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OTOW resident builds a Botanical 'pond'

INDIAN ROCKS - Heather Anderson loves gardening ... but most of the time planting flowers, pulling weeds and watering just isn't enough.

She considers herself a garden artist with a flair for unique designs which go beyond flowers, leaves and pots.

When The Florida Botanical Gardens read about Heather's talents this past summer, board members knew the On Top of the World resident was the right person to solve a big problem.

Recently, the Botanical Gardens had beautiful water fountains shut off because of leaks and high

maintenance costs. Heather proposed a 700 square foot mosaic with fish, lily pads and water. She was hired and the project is moving forward.

With help from volunteers, like Heather, the entire project is due for completion in April.

For the complete story, see page 8.

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Annual meeting addresses questions about insurance and maintenance

First, I would like to thank all of the Association members who submitted their proxies.

In order for the Association to conduct an annual meeting, we must obtain a quorum of owners, either in person or by proxy. I am happy to report we obtained a quo-

Second, thank you to all those members who attended the annual meeting on Dec. 16. We covered a great deal of material generally dealing with the state of the community and the factors that affect the operation, and very much by extension, the quality of life for every resident.

Judging by the questions, insurance was a topic on many people's minds. The gist being, what is adequate coverage on your home and contents?

In the On Top of the World Condominium Association, buildings are insured under a master policy in the name of the Association. The per event deductible remains \$10,000 for any event per occurrence including wind/hail related damage.

Named storm events carry a separate deductible of 5 percent of the total of values at the time of loss at each location. These losses are subject to a minimum (community wide) deductible of \$1,000 for any one occurrence, such as a named storm. With respect to all other events, all loss, damage, and/ or expenses arising out of any one occurrence shall be adjusted as one loss, and from an amount of each adjusted loss there is a \$100,000 deductible.

On the condominium owner's side, it is the obligation of every owner to have insurance on the contents of their unit, as well as individual liability coverage.

Contents coverage may vary greatly depending on what it is you wish to insure. As a basic point though, you need adequate limits to cover furnishings, personal items, floor coverings, appliances and cabinetry. All carriers write an HO6 rider, which provides for loss assessment coverage in the event of a special assessment from the Asso-

By Kenneth Colen

Chairman

ciation to cover unforeseen shortfalls in losses.

The service department has handled several major leaks from improperly maintained water heaters. Unfortunately this is a trend that appears to be accelerating. I know we are surprised to find 30year old water heaters that still function, unfortunately, it is the housing that eventually rusts out and leaks.

In all cases, the residents found out just how important having this coverage is when faced with extensive damage to their unit and adjoining units.

The water heater is an owner's responsibility and their liability when not maintained. The Association actively seeks recovery for the repair work in each instance.

There were other questions focused on what the Association Board is doing to control costs and operate efficiently.

I always welcome these types of questions because it is important that they are asked.

By way of response, let me state that the Board delegates most of the operations to Parkway Maintenance and the Management Company. That said, the Board remains accountable for the outcome.

Parkway regularly bids work to (1) keep existing contractors honest, and (2) identify competent and competitive suppliers and me-

Secondly, much of the work that was going to third parties is now performed "in house" at significant savings.

Roofing repair is done in house, as is most electrical work and construction-related maintenance. Grounds maintenance and aerial tree work are also performed by competent and trained staff. Roof replacements, elevator repair and renovations are contracted to third parties because of the extensive scope of work both entail.

Regarding the recreation amenities, much of the work is performed by staff. Notably, much of the recent renovations were taken in house. The golf course, on the other hand, is subcontracted out because the Board found it could get better work at very competitive pricing. The courses really show the benefit of that decision.

draw some comments as well. Notably, the changes in U.S. flag display.

The Board wishes to encourage the proper display of Old Glory. The problem is that some ways of mounting the flag have damaged common elements, such as railing caps. Drilling in a pole anchor may damage the metal expansion rods inside the railing or crack the railing. Either problem results in water intrusion, rust and breakdown of the rail cap.

The solution is that all flags be mounted against the building in a Federally approved manner.

To that end, the management company personnel will gladly mount the correct anchors onto the building structure, for a minimal fee, for any interested resident. Please see Sharon Licata's article for details.

Finally, a good deal of time was spent discussing enforcement matters. We live in a tight knit community. What one person does, or doesn't do, may adversely affect their neighbors.

Social & Recreational Activities

The holiday concert by the On Top of the World Chorus was really outstanding!

It is very clear that this was a labor of love for everyone involved. I firmly believe that when is expended, the result will be many more times positive.

This concert certainly proved that point.

The songs were great, the harmony grand, and the audience was totally appreciative of their neighbors.

Special thanks to director Beth

Kendall, accompanist Betty Dethmers, all the members of the Chorus board, and Herb Jordan and the sound and light crew.

Recreational and organized activities are very dependent on residents. If the Association was the "go to" organization for programming, it would leave little room for resident involvement and creativity. As community recreation A proposed rule change did has evolved over these many years, many residents have shown their creative sides.

> This allowance and respect for creativity is one of the really great aspects of this fine community. Recreation is about fun, camaraderie, and long lasting friendships, as well as the space to be creative.

Community Update

With the holidays now past, the management company can pick up the pace of programmed maintenance. Stump grinding will resume in January as well.

Building railings projects are moving along at a hearty pace. Building 48 will begin the first week in January, followed by Building 55, in the last week, weather permitting.

Building 4 has an estimated start date of Jan. 6 for re-roofing. Please check your bulletin board for more current information and schedule.

Building 75 is scheduled for waterproofing on the rear of the building the second week of January, while the rear of Building 80 is scheduled to start the last week of January. Please keep in mind that these dates are approximate and schedules and structures are subject to change.

Floor replacement will begin in the first floor center cores for the following buildings: 26, 29, 30 and such a generous and selfless effort 32. We anticipate approximately two days to complete each floor, depending on the temperature and the moisture index.

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OTOW clubs have a lot to offer in 2011

I hope everyone will have a very happy new year and you are ready to start 2011 with great ideas, enthusiasm and, of course, some new year's resolutions.

There will be a lot going on at On Top of the World.

Many of the clubs have special events coming up this season, as well as numerous trips for you to chose from. They have some great one-day trips, as well as longer trips and cruises. Be sure and check the OTOW paper and your bulletin boards for more information.

You also can visit the various clubs on Monday and Thursday mornings between 8:30-10:30 a.m. in the



Nancy Davis 799-2734

Activities Director

auditorium for more detailed information and to purchase your tickets.

Our Good Neighbors Association is run by volunteers and, of course, the executive committee. It takes a great deal of volunteers to run the many different groups that are a part of Good Neighbors. If you

find in 2011 that you have a couple of hours a month or more that you would like to donate to one of the groups, please see the person in charge of the group or list your name and the hours you are available with any member of the committee.

Volunteers help make OTOW a great place live. This is also a great way to get acquainted with other residents.

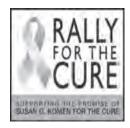
The Good Neighbors Association usually puts on a couple of functions a year to show their appreciation to the volunteers. Remember, you only need a couple of spare hours a week to volunteer.

The Good Neighbors Association sponsors a Good Neighbors Get

Acquainted Coffee on the second Thursday of each month and all residents are welcome. The start time is 9:45 a.m. and free donuts and coffee are offered prior to the meeting.

Following a brief meeting there will be 30 minutes of free entertainment. We also have several door prize drawings. It's a fun morning so come join us.

Check the monthly and daily calendars each month in our paper to see what is going on for the month and then come out and join them. Make one of your new year's resolutions to join in some of the groups and activities right here at OTOW. Staying active helps make you happier and healthier.

