division

1 - Verna Lundgren and Mike Crittendon - 64
2 - Joy and Mike Walker - 67
3 - Becky and Jeff West - 69

B Division

1 - Arlene and Eddie Hanson - 76
2 - Sheryl Barbin and Joe Wisinski - 76
3 - Ursula Taylor and Peter Spokus - 76

C Division

1 - Gloria and Bud Sayer - 83
2 - Lea Ann Elam Harthcock and Vinny Marranto - 83
3 - Jonnye Smith and Jay Laraquenta - 84

A tie breaker was held to break the tie in both the B and C divisions.

Closest to the pin on hole 15 was Gloria Sayer and on hole 16 was David Johnson.



Pictured above are the big winners from the annual Jack & Jill Golf Tournament. From left to right are David Johnson (men's closest to the pin No. 16), Bud and Gloria Sayer (Flight C champions and ladies' closest to the pin No. 15), Mike Crittendon and Verna Lundgren (Flight A champions) and Ed and Arlene Hanson (Flight B champions).

(Photo by Doug Kates)

Bingo Marathon
Saturday
March 8

Doors Open
10 am

Games Begin At
Noon

Cost \$30

Details on Page 5

Welcome Lea to the 18-hole golf league

By Karen French

A huge welcome to Lea Elam-Harthcock, one of our new additions to the 18-Hole Ladies Golf League.

Lea is originally from Springfield, Mo. She spent 40 years there then moved to St. Louis in 2002 and Florida in 2017.

She has one older brother who lives in Sun City.

Lea still works from home and is the project manager for a delivery services company. She is married to Jenifer and they have a dog named Cooper, 16, and a dog, Sadie, 8.

She is loving the friendliness, fun and laughter of our league. She was surprised on Jan. 7, to have one of her best games while bundled in extra layers to keep warm.

At right is Lea Elam-Harthcock



18-hole Ladies League tries out a three-week tournament

18-Hole



Ladies Golf

By Karen French

Tuesday, Jan. 7, was cold and beautiful for the brave lady golfers of the 18-Hole League.

It was a very unique day, as Flight A golfers were the majority.

Flight A first place was Lee Ann Elam-Harthcock with a 62, second place was Becky West with a 64 and third place were Verna Lundgren and Gloria Sayer with a 71.

The Flight C winner was Jordie Albert with a 69. There was no Flight B.

Closest to the pin on hole 9 was Joann Congelli and on hole 15 was Verna Lundgren. Longest putt on hole 8 was Jordie Albert, who also had a chip in on hole 8. Lee Ann Harthcock had a chip in on hole 12 and Jackie Miles on hole 14.

We had an eclectic tournament for three weeks, and it was, as always,

a joy to add a new and fun dimension to our golf play.

Winners are as follows: A Flight first place was Becky West with a 61; Lee Ann in second with a 63 and Gloria was third with a 69.

Flight B had all players technically share the same score, however, a system had been devised to determine winners in this case. In order, the first, second and third places were

Kim Norried, Joyce Majewski and Donia Stadler all with a score of 74.

Flight C was incredibly close with only a one stroke differential. Winners, in order, are Dot Graham and Barbara Moon with 81 and Nancy Lo with an 82.

Welcome to Joann Congelli and Jackie Miles, our two newest members. Want to join us? Please contact Becky West at 727-301-8854.



Fred Schick and Peyton Grogan win Two-Person Scramble

By Sheryl Barbin

Fifty-eight golfers participated in a Friday Mixed Golf League Two-Person Scramble on Friday, Jan. 17.

We played in about four hours on a cool Florida day.

Our first place winners were the team of Fred Schick and Peyton Grogan with a score of 52.4.

Second place went to Ken Smith and Kyong No with a score of 53.3.

Jerry Fugatt and Joe Ventimiglia took third place with a score of 54.1.

Paul Cairns and Roger Shockley finished in fourth place with a 54.5, Lisa and Rick Muchler finished in fifth place with a 54.5, Mike La Violette and Greg Basheda ended in sixth place with 54.7 while Sue and Bob Beals finished in seventh place with a score of 55.4.

Eighth place went to Jahn Lawson and Jim Cadwell with 55.4 and ninth place went to Jack Patterson and Bill Higgins with a score of 55.7. Tenth place went to Harry Barbin and Deb Young with a score of 55.8.

All ties were broken by a match of cards.

We had seven closest-to-the-pin winners. Hole No. 3 went to Gary Piccoli and Art Reilly. Hole No. 5 was won by Bill Gambaruta and David Saccone, holes Nos. 6 and 9 were won by Ada and John Maloof, hole No. 13 went to Andy Watson and Bill Holland, hole No. 15 went to Dave Pittenger and Dan Hyden and, lastly, hole No. 16 went to Ken Smith and Kyong No.

Skins were awarded on hole No. 9 and 14 to the team of Lisa and Rick Muchler who made an eagle on No. 14. Rick drove it

Friday Mixed



Golf League

over the green and Lisa putted it in with her rescue wood for the eagle. Great team effort.

Hole No. 13 went to the team of Jahn Lawson and Jim Cadwell. Hole No. 15 went to Jack Patterson and Bill Higgins.

We have three remaining tournaments for the championship season. A two person better ball tournament will take place on Friday, Feb. 14. A two-person select drive Alternate shot tournament will take place on Friday, March 14. A two-person 6-6-6 tournament will take place on Friday, April 11.

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

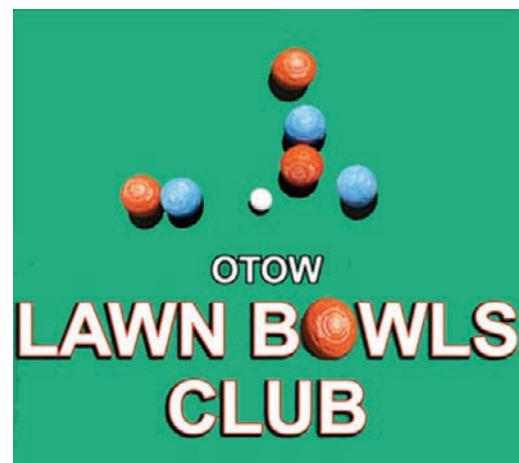
For more information about our league, please contact Harry Barbin at 215-514-1280 or email Harry at HarryBarbin1@gmail.com.

At right are the winners of a recent Two-Person Scramble.

At left is Fred Schick and at right is Peyton Grogan.



Tournament play appreciates new surface



By Kathleen Walter

February was an amazing month for the On Top of the World Lawn Bowls Club!

With all the beautiful weather we experienced, we were able to resume our regular practice schedule and hold three tournaments.

Additionally, we were finally able to lay down the new rubico surface on our courts.

Although our sport is called lawn bowling, we do not bowl on grass. Some clubs do bowl on grass but many, like us, use rubico, a sand-like material that is compressed to form a smooth bowling surface.

We thank Parkway Management for their dedicated work to help resurface and maintain our beautiful courts.

We are very grateful for the new members who have recently joined our club after giving lawn bowling a try. Several came after reading our newspaper articles. Others got to know us by stopping at our information table during Get Acquainted Saturday. Some



A buffet lunch took place at the Pavilion following a Valentine's Day Tournament in February.

just popped in while we were practicing.

We are always delighted to welcome individuals who would like to learn about our sport or roll a few bowls. All you need is an OTOW activity card and a pair of flat soled shoes. We provide all equipment and free lessons.

Please consider joining us on any practice day, Monday through Saturday, at 9:30 a.m.

March will actually be our busiest month of the year. We kick-off the month by participating in the OTOW Irish Club Parade on March 1.

Four tournaments are planned: A Novice Tournament on March 11, Leads Tournament

on March 14, St. Patrick's Day Tournament on March 17 and Fun Tournament on March 21.

Two socials will be held, including a luncheon on St. Patrick's Day and a pizza party following the Fun Tournament.

We will end the month on March 28 with our annual meeting where we officially recognize our new members, say goodbye to our Snowbirds and plan the schedule for the next year.

Congratulations to the winners of our Aussie Tournament completed on Feb. 5 - Bev and Mary Patterson took first place, followed by Rick and Lisa Muchler in second

place and Barb and Mike Lenzi in third place.

Also congratulations to the winners of our Valentine's Day Tournament. First place went to Jeff and Claudia Duncan, second place went to Gerry Boone and Greg Basheda, and third place went to Bruce Mills and Mike Patterson.

Following The Valentine's Day Tournament we had a fabulous luncheon in the Pavilion. The delicious salad, lasagna, pasta and chocolate desserts were prepared and served by member Butch Swain.

For information about our club, feel free to contact our president, Bruce Mills, at b52mills@gmail.com or 343-999-9871.

Parade

10 am, Saturday, March 1

Expect roadblocks from 9:30-11:30 am



SPORTS

Ray Woolsey slams first out-of-the-park home run this softball season

By Bob Rittner

On Field 2, Ray Woolsey of Red hit the season's first over-the-fence homer and added two doubles on a perfect three-hit day while Ralph Scunziano slashed a single and two inside-the-park homers, each helping his team gain a tie.

Red and White tied 9-9.

Jim Tiano extended his hitting streak to 15 games.

In a Red runaway 12-3 victory on Field 1, middle infielder Tara Gunning was the pivot on three double plays, while Joe DeChiaro was 5-for-5 as the leadoff hitter. Shortstop Steve Garvin let no batted grounder between second and third base leave the infield.

Vicki French tripled on her three-hit day.