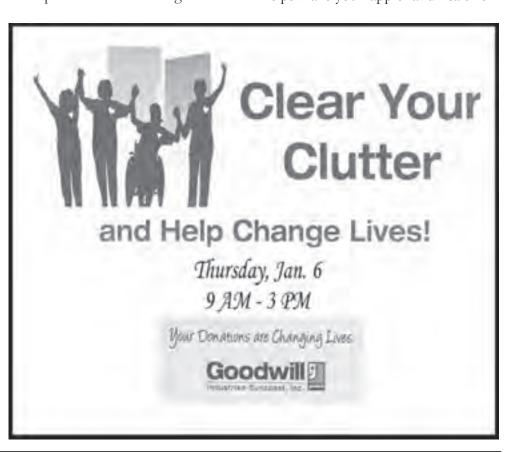


SAVE THE DATE APRIL 5, 2011

The Ladies 9- and 18-Hole Golf Associations are planning another fun day as they host the 14th annual Rally For The Cure Golf Tournament. There will be an 8:30 a.m. shotgun scramble and a 5 p.m. dinner.

More information will follow.

Questions? Call Pat Cassidy at 725-2187.



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*If our ad space sells out before the 15th, we will not accept anymore ads!

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February newspapers will be delivered on Feb. 1

7 p.m. in the Veranda Room

Press Association schedules evening meeting to give more newspaper writers a chance to attend

By Mary Lou Kelly

Remember - the big January meeting is 7 p.m., Jan. 6 in the East Activity Center Veranda Room.

This is an opportunity for reporters who are unable to make our regular afternoon meetings to attend a special evening meeting, and provide their input, ask questions and review guidelines for writing articles.

Our editor, Doug Kates, would like everyone to bring a pen and something to write on. A small snack will be served. There will be no afternoon meeting. In February the Press Association meeting will return to 1:30 p.m..

The Web site flapenguin.com has a lot of information that will answer many of the questions reporters might have. Accessing the web site will prevent a lot of calls to the office, and reporters can get the information they might need quickly.

The Christmas luncheon on Dec. 2 was fantastic. One of the advertisers in the newspaper, Caribbean Cafe, catered a delicious meal. If you have a chance, definitely support our advertisers Thanks to President Yvonne Courtney's party committee, the room was decked out in the holiday spirit.



Press Association

Margaret Copeland played the piano, which put everyone in a festive mood.

The December issue of the OTOW newspaper was the largest issue ever- 84 pages. Eighty-two reporters and staff submitted articles for this awesome issue. Thank you to all those who contributed to such a great success. And a big thank you to everyone who proofed.

As you probably noticed, many more advertisers are choosing our paper. In fact, the December issue had so many companies vying to advertise, the editor had to put some clients on a waiting list. By supporting these advertisers, you are encouraging these ads and supporting the newspaper. Make sure to tell any company you use, you are from OTOW.

A very Happy New Year to everyone. See you at the January evening meeting.



OTOW writers enjoy a holiday feast at the December meeting.

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BUILDING NEWS

A review of changes made in 2010

Time passes much too quickly as I am always surprised when the calendar rolls around to the new year.

I was reviewing my article for January 2010 and in that column I wrote about change and how people are affected by change. Some of us like it, some of us don't, but the bottom line is change is inevitable.

Our community has certainly reaped the benefits of change this year; the adopted rules, community standards and enforcement actions have brought about visible signs of change, as well as ensured the integrity of the building and common area structures.

During the second quarter of 2010, the Management Company created an Inspection Services Department to make the community more cohesive in appearance and to help address violations to the community standards.

Overgrown, neglected and unapproved owner landscape alterations are being addressed with the benefits being a more visually appealing community.

Improperly installed heating, ventilation and air conditioning units, and window and door installations are being addressed, as well as attachments to buildings (fences, lattice, and art work).

It's hard to imagine the damage these items can cause unless you are a unit owner who has experienced a leak from improperly installed windows or HVAC units. Those tiny holes drilled into balustrades and railings to support your artwork or a piece of lattice are the beginning of a future maintenance concern, specifically water intrusion into your unit.

The past year also brought



about a change in our water turn off/ on procedures. These procedures were developed to help protect your property as well as Association property.

As a reminder I have included these procedures below.

Because of an abundance of leak related problems, the Management Company requiresyou be present when their personnel arrive to execute your order for water turn on service. If Management is not able to make contact with you at the time they arrive to provide service, the water will not be turned on. Please understand the results of water intrusion can be costly.

You may request the water turn on service through the service desk at the East Activity Center from 8 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, by calling our water turn on service phone number at 727-799-3417(option 6), or by visiting our Web site at www.otowclearwaterinfo.com, click on the Service Department link and type in your request and click submit when finished.

Please provide the date you would like the service executed so they may respond accordingly. Their field personnel will perform your request for service between the hours of 7:30 a.m. until 5:15 p.m. Monday through Friday, and Saturday between the hours of 7:30 a.m and 11:30 a.m. There is no charge for this service during these normally scheduled business hours.

If you are in need of service after normally scheduled business hours, management offers extended hours for a nominal fee. The extended hours service is provided weekdays from 6-9 p.m. and weekends from noon until 9 p.m. Extended hours' service requests are only available by contacting (727) 799-1115. The extended hours' fee is \$35 and payment is due at time services are rendered and only personal checks are accepted.

that in all circumstances you MUST BE PRESENT for this service request to be carried out.

During the December Board Meeting, community standards were considered for adoption to provide consistency with flag displays as well as to ensure building integrity is not compromised by arbitrary drilling into wall and structures within the com-



Sharon Licata

News You Can Use

mon areas.

Display of Flag

- Flags may not be affixed to railings or balustrades.
- Rear patio installations Flag poles installed on rear patios may not exceed 20 feet in height and must be able to withstand 125 mph winds. Poles may not be installed as to impede scheduled nor emergency maintenance. Owners must submit an application for modification (available on line or by visiting the Service Department). A \$35 inspection fee must accompany your application.
- Front common areas installations - In order to display your American flag in the front of your unit, owners must submit an Application for Modification to a common element (available on line or by visiting the Service Department). An installation fee of \$10 must accompany your application. Owners will be contacted by the management company for installation. Flags will be installed vertically on the common wall outside of the unit. (See picture above)

Flags will be installed in compliance with federal regulations for flag display, in compliance with FS 718 and in compliance with the waterproofing warranty on each building. The new standard will be available Online at otowclearwaterinfo.com and you may also obtain a copy by visiting the Service Department.

These are just a few of the items Once again, please remember addressed in the On Top of the World Amended and Restated Rules and Community Standards. If you have not received a copy, please visit Online at otowclearwaterinfo.com or visit the Service Department and pick up a copy.

> The Association will continue to work closely with the Management Company and our residents to ensure understanding of, as well as compliance with the rules of the On Top of the World Condominium community.

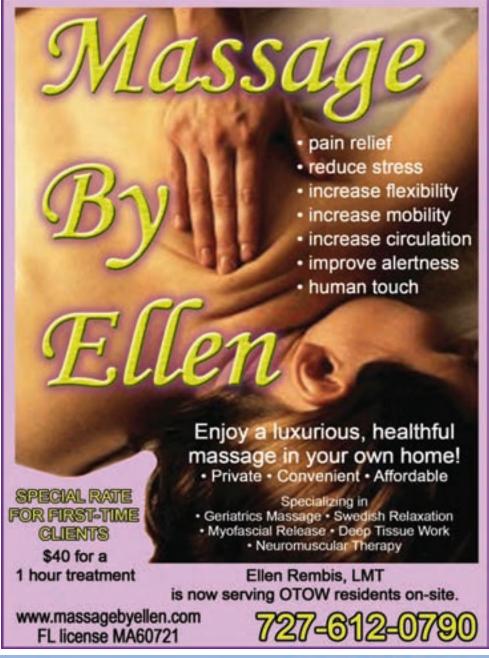
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Mosaic pond replaces Botanical fountains

By Doug Kates, editor

INDIAN ROCKS - The Florida Botanical Gardens recently had to shut off its beautiful fountains because of leaks and high maintenance costs. Then the question arose, how could the fountains ever be replaced?

On Top of the World resident Heather Anderson stepped in and said simply, replace the real water with a mosaic pond that looks like real water.

The Botanical Gardens board of directors liked the idea and Heather was hired as a volunteer to spearhead the complicated project.

"I wanted a pond with fish, frogs and lillies," she said. "I wanted it to look like something that was supposed to be there."

Mosaic designs began in July, a preview took place in December, and the final project is expected to be completed by April.

Originally, Heather estimated it might take a year or longer to complete the whole 700 square foot project, but numerous companies, churches and individuals have donated material, numerous other volunteers have donated time and special skills, and the project is progressing at a much faster pace than first expected.



This is a closeup of some of the mosaic tiles. (OTOW Photo by Doug Kates)

"I can't believe how many people have shown up," Heather said. "Some people say this is a lot of work, but actually it's a lot of fun."

Heather is a former Chicago area resident, but has been an OTOW resident for one year. She considers herself a garden artist with a flair for turning ordinary flowers, plants and pots into something unique and artistic.

Heather read an Online help ad posted by The Botanical Gardens and decided she wanted to take on the challenge of replacing the fountains. She presented her idea and less than a week later was hired. The pond will be made up of thousands of individually cut pieces of colored ceramics. There are at least 20 different colors in the final edition.

Ceramics, installation, cement, grout and decking have all been donated. Richard and Kathy Harder have donated time to drilling "eye" holes and setting up tents so work could be done on windy days.

Heather has already been asked why she is doing this for free, but her answer is simply because of the challenge and desire to accomplish something everyone will enjoy.

"They said, 'how are you going to do this?' and I said, 'through enthusiasm."

During her career, Heather has turned ordinary gardens into something special. She has also renovated condos and homes into something with an artist's touch. Amazingly, this will be her first mosaic.

Heather said everyone commented how lucky they were to have her on board for this project, but she said, "I'm the one who's lucky."

The Florida Botanical Gardens is located on the south side of Ulmerton Road in Indian Rocks, across the street from Indian Rocks High School.





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'A Friend's Dog' wins award

By Jean Doane

The Art Guild met on Friday, Dec. 10 for its general meeting and holiday party.

Elaine Hahn, a local artist was our speaker. She completed a painting in about an hour. Her ability and skill was wonderful to watch!

Elaine recently won a prize at the Dunedin Fine Arts Center's Miniature Competition. She will have several miniatures on display when their show begins in January. This will definitely be worth seeing!

John Fier won the "Artist of the Month" award with a watercolor painting of a friend's pet dog. Stop by the East Activity Center lobby to see this painting.

John is also conducting the Drawing Class on Thursday afternoons at 1-3 p.m. The next class will be on Thursday, Jan. 6. The class fee is \$2. This class offers an opportunity for instructions in drawing and time to try your hand at drawing. Many of us learned we had some talent in this area after we retired.

Just a reminder to put Sunday, March 6 on your new calendars for the annual Art Show and Sale.

We also invite you to be sure and attend our next meeting and program on Friday, Jan. 14 at 1 p.m. Carol Locacono will be presenting the program. She is a specialist in watercolor.

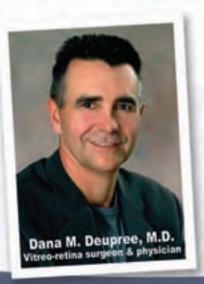


Art Guild President Dale Stackhouse, left, presents the Artist of the Month award to John Fier.

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Ernie Kovacs remembered for comedy skits and comical characters

By Walter Balderson

Ernie Kovacs had one of the most comedic minds of anyone I ever knew.

Only two people who would come close - Steve Allen and Jonathan Winters.

Ernie, born in Trenton, N.J., to Hungarian immigrants, showed early signs of his amazing talents and went to acting school. His first job was a disc jockey on radio WTTM in Trenton, which led to jobs in television and finally to NBC-TV.

On his TV shows, Ernie created many comic skits and characters. His "all gorilla version of Swan Lake" and the Nairobi Trio - three derby-hatted apes playing popular songs - were classics.

One of his most popular characters was Percy Dovetonsils when he sat in a rocking chair wearing thick glasses



Walter Balderson

Inside Showbiz

while reading to children and sipping straight gin. Actually, the gin was ice tea but one day the tea was switched to real gin. You can imagine the expression on Ernie's face!

His first marriage ended in divorce when his wife left him, came back later, and kidnapped their two girls before taking off to Florida.

After a long and expensive investigation, Ernie got total custody of the children.

His second marriage was to ac-

tress Edie Adams. She became mother to his two daughters, and they had one daughter of their own, Mia Susan, who was killed in an automobile accident in 1982.

In his later years, the Kovacs lived in Los Angeles, working in mov-

One night after attending a party at the home of Milton Berle, Ernie was killed driving home from the party. Losing control of his car, he ran off the road, hit a light pole and was killed instantly. They found a cigar on the floor, and they concluded that he was trying to light the cigar when he ran off the road.

Ernie was a joy to be around as he loved people, showing no favorites to anyone. When he walked into the studio, it was like a light just came on.

Ernie was famous for his weekend poker and gin rummy games, many

tress Edie Adams. She became mother running through the entire weekend.

He was a huge gambler in Vegas, leaving large debts there when he

Many friends offered to give shows to raise money to pay off his Vegas and tax debts, but Edie would not accept any of their offers. She worked in Vegas for a number of years and completely paid off all those debts.

nie was killed driving home from the party. Losing control of his car, he ran off the road, hit a light pole and was world," but after his death the role killed instantly. They found a cigar on was given to Sid Caesar.

Many of you may remember that Edie Adams was the spokesperson for Muriel Cigars. "Why don't you pick me up and smoke me sometime?"

Actually, Ernie was a chain cigar smoker, some 20 a day, but only smoked hand-rolled Havana cigars costing \$2 each, approximately \$18 each at today's prices.

Read this newspaper Online: http://www.otowclearwaterinfo.com



NOTICE

Important bulletin for all residents of On Top of the World

A new arandard has been implemented for scalants that will affect window, awning, and air conditioning contractors performing work for residents at OTOW.

Residents should be aware that due to an extremely high failure rate, sificone scalants are no longer approved for use as a caulking and weatherproofing product within On Top of the World.

Failure of the silicone scalant bond has resulted in water intrusion into units. This has resulted in significant water damage and costly repairs.

WATER INTRUSION is a serious issue that may damage belongings and lead to moid growth.

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An example why it's important to work with an attorney from a specific state

Q. My attorney (from a large Eastern state) prepared a durable power of attorney for my father to sign so I could sell his Florida real property. According to the law of (the Eastern state) the durable power of attorney was "properly and legally signed." I went to use the power of attorney to sell my Father's real property and I was confronted with the statement that it was not valid because there weren't two witnesses; even though my dad signed it and the document was notarized by a notary public in (the Eastern state). My attorney (from the Eastern state) insists that the power of attorney is valid in Florida because it is valid in (the Eastern state); so why should it not be valid in Florida?

A. It should not be valid in Florida because the durable power of attorney apparently does not comply with Florida law, and it is Florida Law that regulates how real property in the State of Florida can be conveyed by the use of a durable of attorney.

Simply put, in order to convey real property in the State of Florida by using a durable power of attorney, that document must not only be signed and notarized, but must also be witnessed by two persons.

A power of attorney, that is to be used to convey real property in Florida, must be executed with the same formalities as a deed to that property. A deed to convey real property must be signed, witnessed by two persons



Gerald R. Colen

Is It Legal?

and then notarized so it can be properly recorded.

(NOTE: In fact, a durable power of attorney to be valid in Florida must always have two witnesses and be notarized regardless of whether it is to be used to convey real property.)

Unfortunately, this happens now and then. An attorney from another state prepares a document that accords with the laws of that particular state, but for one reason or another does not comply with the laws of Florida. This is why I personally feel that if you live in a state, or if you are going to be involved with the sale of real property in another state, it is best to have a document drawn up or at least reviewed by an attorney who is authorized to practice law in that state.

And as an aside, I am frequently (but not always) amused by attorneys from other states who are also licensed to practice law in Florida and who seem to feel that simply because they have a license to practice law here, they are Florida attorneys. I am licensed to practice law in Texas, where I went to Florida, of course), but I sure as heck do not consider myself a Texas or Ohio attorney.

In fact, I would not even think about handling a matter in those states. Why? Because my focus is on the vast number of laws in this state, and in order to be truly competent to give legal advice in Texas or Ohio, I feel - and I admit this is just my opinion — that I would need to be focusing on the law of that particular state.