Blue shortstop Gary Zimmerman was 4-for-4 and Barry Yellets made a Roberto Clemente worthy throw from deep outfield to catch a runner at third base, but it was not enough to stem the Red tide.

Blue 10, Red 3, White 3

Eddie Ramirez's three-run homer in the third inning highlighted a trio of three-run innings for Blue, which included an Eddie single driving in the last run of the game.

Blue scored 10 runs, Red 3 and White 3. Each inning, one team batted and two teams played defense.

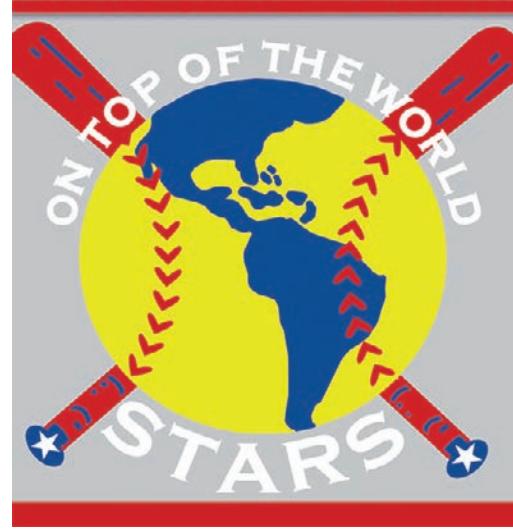
Jim Kemp led White with four hits and Ralph Scunziano hit two doubles to account for two of the three Red runs.

Red 17, White 5, Blue 3

Red scored in all but one inning culminating in Ray Woolsey's mammoth homer, the longest we have seen this year.

Early in the game, White seemed able to stay with Red, but after the third inning, pitcher Frank Whitney shut them down.

Gary Zimmerman and Don Mandeville launched long doubles for Blue, but otherwise the bats were quiet.



Field 1 Blue 14, Red 13 Field 2 White 9, Red 7

On Field 1, Ray Woolsey's perfect five-hit day, including three doubles and helped Blue squeak by Red after falling behind 10-7 late.

Ray was almost matched by Gary Zimmerman and Robert Bannick of Red who each went 4-for-4 with a double. Charles Kovarik, Tom Rafferty and Guy Bertuzzi each drove in a ninth inning run for Red to tie the score at 13, but Bob Studwell's single, Ray's double and Lenny Segall's clutch single drove in the winning run in the bottom of the inning.

Jim Tiano ran his hit streak to 13 games with two more hits.

On Field 2, Red's Ed O'Connor made two brilliant catches at home plate, scooping low throws to save runs, and also drove in three runs with a long ball over the outfielder's head.

Frank Whitney and Jack Drewiega delivered an insurance run in the bottom of the eighth inning after singles by Tony Martinez,

Ralph Scunziano, Dan Joyce and Roger Martel plus Bob Voigt's double forged a one-run lead, 8-7.

Field 1 Red 12, Blue 5 Field 2 Red 9, White 4

On Field 1, offensive stars Barry Yellets and Bo Voigt each went 4-for-4 with Barry slugging a double and triple, and Bo slugging two doubles to power Red to the victory.

They were aided by the spectacular fielding of left fielder Bob Dembinski, who cut off at least two rallies with running catches of long fly balls.

Reds' defense dominated the game on field two as well, with infielders Don Mandeville (third base), Lenny Segall (shortstop) and Tara Gunning (middle infielder) ranging far and wide to catch pop-ups, smother hard grounders and leap for line drives.

Ray Woolsey continued his hot hitting smacking balls across the entire spectrum of the outfield to garner four hits, two of them doubles.

For White, Charles Kovarik, Richard Mierzejewski and Tom Rafferty each drove balls into the bleachers in left on Field 2 for ground-rule doubles, but in each case Red's defense stiffened and kept the opponents from scoring.

Field 1 Blue 10, Red 7 Field 2 Red 10, White 8

The star of the day was Tara Gunning, who, with two doubles and a long home run well over the outfielders, did what she could to help White's cause.

But Gary Zimmerman's four-hit day and Karen French's double and two singles

trumped Tara's heroics.

Of note is Bill Rafferty whose two hits in his first game in over a year set the table for the Red victory.

Field 1 saw a similar story. Barry Yellets had a great game, but could not overcome the combined excellence of the opponents.

Barry not only had two RBI hits, but made a series of running catches in the outfield to temporarily slow Blue's offense. He was assisted in his efforts by Meg Allen, who was 5-for-5 on the day but was always left stranded on a base.

Gene Abood had a perfect 3-hit day with two doubles at leadoff, Don Mandeville and Ray Woolsey both had three hits and returnee Steve Garvin had a triple and a double to lead Blue to the victory.

Also of note was Ben Branson, who, in his first game back, singled twice, and Karin Robinson who made noteworthy, outstanding, running catches in the outfield.

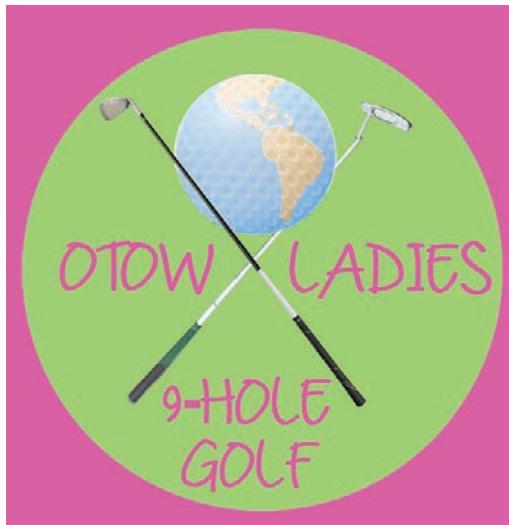
Field 1 Red 12, Blue 10 Field 2 White 8, Red 7

Gene Abood's three-run homer in the eighth inning extended Red's lead to four runs. Blue put together a two-run rally but it was not enough to overcome the deficit.

Gene's perfect four-hit day and was set up by Roger Martel's leadoff double followed by George Morgan's hard single.

On Field 2, Jim Tiano returned from a long absence with a three-hit day and fine play at catcher. His Red team led most of the way, but White clawed back from a three-run deficit when Frank Whitney drove in the tying run in the eighth inning and Barry Yellets launched his fourth hit, a triple deep to right field, to bring home the winner in the ninth inning.

More than 30 news players join 9-hole league



By Paula Ergang

We're growing!

As you can see from the picture, the On Top of the World 9-Hole Ladies Golf League is growing by leaps and bounds, or maybe drives and putts.

We've had more than 30 players on our Tuesday mornings.

Our newest members are Mary Arone, Deb Barnes, Laura Chesson and Mandy Payne. That makes a total of 11 new members so far for our 2024-25 season. And we're happy to welcome them all!

With our larger membership, we should be a sea of pink with green accessories when we march in the OTOW St. Patrick's Day parade March 1. Carole Whynot is our chairperson for the event and is prepping us for this fun day.

The parade will start off our March events. Then our Tuesday events will be: March 4 is Low Gross/Low Net play. March 11 will be President's Cup. March 18 we have our Mystery Hole and March 25 is Count Odd Holes Only followed by end Nine and Wine at the end of the month.



Our 9-Hole Ladies Golf League is growing. This was the line at the first tee.

Here are the latest low scores

Jan. 28

Flight A

Marilyn Lisbon 36, Pat Holland 39, Sue Beals 40, Anne Jarvis 40 and Ann Stewart 42.

Flight B

Sue Stevens 46 and Darilyn Bedel 47.

Flight C

Jan Pettit 43, Lainey Quarello 46, Sheri Blaa 48, Carolyn Lust 48, Joan Yorkery 49, Diana Anderson and Mary Ann O'Neil 50 and Carole Whynot 51.

Flight D

Dorothy Hughes 46, Mandy Payne 47, Sharon Bora 49 and Mary Ellen Makowski 51.

Birdies: Sue Stevens on hole Nos. 1 and 2, Carole Whynot No. 3, Marilyn Lisbon No. 4, Gilda Gambacurta and Anne Jarvis No. 5 and Pat Holland No. 9.

Closest to the Pin on hole No. 4 was Marilyn Lisbon.

February 4 Low Gross/Low Net

Flight A

Shirley Johnson 40, Marilyn Lisbon 40, Sue Beals 41 and Ann Stewart 43.

Flight B

Kathy Aherens 41 and Sue Stevens 48.

Flight C

Diana Anderson 43, Suellen Dowe 44, Lainey Quarello 45, Carroll Harris 46, Carole Whynot 47, Sheri Blaa 48, Sheryl Barbin 46 and Wendy Colquhoun 46.

Flight D

Mary Ellen Makowski 48, Sharon Bora 50 and Laura Chesson 51.

Birdies: Sheryl Barbin, Sharon Bora and Ann Stewart on hole No. 2. Suellen Dowe No. 4. and Shirley Johnson No. 5.

February 11 Low Gross/Low Net

Flight A

Anne Jarvis 38, Paula Ergang 40.

Flight B

Sue Stevens 43, Kathy Aherens 46.

Flight C

Carroll Harris 42, Carole Whynot 47, Suellen Dowe 46, Lainey Quarello 47.

Flight D

Dorothy Hughes 48, Marge Sivek 48, Laura Chesson 53, Mary Arone 54.

Birdies: Sue Stevens on hole No. 3 and Gilda Gambacurta No. 2. Carroll Harris had a one for the books birdie on No. 2. Her drive landed by the shrubs, the second shot went across the fairway by the tree. Then her third shot went in the hole. What a way to end that hole for a birdie!