You see, there are several different Florida statutes that might relate to a specific transaction, but they are not all necessarily located inside the same

An example has to do with Florida's Homestead laws. The laws relating to Homestead in Florida are found not only in the Florida Constitution, but also in several of the Florida Statutes, and in many, many cases decided by Florida Courts.

The various laws regarding Florida Homestead have a profound impact on the purchase and sale of real property, as well as on asset protection issues, title insurance, marital rights, bankruptcy, taxation matters and other matters as well.

And Homestead is just one aspect of Florida law. Thus, it is necessary to keep a lot of different issues in mind even for a simple transaction, such as buying or selling a Homestead.

I, personally, cannot really keep up with the laws of other states that might relate to any single transaction because it would be quite difficult to focus on the laws of those states while also focusing on the laws here in Florida.

The truth is, I can't really understand why someone in another state who has a law practice in that state thinks he or she can advise clients on Florida law, as well as the law of his or 545-8114. He is also pleased to respond her own state.

Q. My children tell me that I need a Living Will. My attorney says I need an Advance Directive. What is your view and is there a difference between them?

A. In Florida, a Living Will is an advance directive. The term Advance

law school, and in Ohio, (as well as in Directive means a witnessed written document, or an oral (verbal) statement, in which someone gives instructions regarding his or her desires concerning health care and the treatment or non-treatment that may be offered for a specific health condition.

> An Advance Directive includes a Living Will and may also include the designation of a health care surrogate. A health care surrogate is someone who is designated or appointed by the person making the Advance Directive to make health care decisions in the event the person appointing the surrogate is not able to make such decisions.

> A health care proxy is someone who is appointed — almost always by a Court — to make health care decisions for someone because that someone did not appoint a health care surrogate in an Advance Directive.

> Q. What do you think about the legality of buying (an erectile dysfunction drug) at a cruise stop in the Carib-

> A. I think this: Why do I get so many of these type questions? I'm an attorney; not a doctor.

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Holiday season always means presents, food and Lightning girls

I think my Yellow Lab really enjoyed the holiday season.

It's not just the presents, the dinner feasts and the spiritual meaning ... it's the annual tradition of getting cleaned up, taking a short drive to Largo and meeting the Tampa Bay Lightning hockey girls.

And don't think for a moment that a dog doesn't know when he's being treated to something special ... just look at that smile!

For three of the past four years, Montana has made this trip with me to Largo. All I have to do is say "Lightning girls" and Montana gets all excited.

On Top of the World's Bill Sharpsteen is always at the pet store to greet Montana and there's always a few customers who notice my friend's floppy ears and waggly tail.

This year was no exception.



Doug Kates

News Editor

Montana had a bath on Friday night and dreamed all night about who he was going to meet.

When we arrived at PetsMart on Saturday afternoon, neither of us was disappointed. I think the Lightning sent their two cutest girls - Marissa and Heather - to take part in the fundraiser photo shoot, which benefits the Gold Coast Greyhound Association.

The photo shoot took place on a Saturday and on a Sunday, and anyone with a dog, cat, rabbit, gerbil, hamster, lizard - any pet could participate for a donation. The money is used to help find temporary and permanent homes for greyhounds who are retired from racing.

Upon my arrival, Santa came over and was prepared to sit with my friend, but Montana pointed out he was there to sit with the girls.

Santa was a little disappointed, but I think he understood.

The girls laughed and giggled a bit, but then the three celebrities became a perfect match as they posed for a round of photos

Montana, obviously, enjoyed every minute of it.

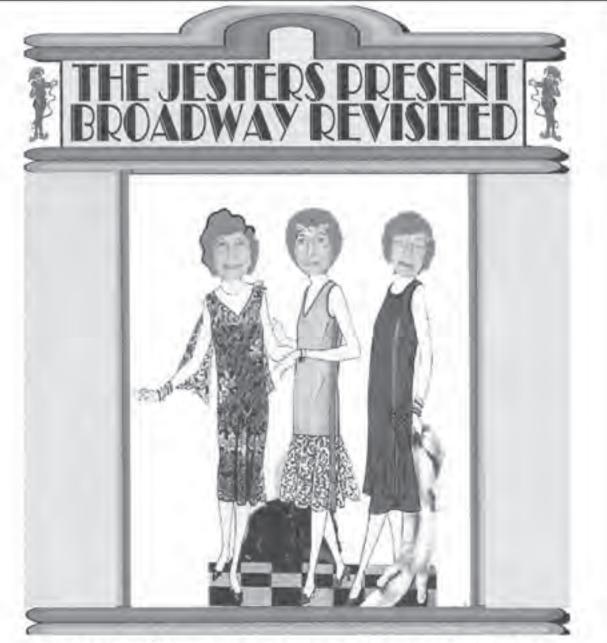
A special thank you to the girls and Santa for taking the time to participate, and for everyone who attended and made donations

You can read more about this successful event in Bill Sharp-steen's Greyhound Club article on page 26.

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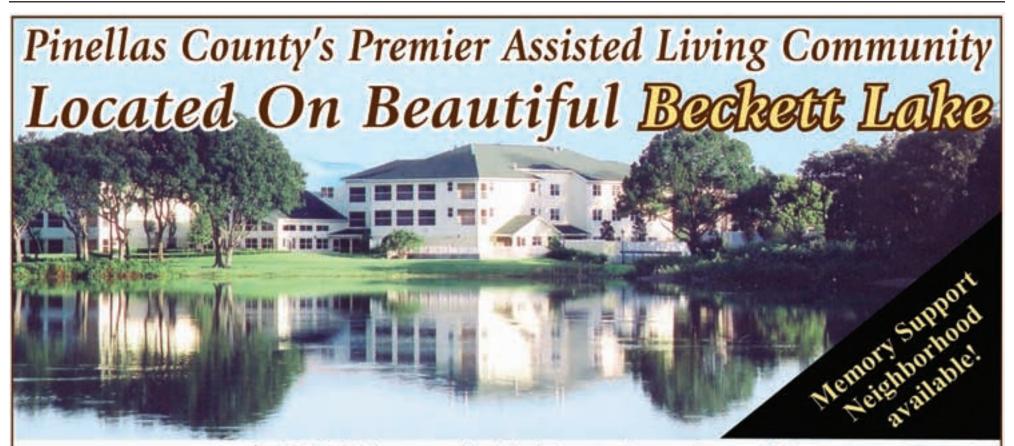
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Learn how to make drawers or help out making toys for the next holiday season

By Steve Stiffler

The holiday season is now behind us and now is the time to get busy on those projects you have been putting off.

There is always someone available to assist you with your project. If you are not sure which is the proper tool to use, just ask and the guys are always willing to show you the proper use of the equipment.

There are a lot of things that have been going on around the shop. You have probably noticed all the activity. Doug Erickson, John Koning



Fixers Club

and Jean-Guy Pelchat have been busy reworking the old work bench areas. We are attempting to make the shop a better work place. Stop by and check out the progress. I think you will be pleased with the new look. Thanks to all of the members working on this project.

There is going to be a drawer making clinic held in the shop to go along with making new work benches. Now would a good time to check how to make your own set of drawers and also help out with the work bench project. Stop by the shop and talk to Doug Erickson and he will give you the details.

Dick Collins is back in the Toy Shop. Dick keeps things rolling and is already working on toys for next season. There are lots of projects to work on and get finished. Stop by the Toy Shop and talk to Dick about helping out as he can always use an extra hand.

The new updated by-laws are now available in the shop. They are posted and available for any member to read. You may have copy if you would like.

The annual meeting is scheduled for Thursday, Jan. 13 at 9 a.m. The meeting will be held in the East Activity Center Lecture Room. Mark your calendars and be sure to attend.

On Top of the World Computer Club

The On Top Of The World Computer Club meets every Saturday morning, downstairs in the main card room at the East Activity Center.

In addition to a monthly featured speaker, we also try to have a beginner's session for those who feel the featured speaker is too advanced.

In addition to the classes, we hold a session every Monday morning for those who are having hardware or software problems and need help. This loose group meets at 9 a.m. in Classroom No. 1, which is the first door on the right as you go downstairs from the lobby. You must be a member for this session.

As long as there is sufficient interest, we will hold beginner classes each Thursday morning from 9-11 a.m.



Computer Club

Classes are in the Computer Lab, downstairs in the East Activity Center.

Why not join us on Saturday morning? For more info call 669-4731 on Mondays from 9-11 a.m.

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If interested in joining the OTOW Computer club, please see our ad in this paper. If you have questions about this or any other Windows operations, feel free to email me at: sniggins61@hotmail.com and I will try to answer your questions promptly.





Tickets on sale now for Jesters' annual show

By Sherry Ivey

Happy New Year to all our members and friends.

Our holiday party, held on Dec. 8 in the East Activity Center, was very successful. We had 60 members and guests at the buffet dinner and a combo for dancing. The room looked very festive and a lovely evening was enjoyed by all. Thanks to Betty Eggleton and the others who helped with setting up and cleaning up for their contribution to this party.

Our cast members for this year's production, "Broadway Revisited," enjoyed a two-week break from rehearsals, but will be back in full voice and twinkle toes, as we begin again on Jan. 4. Cast members, please be sure to attend the Tuesday, 3 p.m. meeting. It is very important that everyone attend.

We are very excited about "Broadway Revisited," to be presented on Friday, Feb. 18 at 1:30 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 19 at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, Feb. 20 at 1:30 p.m.

Tickets are on sale each Monday and Thursday morning from 8:30-10:30 a.m. The price for a ticket is \$4 with an extra \$1 for a reserved seat.

Mike Kaplan, Barbara Sensale



Jesters

and Sherry Ivey will be there to help you choose the best seats available.

Those of you who have purchased tickets from a Jester member, please bring your ticket with you when you reserve your seat and know which performance you wish to attend.

We look forward to having you come to this wonderful show put on by your talented friends and neighbors.

Fran FitzPatrick, Donna Bittman and Mike Kaplan have agreed to serve on the nominating committee and will present a Slate of Officers in February, for the following year, which begins on May 1. The election will be held at the March meeting and installation will be at our Installation Dinner/Dance to be held in April. Details of that event will be forthcoming.

Speaking of meetings, the Jesters



meet the second Wednesday of each month in the EAC at 7:30 p.m. Sylvia Shlemon always serves a nice array of yummy refreshments at this meeting. Guests are always welcome.

If you need any further information, please feel free to call Sherry Ivey at 797-8354 or e-mail her at sheriv?@ aol.com

See you at the show!!



December meeting was like stepping back in time

By Anne B. Watkins

Our December meeting was held at a member's house, the first time we've met in a home since the Baumgartners, our founders, entertained us several years ago.

The place was filled with antiques, Christmas decor, and old fashioned Yankee hospitality. It's now the day after, and our members are calling me, as they still feel the warmth of yesterday, even though the get-together was on Dec. 13, the windiest, coldest day of the year!

There were too many mementos to remember them all, but one of the highlights was a New England Primer, the tiny little book from which our ancestors learned their ABCs. Each letter had an illustrative picture, as well as a rhyme built around it. For example, for the letter A there was the rhyme, "In Adam's fall, we sinned all." And, of course, there was a catechism, among other writings and pictures meant to



Family History

steer the reader into the paths of righ-

The Primer was the principal teaching tool for the young and was published in several cities from approximately 1690 to 1810, so even the University of Virginia examiners couldn't exactly date or place this one, but they know it is rare enough that they would like to have it in their library's Special Collections.

For the period of 1819, there was a Registry of Offices... in Service postmasters, judges and such. It was a very slim volume, which begs the question, "How many volumes would it take to list all of today's U.S. government employees?"

Our hostess had a relative who went west in the Gold Rush of '49. and she had several notes which he had sent back home to be presented for cash. Notes had to be cashed in New York, and since the mails were so unreliable, usually three copies of such a note were sent at different intervals. Of the two duplicates we saw, it can be surmised that these still exist because they were not cashed, and only the third one actually made it to the bank.

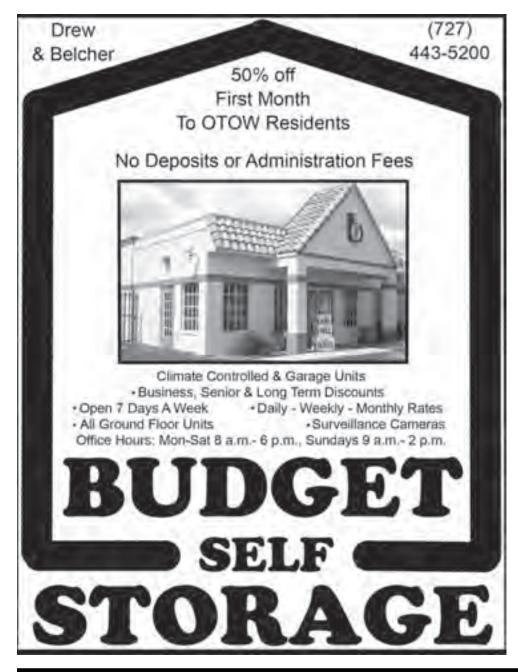
Another item was a Godey's Lady's Book from 1868. This was the "Ladies Home Journal" of its day, and was the source for women of dress design and literature.

There were many pull-out pages of hand-drawn, hoop-skirted dresses

of the U.S. Government, including from which ladies could glean ideas to take to their dressmakers. I'm sure the female gender of post-Civil War days pored over these magazines just as eagerly as we do today, though we may do it while in line at the check-out counter or waiting our turn at the doctor's office!

> Our hostess had several items from the Civil War years, including love letters and a permission issued to her ancestor, a bugler, for a one-day pass through Union lines. One couldn't help but note the beautiful handwriting of the times - without computers. And there was so much more, including lovely tea and goodies, served from real China and silver. The glow lingers on.

Next month come join us for a session with Barbara Humphreys, who has her own group at OTOW called Writer's Ink. We hope to learn something about writing family histories. That's 1-3 p.m., Jan. 10, classroom No. 1 in the East Activity Center.





From the editors, staff and writers at OTOW News, we wish you a happy new year!



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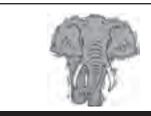
By E. W. Beck

Happy New Year 2011 from all of us to all of you!

Once again Christmas and Hanukkah are behind us as the New Year begins to unfold before us. The year 2011 brings along some continuances of things past, but it can symbolize a clean slate, new opportunities and a means of looking at things in a new and creative way that could be beneficial as the year advances.

As they say, "out with the old and in with the new!"

Governor elect Rick Scott's transition office has been busy preparing to implement the job-creating environment and cost-reduction plans he campaigned on in the fall. Much is expected of him and his team. The On Top of the World Republican Club is sure he will move quickly to implement



Republican Club

his ideas in concert with the State Legislature.

As always, the public will be watching to see he works hard to keep his promises to cut costs and create a welcoming business climate that can generate jobs for Floridians.

At our last club meeting, attendees discussed how government in Washington is exceedingly complex; perhaps many of the constitutional reforms that have long served us well in Florida need to be enacted in Wash-

ington?

Complexity of the Federal Government and Congress can often be ineffective compounding the confusion and frustration of the citizenry with its seeming inability to get things done.

You might ask what government does in Florida that is different than Washington?

Balanced budgets, line items vetoes, legislation written to a single subject, (not loaded with complex amendments and unrelated expenditures) have been a part of Florida government for a long time. Our club believes reforms in Washington would go a long way to make government there similar to the way American families for generations have managed their finances.

Our Christmas/Holiday Dinner in December was at the Beachcomber Restaurant and was a great success,

with fellowship fun and even a gift from Santa for all attendees.

Our next meeting will take place on Tuesday, Jan. 18, at 7 p.m. The guest speaker will be David Jolly, political consultant and attorney. His topic will be entitled: "Expectations for the New Republican Congress."

David currently manages a Washington D.C. consulting firm and will soon open his own firm, Three Bridges Advisors.

His presentation should be enlightening and informative concerning the possibilities of compromise and agenda. He will take questions at the conclusion of his presentation.

Please join us for our informative monthly meetings. Cake and coffee will be served at the conclusion of our meeting. For club information please call: 796-5775.

County Democratic Chairman visits OTOW in January

By Van Farber

Recognizing the importance of On Top of the World to the future of the resurgence of the Pinellas County Democratic Party, Mark "Bullet Train" Hanisee, makes his first stop to the East Activity Center as the newly minted County Democratic Chairman.