There's still three months left of the 2024/25 season. If you'd like to try us out, Contact Carroll Harris at 432-528-8684 for information.



SPORTS

Nilson Sabadin wins Club Championship

By Barney Hanrahan

Congratulations to Nilson Sabadin, winner of the 2025 Men's Club Championship.

Nilson shot a 68 and a 65 over the two-day event to win the title. He finished with a gross 133 and a net 119.

Bob McGrogan won the net title with a 118 shooting an 83 and a 79 from Flight D.

In Flight A, Nilson was first with his 119, followed by Fred Peace 127, Mike Walker 129, Barry Pelham 129 and Gary Sandine 130.

In Flight B, Ron LaFond had low net with a 124, followed by David Johnson 126, Daniel Morey 127, Tom Sullivan 127 and Tom Moran 130.

In Flight C, Henry Rejman shot a net 119, followed by David Baldwin 126, Guy Bertuzzi 128, Jack Drewiega 128 and Marc Schell 132.

In Flight D, Bob McGrogan's 118 was low, followed by Vincen Maranto 123, Paul Seggelin 131, Harry Crawford 135 and Sonny Morris 135.

We began the new year with installment of our newest member and president-elect Ron LaFond.

We have been lucky with current weather



MEN'S GOLF ASSOCIATION

and were able to play golf and present the two-man championship on Jan. 29.

In Flight A, first place went to Stanley Doran, 56, followed by Bill Higgins, 58, David Johnson, 64, Fred Peace, 65 and Bill Whipps, 65.

In Flight B, first place went to Barry Pelham, 60, followed by Jim Anzalone, 61,

Jay Schwallie, 63, Roger Amundson, 64 and Andy Polselli, 65.

In Flight C, first place honors went to Len Picone, 60, followed by Daniel Morey, 63, Sal Vasapolle, 64, Mike Smith, 64 and Irving Hernandez, 64.

In Flight D, first place was captured by Guy Bertuzzi, 56, followed by Tim Palmquist, 60, Harry Crawford, 60, Jim Caldwell, 62 and Bob Ellis, 63.

We played a regular round on Feb. 12.

The Flight A winner was Fred Peace, 58, followed by Dale Drenning, 58, Mike Crittenton, 61, George Mead, 62 and Nilson Sabadin, 62.

In Flight B, Bob Beals had low score with a 59, followed by Tom Sullivan, 62, Ron Lafond, 63, Jim Anzalone, 64 and Bill Hae-ner, 65.

In Flight C, low score was shot by Bill Gambacurta, 59, followed by Ken Schoenherr, 60, Jack Drewiega, 62, Jack Sousa, 64, and Marc Schell, 64.

In Flight D, Bob McGrogan shot low round with a 63, followed by Jim Caldwell, 65, Bob Ellis, 68, Jim Valloreo, 68 and John Blanck, 70.



Nilson Sabadin

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We hope we made you laugh

By Valerie Martin

Our Jesters Club would like to thank all the enthusiastic neighbors, family and friends who turned out for our three performances in February of our 2025 "Blast from the Past" show.

It was really heartwarming to hear our audiences clapping and singing along with our acts.

Our performers and our audiences shared the big and frequent laughs that are so needed these days.

We featured our best singers and dancers in some pretty spiffy costumes. Each day the audience was bigger than the day before and once again total attendance was well over 1,000 people.

This year's show was reliant on a lot of dialogue and special lyrics, but our audiences were right there with us all the way as they caught on to all the jokes.

A big thank you to the Entertainment Committees' sound and lighting team for their support.

This year, our three rehearsals a week



The 2025 Jesters behind the curtain.

were a challenge as we had to work around board meetings that needed to be held in the Auditorium. Our cast and crew were very creative, hard working and dedicated to joyously perfecting the performing, costumes, scenery and more.

Director Robyn Kumar, Assistant Director Cheryl Pollack and Stage Manager Mary

Smith were attentive to every detail needed to make the show a reality. It was an honor for me to support the kind and wonderful club members as a fellow performer and Jesters club president.

If you missed our comedy variety show, ask a neighbor to fill you in. We featured a variety of acts reminiscent of favorite TV

shows and commercials, but with a fun spin that only the Jesters can add.

Many people said the show brought back warm memories for them.

Our seasoned performers and our new members carried on the great Jesters tradition of bringing joy and laughter.

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Community

Ask Chris Dodge about his 20-course dinner in Omakase

Clearwater to Japan and a ton of sightseeing in between

Chris Dodge has had a bucket list of travels in his lifetime and his number one, dai-ichi, was at the top of his adventure list until recently -- now it's a reality.

From Austrian Alpine building to Japan, Chris got to visit all of his favorite places in Tokyo, Kyoto, Osaka and Hiroshima.

Chris is a "foodie" and appropriately he experienced a 20-course Omakase dinner in Japan, which turned out to exceed his expectations.

Chris told me that it was the most amazing experience and possibly his favorite part of his adventure.

Imagine being in the middle of the busiest and most world-famous pedestrian crossing on the planet - Shibuya. Well, it lived up to the hype for Chris.

Mt Fuji, an active volcano, and also the tallest peak in Japan, was foggy on the day he visited. Although disappointed by the visibility, he was eventually rewarded with a magnificent display of sparkling colors of a sunset around Mt Fuji - all from his seat aboard an airplane returning him home.

I can attest to the beauty of Mt Fuji from Chris' photography, which is suitable for framing. His pictures captured all his favorite moments.

Thank you (doumo arigatou gozaimasu) Chris, for sharing this adventure with us.

Back in Clearwater, neighbors and several friends attended a building dinner at Saki, an Asian favorite and hibachi restaurant, for



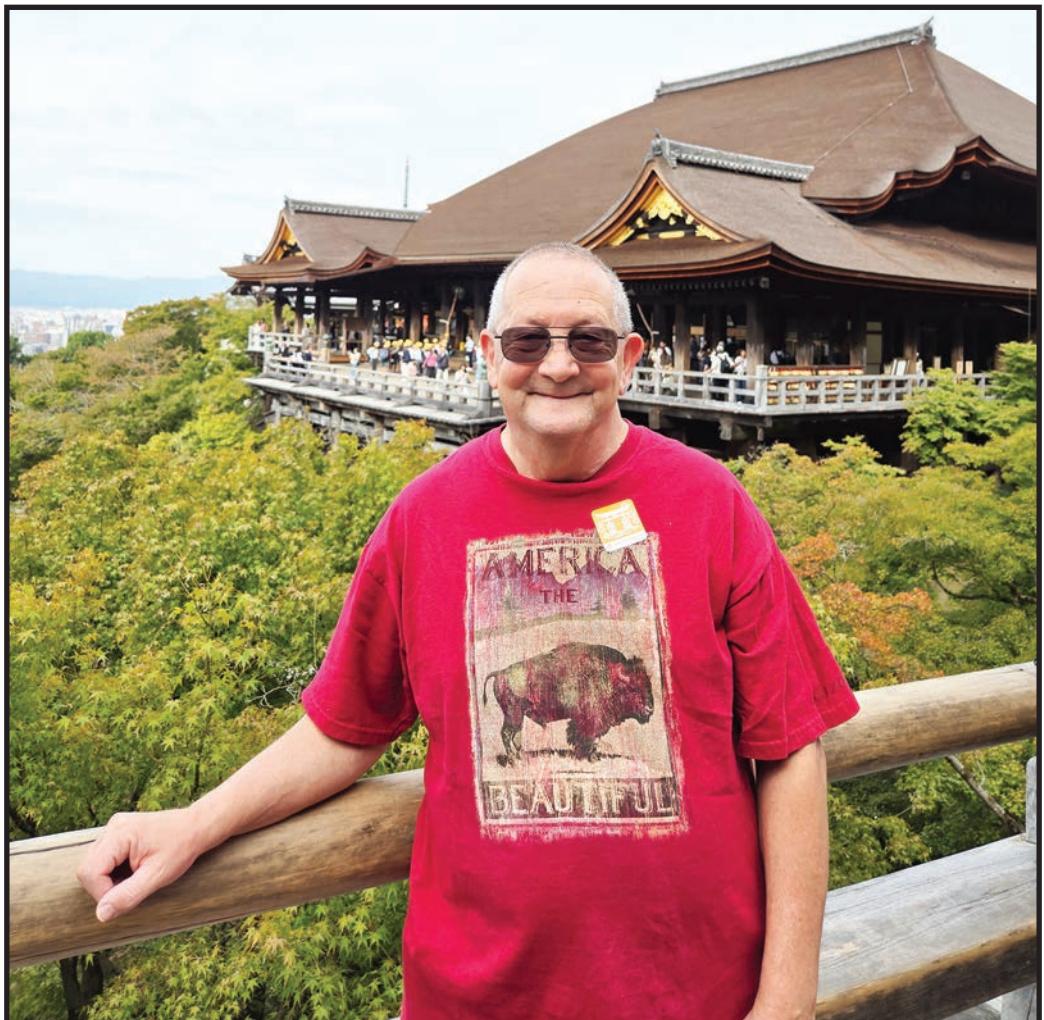
endless sushi.

Kathy Ahrens and Lenny Segal hosted the activity. Thank you Kathy and Lenny.

Everyone enjoyed the dinner and sampling of a variety of foods from the menu, but quickly realized that socializing and eating can fill one's belly quickly.

While it wasn't a 20-course Omakase dinner, it was a comical combination of laughter, curiosity about what the menu offered and complaining about all the food that took up THE table scape.

For all that we do in our daily lives, and how we interact with our neighbors, I think it's worth saying thank you TO all our neighbors and volunteers who are positive and friendly and make for a safe and friendly space for us to live.



Chris Dodge visiting Sanju-san-gen-do Temple in Kyoto, Japan.

Bedford couldn't wait until March 17



Fourteen residents from the Bedford building gathered together to celebrate St. Patrick's Day early. There was fun, laughter, fellowship, food and drink for all. Attending at O'Keefe's Tavern were, Phyllis Dumdie, Robin and Dave Becker, Kathy Alexander, Richard Huovinen, Sally Herman, Jerry Jordan, Sandi and Clarence Cole, Alan and Barbara Wong, Connie Pope, and Joe and Cindy Popelik.



March 2000

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

By Randa Van Denover

World Event

The great jubilee of the year 2000 included a day of prayer for forgiveness of the sins of the church on March 12, 2000. Pope John Paul II asked for forgiveness for the sins of the Roman Catholic Church in a ceremony at St. Peter's Basilica. The pope's apology was unprecedented, as it was the first time a pope had called for a sweeping pardon for past and present wrongs.

Financial News

The surge of information technology and personal computers coincided with the longest period of economic expansion in the United States after World War II. Its dot-com bubble led the NASDAQ index to peak of 5,048 on March 10, 2000. Cash-strapped start-ups popped up and panic selling spread through the market. The NASDAQ lost nearly 80 percent of its value by the following October. The NASDAQ would only reach a new all-time high 15 years later, on April 23, 2015.

U.S. News

In the same year their fictional counterparts cloned Arnold Schwarzenegger in the movie, "The 6th Day," real-life scientists managed to pull off the same procedure for pigs. In March of 2000, PPL Therapeutics, British biotech researchers at its laboratories in Blacksburg, Va., successfully cloned five healthy piglets. The goal is to breed genetically modified pigs that could provide organs for human transplants. This marked the first step in a long process that eventually saw the first successful pig-to-human kidney transplant in 2021.

Sports News

March 2 - New Zealand was only the second country in 150 years to successfully defend America's Cup. Team New Zealand beat Italian yacht Prada Challenge for a 5-0 series sweep. Plus, New Zealand's famous yacht "Black Magic" was the first-ever America's Cup defense by non-Americans.

Music News

Rock and Roll Hall of Fame inductees were announced from March 6 - 15 and included Nat King Cole, who died in 1965. His music and career had received numerous posthumous honors. Nat King Cole holds spots in multiple positions of honor. He managed great success in a divided America.

TV News

Six cast members from the TV sitcom Friends signed a two-year contract with each actor earning \$750,000 per episode, up from the \$125,000 they made previously.

The 16th annual Soap Opera Digest Awards named General Hospital as the Favorite soap opera. It holds the record for most Daytime Emmy Awards for an outstanding drama series, with 14 wins. General Hospital is listed in Guinness Book of World Records as the longest-running American soap opera in production.

Florida News

Floral, Ala., resident Mary Watson rejoiced with the finding of her class ring which was lost in 1959 and returned to her March 1, 2000. A Naples woman, whose daughter found the ring in New York in the 1970s, used the internet to help locate the ring's rightful owner.



Ann Setkowicz

Azores salutes our very special resident - Ann Setkowicz

Ann Setkowicz is a giver.

She has been the Azores building captain since 2019. Before then she was the building secretary.

Ann has organized our building with updated building directories, email directories, New Year's Day get-togethers and she updates us on who is hospitalized, where to visit them, and how to send get well cards to ill residents.

She puts building updates on our core bulletin board and keeps us well informed.

She also organizes our yearly Pavilion picnic and makes information packets for new building residents.

During the COVID lockdown, she posted a different joke or cartoon on the Azores bulletin board every day for 10 months. It was her way of giving everyone a smile and eased the sense of isolation.

Ann loves making people laugh and she always added some humor to her patient care. Doctor Ann has been a practicing dentist since 1968. She has been with HEP Dental Clinic and Staff in the Homeless Empowerment Program since 2016. She recently retired from the program. She volunteered 740 hours during that time. The value of the pro-



cedures she performed was valued by HEP at \$499,306 and the value of her volunteer time was \$259,175. She treated 845 patients.

Ann recently received a wonderful certificate and trophy that revealed how much she meant to the program. She is not done volunteering yet. She is now helping out in a thrift store.

Thank you Ann for your service to the community Azores building captain. We are all proud of you.



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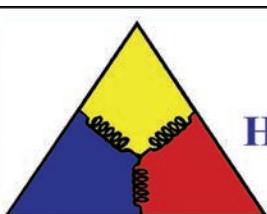


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Residents from the Rizal building would like to thank Susan Sorrentino for her many years of service as the building treasurer!

In fact, Susan left such large shoes to fill that we have two people stepping into the building treasurer position.

Thank you, Susan, for your service.

Our new building treasurers are Mona Markey and Charlie Lorenzetti.

Building dues for 2025 are now being collected. Dues are \$10 per person and can be given to either of the building treasurers, or the building coordinators, Mike and Charlie Wood.

Your building dues are used for the purchase of items such as holiday decorations, pizza for lunch for the decorating volunteers, American flags for our two flag poles and we are now looking into replacing our building's 49-year old mailboxes.

Several residents have had issues with their mailboxes from doors not closing to needing a replacement lock, to the mailbox fronts needing reattachment. We appreciate the residents who have helped keep the mailboxes together.



Replacing our mailboxes will be rather expensive, although we ask our residents to please keep in mind that if you lived in a single family home and needed to replace your mailbox with a lockable door, it would cost anywhere from \$30 to \$200.

We hope that all building residents will participate in donating to the building fund so that we can handle this very needed expenditure.

Here are some other items brought to light at our meeting, as well as items we heard residents mention at some of the recent On Top of the World Association Board meetings:

Second and third floor residents, please remember that everything outside your front door is common area and not your personal storage space. Outdoor furniture is allowed only if it is not protruding into the walkway.

Other items such as beach towels, clothing, shoes, trash bags, mops, brooms and buckets etc. are not to be left outside nor hung on the railing.

Do not park in a parking space belonging to another resident without his or her permission.

Also, visitors' parking spaces are there for visitors to the building. Visitor spaces are not intended to be used by residents who have more than one vehicle.

Also, if you are going to be away, do not leave your vehicle taking up a visitor parking space. Please keep in mind that people "visiting" your neighbors could include home health aids, cleaning people, construc-

tion and repair workers as well as family and friends of your neighbors, who could be elderly and need a close parking space. Please use on-street parking if you have multiple vehicles.

Recycling bins are only to be used for recyclable items like aluminum and steel cans, No. 1 and No. 2 plastic bottles and containers, paper - including junk mail, magazines, and flattened cardboard boxes.

Please flatten all boxes. Plastic bags are not to be put in our recycle bins as they can contaminate a batch of recyclables. Empty your recyclables into the bins and throw away your plastic bags. Glass is not recyclable at OTOW although it can be taken to recycle center on Hercules Avenue, a mere five minute drive.

Please remember that door mats are not allowed outside second and third floor condos. They can be a walkway trip hazard and also impede first responders.

Thank you for helping to keep our building appealing.

Library now open a third day

By Roy Lemnus

The On Top of the World Library is now open on Thursdays from 10 a.m. to noon.

For the last eight months, there were only four volunteers covering the library on Mondays from 10 a.m. - noon and Wednesdays from 1-3 p.m. But through word of mouth, eight new volunteers have stepped forward.

After training, the library has been able to add another day.

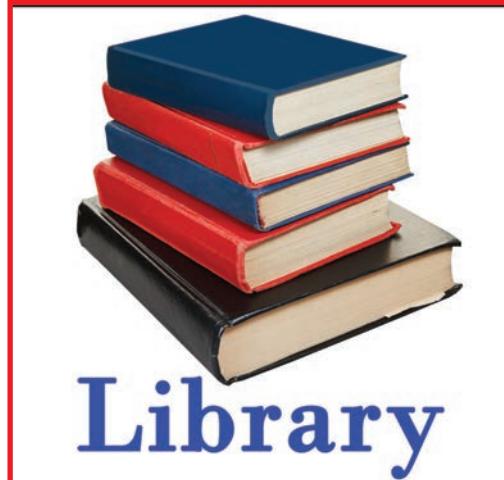
What do we offer?

Your community library buys three to four books per month that are on the best sellers list.

The annual cost to join the library is \$5. This money is used to buy new books. We try to purchase large print books first then regular print. Most large print books are \$38 and regular print \$30.

At the present time, your community library has more than 2,500 books for checkout. We also have books that our residents donate that we sell four-for-\$1.

We have more than 475 books that are



free for the taking.

Please see our monthly library ad in this newspaper for the newest books.

We would also like to thank the Good Neighbors Association for a \$200 annual donation they provide us.

We are not subsidized by OTOW. We survive by library card costs and donations by residents.

Emerald Isle uses survey to plan for next season

Our annual Emerald Isle building meeting was held this year outdoors on the Rhodesian Drive side of the building.

We had an excellent turnout of building residents.

Cheryl Butcher chaired the meeting and provided pizza and a wonderful salad. Many of our residents contributed some really delicious desserts.

We spent some time talking about all of the activities the building had sponsored during 2024.

Cheryl passed out a questionnaire which she asked everyone to fill out. The purpose was to find out what activities were enjoyed from this year and what types of activities they would like to see in 2025. She will be reporting back to us once she compiles all the information.

On a funny note, while we were having the meeting and everyone was seated, the automatic sprinkler system went off and some of us got pretty wet.