Mark will be our guest speaker on Jan. 20 at 2 p.m. This is your chance to go one-on-one with the leader of the Pinellas County Democrats and tell him what went wrong on "Black Tuesday." Was it jobs? Unbridled debt? Teabaggers? The hot tub being outta commisssion too long? ... Or perhaps enough of us just didn't get out and vote!

Mark hails from Indiana, attended Florida Southern College, liked the people, and the weather, and never went back into the cold.

Originally a member of the Republican Tribe, he joined our cause five years ago when he, like many others, including our governor, felt they were lost in the wilderness. Mark has



Mark Hanisee

since served as party treasurer for two years and was instrumental in raising substantial funds for both the party coffers and individual candidates.

As our new "Fearless Leader," he intends to increase our party's ranks by both recruitment and conversions.

He will explain why the loss of



Democratic Club

the Rays would hurt our county financially and cost many jobs. He hopes to sign Johnny Damon as a way to get back at Boston for stealing the "Heart" (as well as the bat) of our very own Carl Crawford.

Let's all make it a point to be at the Democratic Club's first gathering of the new year, Jan. 20, at 2 p.m., on the second floor of the East Activity Center. Refreshments will be served, pictures from the Dec. 23 holiday party will be on display, a special appearance by Michael Fox, and an opportunity, if not already a member, to be recruited or converted by our new party chairman.

Sorry...no bingo.

OTOW News would like to feature a special married couple in its February "Valentine's" edition.

We are looking for a couple who met right here at OTOW and has a unique story to tell.

Is this you?
Do you know a couple which fits this description?

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If you write for OTOW News, but have never attended a Press Association meeting, consider Jan. 6. We are meeting at 7 p.m. in the Veranda Room.



Newcomers

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Time to buckle down on show rehearsals

By Merle MacDonald

Happy New Year everyone! Let me be one of the first to wish you all health, wealth and happiness in the year ahead.

The year we leave behind saw its joys and sorrows. Our annual show was a big success, as declared by those who attended.

Everyone enjoyed the Christ-mas/Holiday Party with its buffet and entertainment.

The Homecoming Party in October had a tremendous turnout.

Our show for 2011 is moving right along and we have gained many new members.

On the downside, we lost a long-time member and president.

Now that the holidays are behind us, it is time to buckle down and concentrate on the show ahead.

Singers meet according to their schedules on Mondays and Wednesdays, while dancers meet according to their schedules, including some evenings and weekends.

Skits rehearse every Monday,

per schedule, starting at 1 p.m.

So plan your appointments around your rehearsal schedule so you will be present and on time. We only have two and a half months 'till show time.

The next general meeting will be on Wednesday, Jan. 5 at 7:30 p.m. in the East Activity Center auditorium. Please plan to attend so that you will stay up-to-date on the goings on. Hope to see all of you there.



Theatre Workshop

Club plans to attend Gasparilla parade

Happy 2011 to all. Hope everyone wakes up on Jan. 1 with a smile and no headache.

The Lambdans look forward to a year of growth as word of our club continues to spread. Among the special events that we will be attending will be the Gasparilla parade in Tampa.

The theme for the monthly meeting will be poker night. After our usual social hour, we'll set up a couple of games of dealer's choice. Not to worry though. It will be penny ante.

For theater buffs, I'm sure that Lambda will have a visit to one of the local productions. In looking back at December, we had a busy schedule of parties – one of which was a very pleasant birthday dinner for me at Bonefish Grill. Thanks, Lambdans.

We also enjoyed the Una Voce concert at St. Petersburg College Clearwater Campus.

Lambda is a social club for the gay and lesbian residents of On Top of the World. It is an informal group that gets together for various activities. Regular activities include dinners out, Sunday brunches and golfing. Also, we have a group, the Front Steppers,



Lambda

which meets weekly to walk at Countryside Mall for an hour.

We look to expand our circle to all gay and lesbian residents in the OTOW community, but we are also open to participation by other OTOW residents who would like to meet their gay neighbors. There are people from many different backgrounds and areas here at OTOW. Lambda is just one more reflection of that.

Lambda meets monthly on the third Wednesday at 7 p.m. in the Veranda Room overlooking the pool upstairs in the East Activity Center. If you are interested in finding out more about us, send an e-mail to lambdaclw@yahoo.com or call Dave at 727-474-2503. We also have a home page for you to check us out at http://home.rr.com/lambdaclub.

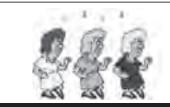
We have beginners classes

Line dancers end year with desserts, punch and coffee

On Dec. 14th line dancers remembered the holiday by dancing to seasonal tunes.

Thanks to Ellen Gilbert for compiling the festive music.

Along with some holiday desserts, seasonal punch and coffee arranged by Helen Crombie and Sharry McLaugh-



Line Dancing

lin, a raffle was conducted by Cele Radeloff, with Cecilia Marchand and Darrel Collings assisting. Winners of the raffle included Lilia Bensonoff, Jane Collins and Bill Cousins.

Also a big welcome to Bill as he is one of our newest members.

As the end of 2010 approaches we wish to acknowledge and thank Victor Figueroa for all the technical assistance he offered throughout the year. You made things easier for us, Victor.

Please come join us for some fun dancing and great exercise on Tuesdays at 1 p.m. and Saturdays at 8:30 a.m. Beginner classes are always available at each session.

For additional information please feel free to contact Joanie Farrell at 727-723-1978 or Chris Nason at 727-797-6407.

If your building ran out of newspapers and you need another copy,

more newspapers are available in the East and West Activity Centers

Many pets went home happy after a visit with Santa and the Tampa Bay Lightning Girls

By Bill Sharpsteen
OTOW GREYHOUND CLUB
(related story on page 14)

Our greyhound wannabe and friend Montana can attest to a successful Santa Pet picture event at PetsMart in the Largo Mall.

Our all-volunteer group shot almost 200 pictures on the four weekend days!

We had everything from a hamster curled up in Santa's beard, Montana who kicked Santa to the curb to be with the Lightning Girls, and two 200-pound Great Danes who tried to sit on Santa's lap like Marmaduke!

It was a fun time with younger volunteers even dressing as elves.

This event is our biggest fund raiser of the year as PetsMart gives us half of each \$9.95 sitting and supplies us with pictures, supplies, all the frames, ink and photo paper.

Enjoy the photos you see on this page.

Now it's time to plan our eighth birthday party and St Patrick's Day Parade. Come to our meeting 10 a.m.,



Thursday, Jan. 6 in the East Activity Center Veranda Room to discuss these upcoming events and meet some nice greyhounds.

We are in Safety Harbor every third Friday (Jan. 21) at the corner of Main Street near Second Avenue with others for a music fun-filled evening from 6-10 p.m. Park near the Library off Second Avenue north of Main Street. Bring a folding chair, join us and walk the festival and listen to the music!

We have monthly visits to several area nursing homes with Beauty and Lacey who are well received!

All residents can attend our no dues club fun meetings. Come and bring your neighbors and friends. Enjoy meeting retired racing greyhounds to pet.

Call Bill at 727-797-7977 today to help by fostering, babysitting for a day to a week, adopting a greyhound, donating or volunteering with this all volunteer group. You will be richly

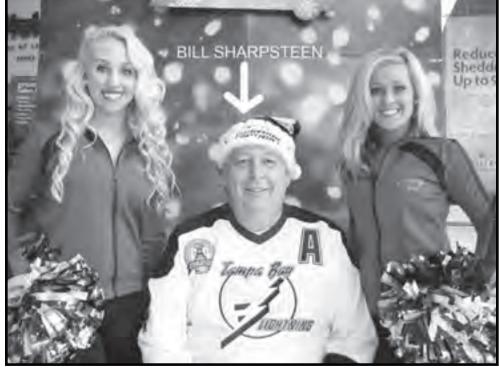


photos courtesy of Matt Picard



rewarded for your time spent. These gentle giants will leave paw prints on your heart!





Food and entertainment made December party special

By Jacqueline Kailimai

Here's wishing everyone a healthy, happy and prosperous new year, and if you missed the 1 4 The Road Christmas party you missed a real treat.