Jennifer Hanson has decided not to continue as treasurer this year and so I will pick up the responsibility, effective Jan. 1.

We adjourned our meeting and continued to socialize as a group. We all had a really good time.



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At left, Raj Khatri celebrates his 90th birthday surrounded by three of his daughters.

Above, Marge Sivek (left) and Theresa Jablonski show off a home-made quilt raffled off at the Modernage annual meeting. Proceeds went to the Irish Club parade.

Raj Khatri and his red scooter arrive for a 90th birthday party

By Deborah Russell
and Marge Sivek

Raj Khatri grandly celebrated his 90th birthday with a group of 70 people which included family, friends and colleagues.

Raj made a grand entrance at the Pavilion on his bright red electric scooter. The scooter was decorated with many balloons and a large birthday sign that everyone autographed.

Everyone clapped their hands while cheering for Raj as he drove through and greeted his guests.

His family came to town from as far away as Michigan and included all of his chil-

dren, except one. Many great-grandchildren attended, including the youngest boy, 19 months old.

Two bands provided entertainment for this wonderful, lively party. Jon-E Live Music band played classic favorites and family members, Raina and Daniel McNeal, played the fiddle and guitar, featuring lively Irish dance tunes.

The event was catered by India Bistro and Raj's daughters provided some extra home-prepared dishes. The music, laughter, and food were neverending.

This was truly a grand, memorable party! Modernage held its annual meeting on

Jan. 18 with pizza in the Belleair Room. Annual building dues were discussed and wing captains volunteered to collect money.

Barbara Lenzi reported that our building is planning on holding a tea party in March. Watch the building bulletin board for details.

Barbara also said a building barbecue will be planned for April in order to send our Snowbirds home on a positive note.

During the annual meeting, Marge Sivek's daughter, Theresa Jablonski, donated a home-made quilt for a raffle. The winner was Mary Kennely. Proceeds will be given to the Irish Club for the parade.



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Ottoman gets new building reporter

It is with great pleasure that I am introducing myself as the new reporter for the Ottoman building, No. 27.

My husband, Perry, and I purchased our condo in February of 2024 and moved here in November.

Being a reporter is right up my alley as I spent more than 20 years as a correspondent for the Daytona Beach News-Journal. I interviewed school children and adults for columns, and wrote public interest stories.

I was raised in St. Petersburg, where I still have family, and Perry and I attended high school there together.

My thoughts about Clearwater at that time were not positive. I was a swimmer on our high school's swim team, and the Clearwater High School swim team consistently beat us.

Perry played football and "blew out his knee" during a game at Clearwater High School.

Almost 50 years later, my first thought of relocating to Clearwater was, "No way, I don't like Clearwater."

However, now I absolutely love the area and am so thankful to be here. I even consider the possibility of watching a high school football game or swim meet at Clearwater High.

Also, I enjoy working part time for my sister, Debbie, as we cater gelato and coffee with her business Paciugo, which is located on Beach Street in St. Petersburg.

Perry and I enjoy practicing our golf skills on the On Top of the World nine hole course. We enjoy watching spring training baseball games, checking out local eating es-



tablishments and cheering on the horses at Tampa Bay Downs. We may be seen riding our bikes on the local trails, or walking our black labradoodle, Allie.

I will be returning to Hiawassee, Ga., in April for a few months to welcome my 10th grandchild. My daughter, a mother of boys, will be having her first daughter the first of May. I also have a son and daughter-in-law in Helen, Ga., and a daughter and son-in-law in Deland, Fla.

Perry and I are selling our bed and breakfast business in Hiawassee, so we will be occasionally returning to the area for a period of time. If we are not here, Ottoman residents are still free to share their article ideas with me. You are welcome to email me at lindasweaver@gmail.com, or call my cell at 706 200-0187. I will look forward to hearing from you and gathering your information to share with our neighbors.

Linda Weaver and sister, Debbie, operate a coffee stand on Beach Street in St. Petersburg.

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Preparing for the Chinese New Year

By Mary Connolly

On Jan. 21, the Melbourne building enjoyed a Chinese luncheon at Ha Long Bay. There were 24 residents and guests in attendance.

Since we were at a Chinese restaurant and the Chinese New Year was approaching, we decided to explore the Chinese Zodiac which has a 60 year cycle as opposed to the one year cycle of the Western zodiac.

We searched a chart to determine our animal and element and learned a bit about our zodiac personalities.

Three residents were snakes, which is the animal of the coming New Year. These residents - Olga Lambri, Helen Valentine and Bernie Weber - were presented a gift of an orange symbolizing good luck in the New Year.

Although the ladies were reluctant to pose with the rubber snake for the photo, Bernie bravely wore the snake around his neck.

We also used this opportunity to welcome our newest resident, Brenda Quick,



and sing Happy Birthday to Shirlee Ward, who happened to be celebrating her birthday that day.

Residents are reminded that building captains are collecting dues. Upcoming events include a Feb. 18 social in the core and our annual St Patrick Day after the parade picnic on our World Parkway lawn.



Olga Lambri, Bernie Weber and Helen Valentine have something in common with the year of the snake. In fact, Bernie wore a snake.

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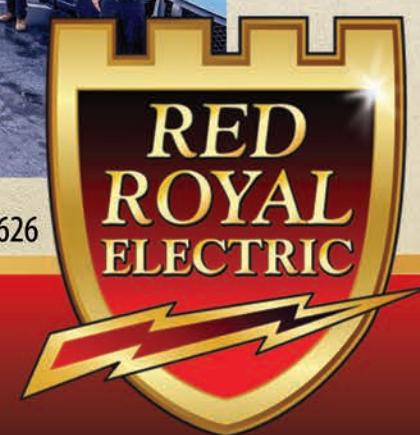


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You may not see the herbs in your gourmet dinner, but they are there

Common Everyday Herbs

Herbs are a widely distributed and widespread group of plants used everyday for cooking and garnishing final dishes.

Basil

There are seemingly endless ways to use fresh basil leaves, but for rookies, start by chopping them into thin strips and adding them right into salad greens.

Minced or whole basil leaves can be used to garnish almost any Mediterranean dish, including soups, pasta dishes, pizzas and sandwiches.

Make a fresh pesto recipe using pine nuts, olive oil, lemon juice, capers, garlic, sea salt and, of course, as much basil as possible.



Any condo unit can have an herb garden. Just find a patio or window and get creative.

There are a few untraditional ways to use extra basil, one of which includes making candied basil leaves. Brush basil leaves with egg whites and sprinkle them with sugar. Use these to garnish desserts like ice cream, baked goods, strawberry shortcake and fruit salads.

Sage

Some might recognize sage for its use as a color, but there is much more to this herb.

The herb is soft in texture, almost like felt or velvet. It's quite fragrant and can be eaten cooked, dried or raw.

Dried you can find it crumbled or even powdered with a spongy appearance similar to fine sawdust.

Fresh sage leaves, however, are quite pleasant when



lightly fried in hot oil or butter. It becomes crispy and is often paired with butter over pasta.

In fact, the two are so bound at the hip that you can even buy sage-infused butter at specialty markets.

You may even find it in apple sage and Thanksgiving stuffing.

Beyond its flavorful abilities, sage has been more than just a culinary staple. In fact, it's been used medicinally and was an important herb during the age of the Roman Empire. Native Americans also used it medicinally as well as in rituals.

Parsley

Even if someone isn't curious and experimental, and herbs are an afterthought, it's safe to say they've come across parsley.

Beautiful and lively, it is frequently used as a garnish to make a visually bland meal pop.

Chances are, if you get a fancy plate at a restaurant, it will be accompanied by a frilly sprig of parsley leaves. That's parsley. While it is beautiful, it has much more to than looks alone.

Rosemary

When it comes to strong, fragrant and intense herbs, look no further than rosemary.

It's bitter when consumed raw, but once heated it attains a piney, citrus, sage and even lavender flavor to it.

Rosemary leaves look a little bit like pine needles, but are great for growing out of a tall stem.

Rosemary is popularly paired with game meat like lamb, turkey, quail, rabbit, goat and venison.

If planning on doing a little grilling with wood chips, toss the herb right into the smoker to help infuse it with a mellow flavor.

Sprigs can also be used to garnish roasted vegetables and potatoes. Also worth noting: Raw rosemary is great for garnishing mixed drinks.

Dill

This delicate herb is perhaps most usually recognized as the flavor that accompanies pickles.

It also is used to making cured salmon for lox.

It's also popular when used to flavor potatoes, chicken, tuna and chickpea salads because of its refreshing, citrusy and grassy undertones.

Dill can help make any dish feel fresher and lighter. In fact, a tangy tzatziki sauce or creamy vegan dill dip recipe can be used not only to dunk fresh vegetables in a hot summer day, but also as a flavorful and refreshing spread on a veggie-packed sandwich.

Oregano

At almost any pizza parlor across the country, you'll find three specific side items sitting on the table - parmesan cheese, red hot pepper flakes and dried oregano.

Oregano is quite versatile and is frequently used in South American and Mediterranean dishes. It's spicy and peppery, and very fragrant in both dried and fresh versions. The plant has small hearty leaves that when crushed or toasted let out a strong, unforgettable scent.

Thyme

Thyme is slightly lemony and earthy. It even has mild minty undertones which are sometimes detectable, especially when consumed raw.

This refreshing, light flavor profile is able to hold its own with bold flavors and gamey meats and can be found in popular dishes like chicken noodle soup and shepherd's pie.

Tarragon

Tarragon is a culinary herb that is known for its glossy, skinny leaves and aromatic flavor.

The most common type used in cooking is the French variety.

Tarragon is an ingredient in many French dishes, including Béarnaise sauce, and because of its delicate flavor pairs well with fish, chicken and eggs.

In France, tarragon is referred to as "the king of herbs" because of its ability to elevate a dish and is one of four herbs in the France mixture. Fines herbes is a combination of parsley, tarragon, chervil and chives.

Cilantro

Did you know that some folks think cilantro tastes horrible?

There is a scientific reason and it results in them thinking cilantro tastes like soap.

Other people, of course, find cilantro to be refreshing, light, grassy and citrusy. As it turns out, genetics are to blame, not your palate.

Respect veggies - they really do reduce the risk of some health issues



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Acute inflammation is the body's normal and helpful response to an immediate injury.

It brings increased blood flow to the injured area, which includes immune cells to start the healing process.

However, chronic inflammation is a different story. This happens when inflammation becomes a constant state. Then it becomes a threat to our health. It becomes a source of pain. It becomes a risk to serious diseases, such as Type II diabetes, heart issues or cancer.

The Science

Chronic inflammation can be lessened by lifestyle choices, such as better eating habits. Vegetables are an excellent strategy to fighting inflammation. They are core to lowering inflammation due to their photochemical nutrients which function as anti-oxidants that neutralize radical cells in the body.

The more colorful the vegetables and the wider the variety of vegetables, the lower the chronic inflammation. (1)

Vegetables are also an important source of fiber, which is shown to correlate to a lower level of inflammation. (2)

Cruciferous vegetables are some of the most important vegetables to consume to combat inflammation. Examples of these vegetables include: cabbage, Savoy cabbage, cauliflower, broccoli, kale and more.

For every 100 grams of cruciferous vegetables consumed daily, the risk of cardiovascular disease decreased by 11 percent and the risk of all-cause mortality decreases by 10 percent. (3)

Root vegetables and green-leafy vegetables are also important, as is eating both raw



and cooked vegetables.

There are other strategies to lower inflammation. Regular exercise is key. Stress is closely correlated to inflammation.

So, seek out ways to lower your stress reaction to life. Avoid alcohol, reduce the consumption of ultra processed foods and lose weight.

Nutritional Value

Smaller size households can experience more difficulty in maintaining a variety of fresh vegetable, thus it might be smarter to buy frozen vegetables.

Fresh vegetables can spoil if not used promptly. Fresh vegetables, when stored long in the refrigerator, experience deterioration of nutrient values. However, fresh produce has both superior flavor and texture, when ripe and their freshness can be preserved.

Frozen vegetables often save you money

as fresh vegetables tend to be more expensive.

Frozen vegetables are more nutritious than fresh because they are frozen on site when they are picked at optimum freshness. Fresh vegetables are typically harvested prior to ripeness and are also exposed to heat and light during transportation from the farm to the store which can degrade nutrients.

Chopping, dicing and shredding vegetables takes lots of time. A package of pre-prepped frozen vegetables can save you time on food prep.

Avoid frozen vegetables made with sauces or dressings that will up the artery-clogging saturated fat.

Casseroles became popular in the United States in the 20th century, especially in the

1950s, when new forms of lightweight metal and glass cookware became available.

A casserole can be a modern-day chef's version of a production line. Casseroles often feed 4-6 people.

For a small household, a casserole can be convenient for dividing up into separate individual servings or freezing to create meals for later.

This creamy broccoli and cauliflower chicken casserole is a colorful dinner that is sure to please a crowd. The vegetables in this casserole are among the most powerful anti-inflammatory vegetables in the world.

LINKS

- (1) my.clevelandclinic.org
- (2) pmc.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov
- (3) nutrivore.com

Creamy Broccoli Cauliflower and Chicken Casserole

Ingredients

- 2 chicken breasts, boneless and skinless
- 4 cups frozen broccoli/cauliflower florets
- ¼ cup slices of roasted red peppers or diced pimento
- ½ cup shredded Sharp Cheddar cheese
- ½ cup shredded Colby Jack cheese
- 1 cup sour cream
- 1 teaspoons Dijon mustard
- 1 teaspoon minced garlic
- ½ cup chopped onion
- ½ teaspoon salt
- ¼ teaspoon ground pepper
- ½ cup pan dripping *
- 2 cups cooked brown rice
- 2 cups sauteed skinless, boneless chicken breast, sliced into chunks

Directions

1. Preheat oven to 375°F. Coat a 9-by-13-inch baking dish with cooking spray.
2. Cook rice per package directions.
3. Sauté chicken and chopped onions. Season with favorite Italian spices. Cut cooked breasts into bite-size chunks.
4. Steam broccoli and cauliflower until tender, five minutes. Gently stir once to rotate veggies from bottom to top. Remove from heat.
5. Meanwhile, stir Sharp Cheddar cheese, sour cream, pan drippings, mustard, minced garlic, salt and pepper plus roasted red peppers in a large bowl until completely com-

bined.

6. Add the broccoli, rice, and chicken; gently fold with a rubber spatula until evenly coated and no clumps of cheese remain. Spread the mixture in the prepared baking dish; top with the Colby Jack cheese. Cover tightly with foil.
7. Bake about 30 minutes. If you prefer, separate into four individual serving containers and freeze. Thaw before heating 30 minutes.

Pan Dripping

When you cook meat in a skillet, you'll find a beautiful brown or dark coating at the bottom of the pan. You can also find small bits of browned (not burnt) meat. There are a lot of flavors in these scrapings and the easiest way to unlock that flavor is by deglazing.

First, drain off any fat or grease that may remain after removing the meat. Then, place the skillet on the stove over medium

heat. Add wine, broth or water and gently stir, scraping the bottom of the pan with a spatula to remove all the brown bits and coating. That liquid is now highly flavorful and can be added to the finished dish.

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.)

Past "Butcher Block" and "Science of Cooking" columns can be revisited by going to the Box Office website. The link is below.



otowboxoffice.com (look for the Past Recipes link)

Bavarian Chalet has the best building captains - in our opinion



I have shared with you numerous times how Bavarian Chalet and a group of residents make up our six building captains.

I decided I would like to share their names and what each person's role on the team is in making our building the best.

Joanne Wallend is the president and treasurer and certainly the leader of our team. She gives so much time and energy to help our team improve our building.

Betty Spoerl is the vice president and secretary and the keeper of the "Treasured Book" which contains resident's information and phone numbers to call in case of emergencies. She is the person who calls building captain meetings and shares information via text if she receives things that need to be addressed.

Madeleine Fontaine is our building greeter and delivers gifts to all new residents. Madeleine makes sure the bike room is in order and all storage rooms comply with the fire ordinance. She also watches over the trash/recycle room making sure all boxes are broken down.

Yvonne Rodriguez is our computer per-



Bavarian Chalet building captains Nancy Niewelt, Diane Kozojed, Betty Spoerl, Joanne Wallend, Yvonne Rodriguez and Madeleine Fontaine.

son. She sends out email blasts and keeps email addresses updated.

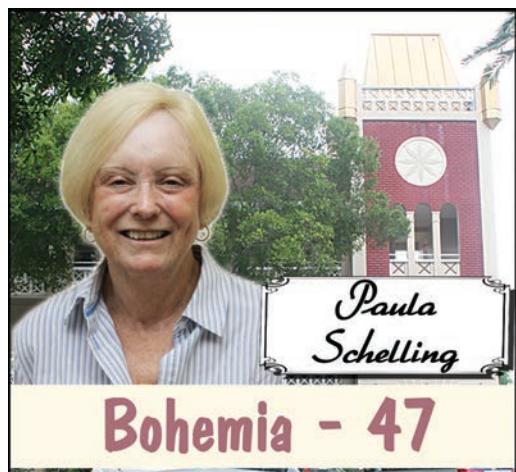
Nancy Niewelt is our building decorator and makes our corridor welcoming to all who enter. She updates our bulletin board

and our big board for each season. We are blessed to have such a talented lady on our team.

Our newest captain is Diana Kozojed who brings so much talent and experience

for party planning our large groups. Our residents and guests saw the beauty of her work at our Christmas party.

Yes, Bavarian Chalet is the best and our team of captains help make it that way.



Residents working together on activity calendar for 2025

Seven years ago, our building drafted bylaws for all of our residents to achieve common goals for our building. These bylaws have reached the goal for which they were intended.

Last month we had our annual building meeting at which all residents were able to sign up for committees they were interested in.

One stipulation in our laws is that an activity calendar for the year be drafted and posted within two weeks of the annual meeting. An ambitious group got together and miraculously achieved the

goal. We thank them for their time and effort put forth in creating what looks to be an exciting year.

The first activity was a wine and cheese party on Valentine's Day. This event was highly successful as the weather cooperated and 50 residents came out to mingle and enjoy each other's company.

March is here and with it are two slated events we can look forward to during the month and hope to share with all of you in April.

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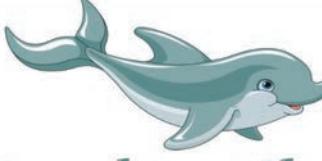
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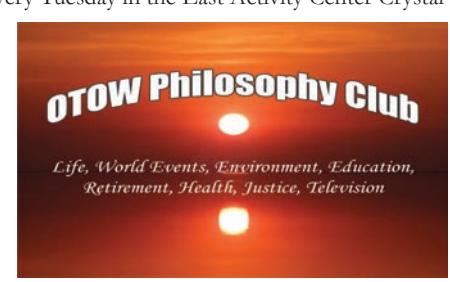


Shuffleboard is open to all OTOW residents with a valid activity card.
If you attend during club hours, you can use our equipment.
Outside of club hours, you must have your own equipment.