It was a wonderful affair. There was excitement from the moment you arrived until the moment you left. We had live entertainment provided by the Entertainment Committee, a photographer who took numerous photos, and loads of tasty foods and delicious desserts. Who wouldn't have a great time?

Our hats go off to all of those ladies who helped make the party a success: Rosemary Totaro, who did the shopping, Lynn Mandelesi and Roxie Maggio who helped with the preparations, Shirley Bruccoleri, who made sure each person received a name tag, and Audrey who came up with the idea and who brought such an interesting item from her



Members of the Singles Travel Club enjoy the December holiday party. (OTOW Photo by Vinnie Mart)

past to tell us about.

Pat Zorland returned from her two-month long cruise last month and, if we coax her, she might share some of her experiences with us at the January meeting. She may even show us a video.

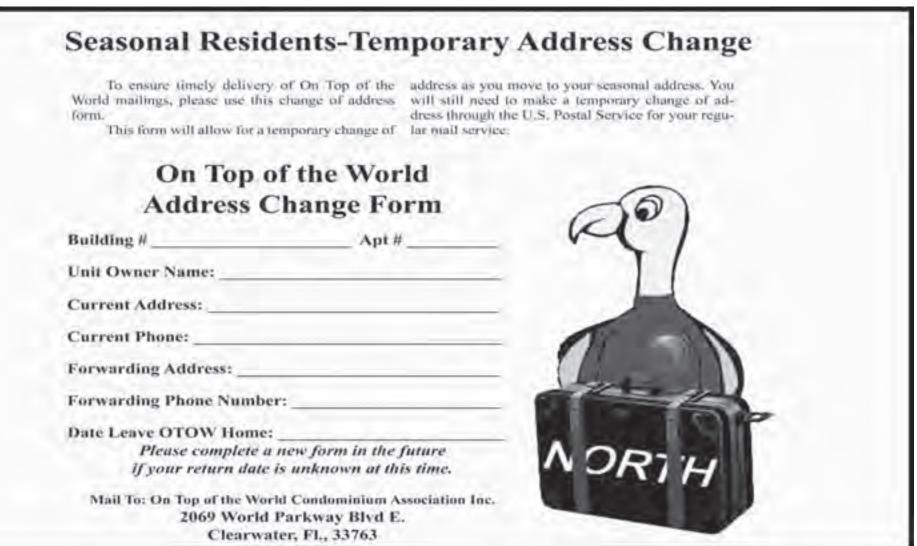


1 4 The Road (Singles Travel)

As always give Audrey Jones a call at 726-5856 if interested in any of the trips she has to offer and Shirley at 726-4619 if you're in need of additional club information. Also, remember, if at least 15 travelers sign up for a trip, Nancy from Advantage Cruises & tours will arrange a bus pick up for us right here at OTOW.







400 residents register for active club

By Rollie Lapointe

On behalf of the Canadian Club we wish to extend best wishes and good health to everyone in 2011. Take care and enjoy the good life we are privileged to have.

Another successful season for the On Top of the World Canadian Club is imminent if the November 19th Registration Night was any indication.

Approximately 400 residents registered for the club and then reacquainted themselves with old friends and met new members over refreshments.

Thanks to Gisele Goyette and her volunteers for making the evening run smoothly.

On Dec. 3, our annual Christmas party took place with around 245 party goers attending. A light meal was served and was followed by a rocking vuletide dance with, of course, Santa attending.



Canadian Club

Thanks to Marnie Carr and the many volunteers who made the evening a resounding success.

Pictures for this (and most events) may be found at our Web site: www.otowcanadianclub.com.

Friday, Jan. 28, provides an opportunity for members to dress up in their finest at our annual President's Ball. The purpose of the evening is to honor all those who have served selflessly to provide and organize activities for the members of the club. An added bonus, of course, is to partake in a great meal and dance.

Tickets are \$26 for members and Mills (559-1458). \$29 for non-members. This will include a sit-down dinner (buffet-style), catered by Quintessence, with complimentary wine at the tables. This event is a 'bring your own refreshment' party with music provided by Grant He-

Ticket sales (and table selection) will take place in the East Activity Center between 8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. on the following dates: Thursday Jan. 6; Monday, Jan. 10; Thursday, Jan. 13, Monday, Jan. 17 and Thursday,

Many other activities are in full swing as well.

Social game nights take place every Thursday at the East Activity Center starting at 6:30 p.m. with blackout and bridge the games of choice.

The Canadian Club golf tournament (February) still has a few openings. If you are interested, call Bruce

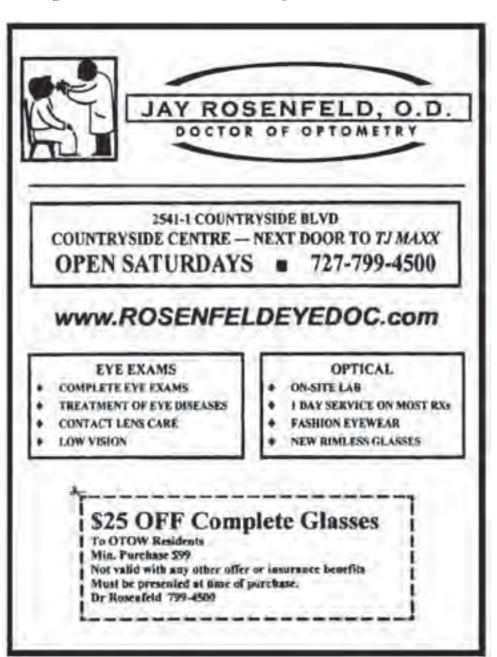
To see a Blue Jays pre-season game against the Twins in March, call Tom McKee at 470-9161.

A very few Tampa Bay Downs (January) tickets are available from Rick Carr (726-2247).

Preparations have also begun for the St. Patrick's Day Parade in March. Volunteers are still needed and interested people may contact Andy McEvov (470-9552).

As well, our annual Canadian Triples Lawn Bowling Tournament (Bob Laplante, 723-9674) will take place in February. Just a reminder, a player must be a member of both the Lawn Bowls Club and the Canadian Club in order to participate.

We are still looking for someone to fill the shoes of Second Vice President on the Executive Board. If interested, contact Tom McKee (470-



Happy New Year from the OTOW News staff

First parade meeting will be on Jan. 11

By Mary Ann O'Neil

Our Christmas Dinner Dance held on Dec. 10 was a great success, thanks to the efforts of club members who helped organize an exciting evening full of great food, music and best of all, friendship.

The winner of our 50/50 was Kathleen Windsor, the niece of Marie and Joe Cassidy. Along with the 50/50 drawing there were several door prizes given to lucky ticket holders. Congratulations to all winners.

Our first meeting for the St. Patrick's Day Parade will be on Tuesday, Jan. 11, at 4:30 p.m. in the downstairs computer room at the East Activity

The first club business meeting for 2011 will be held on Jan. 14 at 7:30 p.m. in the East Activity Center. Following the meeting there will be a



short presentation by representatives from the Mease Hospital Foundation regarding the various programs the hospital offers.

Don't forget to purchase your tickets for the Ken McBride Show on Thursday, Jan. 20 at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$10 for members and \$13 for nonmembers.

Just a little thought for the day: Those who bring sunshine to the lives of others cannot keep it from themselves.





A hilarious musical about retirement.

January 9 **2 PM EAC Auditorium**

Hop aboard to German Bakery this month

By Walter Copeland

We welcome all of our Snowbirds and we missed you. We're delighted you've returned to join us for a comfortable pleasant winter.

It's too bad you couldn't have been here for our summer. You could have enjoyed 99-degree weather and dine on hamburgers, hot dogs and fried eggs cooked right off our World Parkway asphalt.

Alas, but now you're all back and it's time to relax and have fun. The Pennsylvania Club is pleased to bring you an exciting agenda for this sea-

On Jan. 19 we are going to take a one-day bus trip to Mt. Dora. The first



Pennsylvania

stop will be the famous German Bakery, followed by a buffet luncheon at a beautiful Spanish resort called the Mission Inn. Guests will have two hours to browse the numerous boutiques. Cost is \$59 per person, including tax

On Jan. 29 we are heading to the Greyhound Dog Track in Tampa. Cost

is \$30 which includes admission, program and a very nice buffet luncheon. Taxes and tips are included.