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.



Social Dance

Social Dance allows students to select the dances they want to learn. Howard Wolff will teach any resident with a valid activity card. Classes are 1-3 pm every Thursday in the West Activity Center Belleair Room.

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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Mah Jongg in a condo

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(Please note there is no longer a designated men's league. All are welcome.)

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



Ruth Pittman, bottom left, teaches a class in the East Activity Center Exercise Room.

If you want proof Tai Chi is a benefit, just meet our Rural French neighbor Ruth Pittman

We live in a community that is full of interesting people. Do you think you really know your neighbors?

In Rural French, we have Ruth Pittman, a 35 year resident of On Top of the World.

Until I had my newspaper interview with Ruth, she was just a neighbor in our building. What a surprise I got as I learned of her interesting and productive life. You just never know the life stories of some people.

You may know Ruth as our Tai-Chi, Chi-Kung and Qigong instructor. Ruth will be 90 years old in June and she is very proud to tell people of her age.

Ruth is one of 12 children and a true Floridian, who has lived in Florida all but three years of her life. Those three years she was away and spent in Atlanta. Ruth was on a work assignment for AT&T. That's the company that she eventually retired from after 35 years of service.

The position she held was at a higher level then any of the technical AT&T trainers. Once retired, AT&T brought her back into the workforce as a consultant. Her ex-



Ruth had her hand in the making of United States history. She was assigned to the Kennedy Space Center (now called Cape Canaveral) in an official capacity when the first man landed on the moon. Her duties and responsibilities were to ensure that the NASA employees knew how to use and operate the equipment supplied by AT&T. If there were

any problems, she was there for guidance and to help correct the issues.

If you know Ruth, you know how healthy she looks. But how can that be at age 90? Ruth's secret is Tai-Chi and Chi-Kung.

No! That's not her lunch, dinner or diet.

It's her method of relaxation and exercise. Ruth holds the title of a "Certified Master Trainer." That gives her the power to certify others to be instructors in the art of Tai-Chi and Chi-Kung.

The Master Trainer certification is one that very few people have in their resume. Ruth had to invest about \$50,000 and a lot of training and time to gain the knowledge and experience to become a Master Trainer. Those are credentials Ruth is very proud of.

What are we talking about?

Chi-Kung is level one. The beginning of your journey. Classes are on Tuesdays and Thursday from 3-4 p.m. Chi-Kung is over 5,000 years old and practiced by Monks for relaxation and exercise.

Tai-Chi is over 2,000 years old and is used for exercise and self defense. Ruth be-

lieves it's originally from the Eastern part of the world. She teaches Tai-Chi classes Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 3:15 to 4 p.m. All of Ruth's classes are held in the East Activity Center Exercise Room. This is the only room Ruth has ever used for classes since she began teaching in 2004.

The mirrored wall and the room's comfortable atmosphere made it her perfect place for relaxing the mind and body.

Did I mention that all of Ruth's classes are free? She teaches for the love of helping others. This art that she teaches consists of movement, breathing and meditation which helps the life energy flow through the body.

What do you think?

Ruth has a sister who also lives in OTOW and is 94 years old. They come from a family of 12 children. These two girls were the only ones in their family practicing this art. They are still here, looking good and staying healthy. That's enough to make me a believer.

See for yourself. Stop in class to meet and talk to Ruth. It could end up being a life changer for you.

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Granadians celebrate February at GrillSmith.

Join Granadians in welcoming home heroes on April 15

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We celebrated birthdays, anniversaries, Valentines, family and friends!

We had wonderful food and we look forward to future monthly lunches together. We had 27 people and it was so much fun!

We will hold our next building lunch at Joey's New York Pizza and Restaurant, 30681 US Highway North in Palm Harbor. We will meet at 2. Sign up so we can make reservations.

Honor Flight alert!

On Tuesday, April 15, please join the celebration to honor a plane load of heroes returning to the St. Pete-Clearwater Airport about 7:30 p.m. Please join the crowd. There will be music, cheers, hugs and, oh yes, tears.

Linda Faust is a member of the OTOW Veterans Club. These veterans know they are heroes and in today's world we need heroes. We need to show them our appreciation.

Many veterans lacked prompt recognition or received no recognition when they returned home. Let's show our support and give them a warm welcome home.

Call Linda Faust if you would like to get a building group together.



Granada - 40

We will meet and greet on the "Green" on March 27, from 4-5 p.m. Bring a chair, your favorite beverage, and any comments or questions that you would like to share that would be helpful to our fellow neighbors.

Many residents have guests visiting for spring break and holidays. Please be considerate and mindful of their friends and family.

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Our newest residents didn't want to shovel - imagine that!

Happy spring neighbors!
Let's enjoy the extra sunshine and the Theater Workshop show.

Throw a tennis ball and enjoy the warmth.

Pictured at right are the George and Mary Ellen Mead. George is a native of Rome, N.Y., and Mary Ellen is a Jersey girl.

Mitzi is their beloved kitty and Bella is their beloved dog. They are a marvelous addition to the Villa family.

Upon retiring, George and Mary Ellen wanted to trade the chilly North for swaying palms. Mary Ellen was househunting in Florida while George cruised the internet for places.

George found On Top of the World online. They both agreed OTOW checked all the boxes that came on their wish list, including golf and close by to family.

George's sister resides at the Ocala OTOW campus with lovely surroundings, handy to everything, loads of activities and as George said, "no lawn care or snow shoveling."

We're all glad they found our corner of Paradise.

OTOW residents have a great deal of talent. The Jesters show in February was fun and the cast played to a full house for their performances.

This month it's Theater Workshop's turn and it promises to be another great evening. Tickets are available at the door.

I would like to thank all the folks who donate tennis balls to the OTOW Dog Park. The pooches have a grand time with



them.

While on the subject of our great dog park, we certainly do get our exercise trying to open the stubborn inner gate. Can be a two person job.

Thank you to whomever left the cozy gray sweatshirt downstairs. Took my dog Kevin out for a walk not realizing how cold it was - the shirt was so appreciated.

Do you want it back?

Daylight savings time is upon us meaning more sunshine in the evening. This is also a good time to change smoke alarm batteries while doing clocks.

I would like to say thank you to Parkway Management crews for all they do for the Villa. We truly appreciate your efforts.

Anniversary and birthday wishes to all celebrants, especially to the keeper of our bulletin board, Connie McDonald. Till next we meet, happy St. Patrick's Day and enjoy the parade.



George and Mary Ellen Mead with Bella and Mitzi.

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Sunday March 9th
1:00 pm until 5:00 pm
East Activity Center Auditorium

Tickets on sale at the East Activity Center Auditorium on Mondays and Thursdays from 8:30 AM until 10:30 AM at The Good Neighbors and The New York/New Jersey Club Tables

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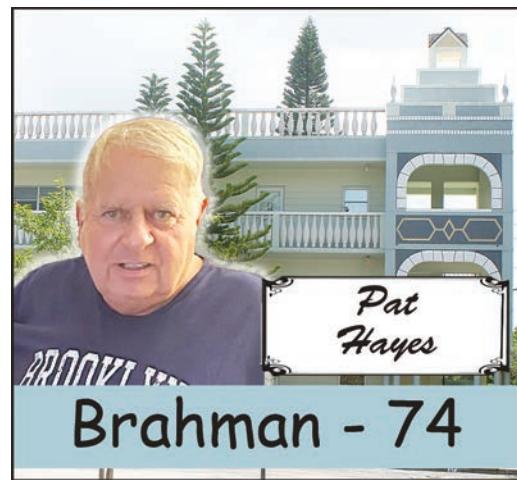
Spring Flea Market & Craft Fair

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

East Activity Center Auditorium

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

Pizza is a good way to celebrate birthdays



Can thirty residents from the Brahman building get along for two hours?

They can if there are birthday cakes to be shared.

Many thanks to Gloria Sayer for organizing our Jan. 28 birthday party.

Gloria made the reservation for the back room at Queen's Pizza and put up the signup sheet in the core. Even better, she brought the birthday cake to celebrate the January birthdays.

Congratulations to both Bud Sayer and Doris Edwards and thank you for celebrating your birthdays with your friends and neighbors.

Karen and Rob VanHoesen volunteered to organize our February birthdays. We once again met at Queen's Pizza.



January birthdays were celebrated at Queen's Pizza.

Classifieds

FOR SALE

V-Tech portable phone with answering machine (\$15), two large decorative king-size pillows (\$15), 1.6 cubic foot mini fridge used only four weeks (\$55) and a Roomba 615 Robot Vacuum used only once (\$55). Call Raymond at 727-506-2183.

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FOR SALE

Cannon SX500 IS power shot digital camera (\$110), Britain Conn universal food and meat cutter with blades (\$25), Africa-American girl in tub canvas art by R. Woodrum (\$120). Silver water pitcher (\$35). Call Clara at 813-748-4959.

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Total gym ultra exercise system. Slightly used with all attachments, exercise booklet and owner's manual. Excellent condition. Asking \$225. Call Eileen at 727-712-1505 between 9 a.m. and noon only.

Classifieds are available for On Top of the World residents only. You must drop off classifieds at the newsroom and show your valid activity card. You cannot sell cars, condos or bedding. No social or dating ads. No prices above \$500. Maximum 40 words.

Deadline is the 15th of each month.

Happy 100th Birthday Norma Jean!

Norma Jean Barnhart has not seen a doctor in 25 years.

She has never had a flu shot.

She has never had a COVID vaccine.

But she is accomplishing an achievement many of us will not see.

She turned 100 years old in February.

Family and friends took Norma Jean out to dinner at Clearwater Family Restaurant.

Among her gifts was a coffee mug with a big ole 100 on it.

Norma Jean has been an On Top of the World resident for 45 years.

She previously lived in Chicago where she worked for the government.

Norma Jean believes in Sunday church services, supplements, a good diet and good living.

She resides in the Mid-East Moorish building, No. 10, on the East Side.



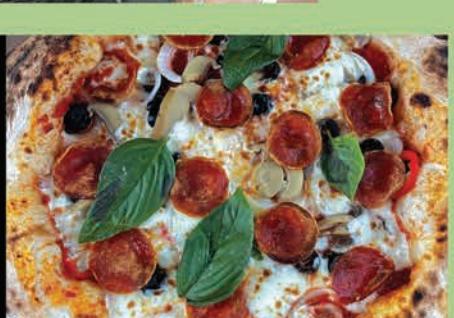
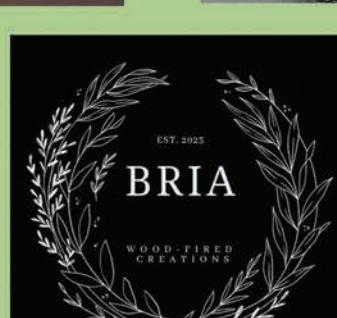
Norma Jean Barnhart with a birthday gift.

Food Truck Night

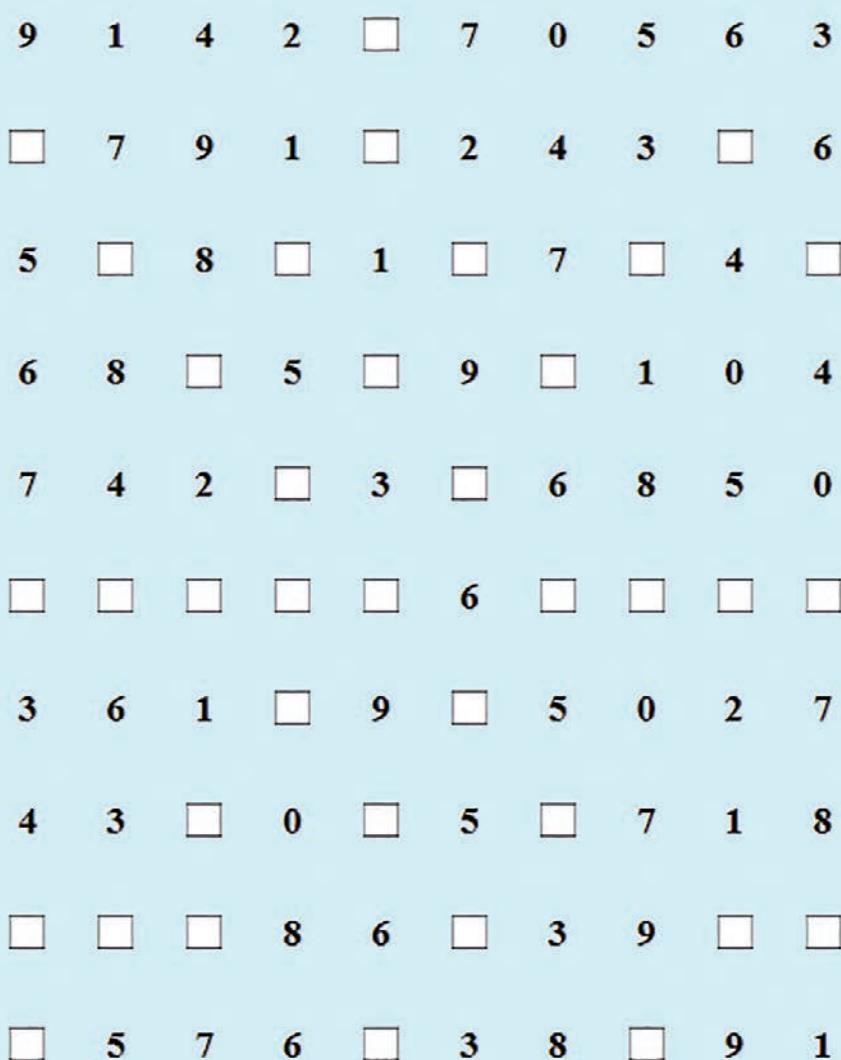
Wednesday, March 5, 3:00-7:30 pm, EAC Back Parking Lot



Puff Mama, Stevie D's Philly Cheesesteaks
BBQ Queen, The Happy Snapper
Bria Wood-Fired Pizza



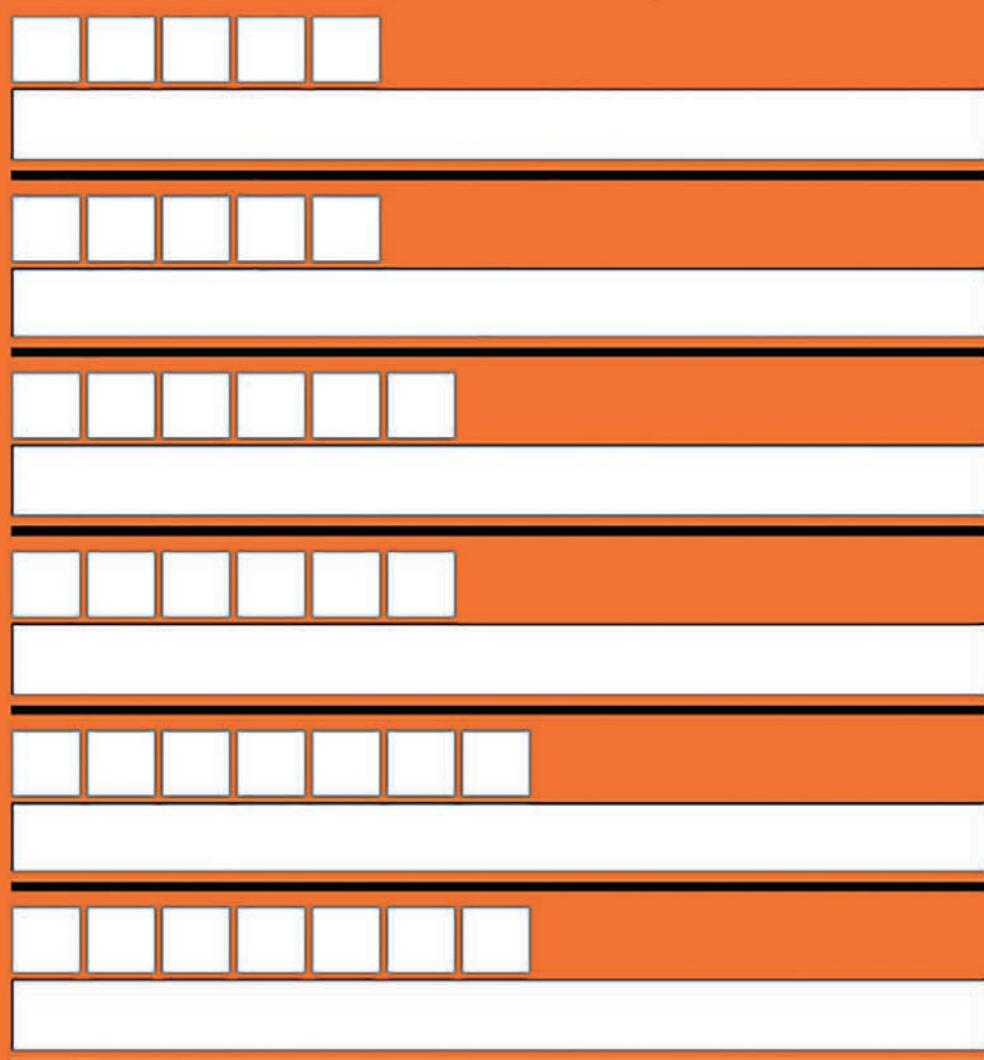
BRAIN TEASE



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OTOW News WORD MIX

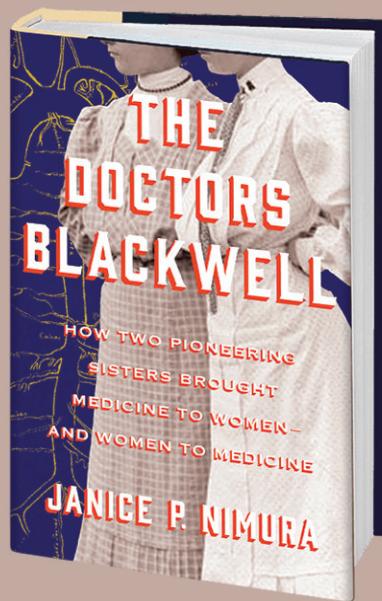
Unscramble the six words listed below. If you unscramble correctly, the first letter of each word will spell out the secret word of the month. If you cannot come up with the secret word of the month, then redo at least one of the six scrambled words. Please note, none of the secret words are plural.



SECRET WORD:

Last month's scrambled words: FUNNY, UNTIE, TAILOR, UPWARD, ROYALTY, EARDROP. Secret Word Last Month: FUTURE

GOOD KARMA BOOK CLUB



10 am, Thursday, March 20

"The Doctors Blackwell"

By Janice Nimura

10 am, Thursday, April 17

"The Heaven and Earth Grocery Store"

By James McBride

All of our meetings take place in the EAC Crystal Beach Room.
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