On Feb. 4 we're celebrating Ground Hog Day in the East Activity Center auditorium. The cost is \$15, which includes a turkey dinner, plus ham and pineapple. It's all you can eat, but no takeouts. There will be entertainment and door prizes.

On Feb. 12 we will gather for Valentine's Day with a matinee buffet and comedy at "The Dixie Swim Club." Cost is \$33, which includes taxes.

From Feb. 13-16 we have scheduled a fun trip to Las Vegas. The adventure is three nights and four days via Southwest Airlines out of Tampa.

We will stay at the Monte Carlo Hotel and Casino. Transportation from On Top of the World is provided. Cost is

For March 11-12 we've arranged a two-day bus trip to the Immokalee Casino. We'll stay at the Springhill Suites Marriott Hotel. The cost is \$89 per person, double occupancy, tax and bus tip included. Everyone will get \$50 in free play and \$10 for food. Last year we took two bus loads.

Our meeting this month is 10 a.m., Jan. 6 in the lower level of the East Activity Center. We are open to all OTOW residents, not just Pennsyl-

Hoosier Club's new vice president used to have a wrestler's mentality

By Nancy House

At the Dec. 7 Christmas dinner, Mary Beth Hufty was installed as the vice-president of the Hoosier Club.

She was unanimously approved by the membership at the November general meeting.

Working closely with the president will prepare Mary Beth for that office when Cathy Faulkner's term expires.

Hufty grew up in Vincennes, Ind., and has resided at On Top of the World since retiring from teaching speech and English to middle school age children in Hope, Ind.

When her father was 32 years old, he became a Circuit Court Judge and served in this position for 25 years. She still remembers being called the judge's daughter and being reminded to watch her behavior in public. But this didn't stop her from announcing to everyone that she wanted to be a lady wrestler and that she faithfully watched lady wrestling every Friday on television to improve her fighting skills.

This aspiration was forgotten when Mary Beth met her future husband, John, while still in high school. Being a "tomboy," and being able to wrestle, did pay off later in life since—she got up each morning, how exciting she and John raised four sons. Over a it was to sit outside in the warmth of span of 10 years, she claimed that she attended at least four football games



Mary Beth Hufty

The winter of 2008-09 was extremely cold and when her husband said, "I can't stand another winter in Indiana." Mary Beth decided to retire early and they began looking for a condo at OTOW, where so many of their Hoosier friends were already winter-

When asked what she liked most about living here, she commented on how peaceful and relaxing it was when the sunshine and chat with neighbors, and to just have time for leisure activi-



Hoosier Club

"Living here is just perfect for this chapter in my life with the Hoosier Club serving as a bit of Indiana in a new location," Mary Beth said.

If you get up early in the morn- a ing, you might see her briskly walking her dog or see her in the west side pool swimming laps. Mary Beth loves to travel, read books, go to the theatre, and is currently searching for a group of others who would be interested in be having a playing social bridge.

The next Hoosier Club general meeting will be 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 11, in the Craft Room in the East Activity Center. The next Game Night will be on Wednesday, Jan. 19, when a Pizza Party will be held. Everyone is welcome to attend and get a chance to meet our new vice president, Marybeth Hufty.

For additional information, call our President, Cathy Faulkner at 727-797-5236.



NY / NJ Club

Practice your hula skills before Jan. 20

By Brad Day

Hello everyone and Happy Holidays from the NY/NJ Club.

This is reminder that our Luau will be on Jan. 21 starting at 6 p.m.

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Hawaiian music by Sax 5th Ave - just like last year.

Food will be catered and made specially for us, including Hawaiian Roast Pork, and other Hawaiian, Oriental and Asian dishes.

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Baby Boomers

Baby Boomers celebrate the holidays

By Katarina Tepesh

Our Baby Boomers group continues to make progress in number of people joining, as well as the number of activities we plan.

We celebrated Thanksgiving at the beautiful home of Cheryl Reese with traditional turkey and pleasant company.

We visited the Florida Botanical Gardens to see holiday lights. A community tradition, strolling through the shining garden, smelling pine needles and listening to various musicians adds a touch of magic to everyone's delight. Entertainment consisted of Christmas music, a story teller, children's craft, a juggler, belly dancers and many others.

Of course, we also visited Mrs. and Mr. Santa Claus in Winter Wonderland displayed in downtown Clearwater. Mrs. Claus offered us homemade just baked cookies and happily posed for our pictures.

Nearby Busch Gardens is another popular destination for our Baby Boomers group, in addition to golf, tennis, sailing and cruises.

We were thrilled when Linda and Joe Dallao invited us to hold our monthly meeting in December at their home at our own OTOW.

As always, our bicycle group enjoyed another ride to the lovely Safety Harbor with a stopover for hot chocolate and conversation. Of course, some of us wrote a letter to Santa Claus and received new bicycles.

The purpose of our Baby Boomers group is to meet and get to know each other. Our group attracts OTOW condo owners who already love living here and wish to make our home even a better place to live and play.

We meet every third Thursday each month and communicate via email. Our next monthly meeting is on Thursday, Jan. 20, at 6 p.m. in the East Activity Center's Veranda Room. For more information on our club send an email to Katarina at katarina2379@gmail.com



Who said it doesn't snow in Florida?



In early December a Snowfest took place in Safety Harbor and provided an opportunity for local residents to experience a taste of winter. Yes! There was snow in Florida! While some children enjoyed the thrill of riding down a snow-covered slide, others chose to grab a hotdog under more picnic-like conditions. If you missed this annual Snowfest, you can catch it again next year.

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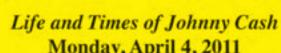


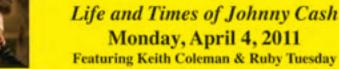
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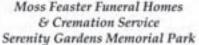














The On Top of the World concert performs its holiday concert in December. (OTOW News photo by Tom Bracken)

Holiday concert was a success now it's time to plan for spring

By Dana Garlick

Thank you to all who supported and attended our December concert. It was good to see your smiling faces in the audience.

Thank you to the businesses, organizations and individuals who helped us with donations.

We ended our winter season with a wonderful pot luck supper coordinated by Rita Tombari and Jackie Dooley. No one left hungry on the evening of Dec. 7. The food, once again, was outstanding. Our hard work was celebrated and talks for the coming season are already underway.

One of our members thinks something is missing. In earlier



Chorus

days, in addition to the pianist's accompaniment, we had a drummer, Johnny Johnston. The percussions he played (drums, maracas, bells) added another dimension to our songs. The OTOW Chorus hopes to expand opportunities for one or two people to play simple percussion instruments appropriate to some of the music the OTOW Chorus is planning to sing in the future. A good sense of rhythm

and some musical experience, e.g., played in the high school band or orchestra or studied an instrument long enough to learn to read simple rhythms, would be helpful.

Our initial plan will include East Activity Center. playing on percussion instruments such as: claves, timbales, cowbell, tambourine, maracas, bongo and/or conga drums, etc.

Individuals do not need to own the necessary percussion instruments. The chorus will endeavor to acquire them. Also to alleviate any anxieties over being able to play with the OTOW Chorus, member Jim Salta will be available to go over the percussion parts with volunteers

immediately before or after the rehearsals which take place on Mondays between 10-11 a.m. (downstairs) and on Tuesdays between 7-9 p.m. (upstairs) in the

If you have any questions regarding percussion instruments, either phone chorus member Jim Salta at (727) 559-2676 or talk to him at one of our rehearsals.

We'll be resuming our rehearsal Tuesday, Jan 11, in the East Activity Center auditorium. We need more members. Please think about joining the chorus. Come visit, listen and try it out. We enjoy singing, and we enjoy getting to know one another.

GIFT SHOPPE CONTRIBUTOR OF THE MONTH

Who knew quarters could be so artistic?



Florence Barnes is the Gift Shoppe contributor of the month.

By Thomas Brennan

We start the New Year with Florence Barnes, the Gift Shoppe contributor of the month.

Florence comes to us from Fair-field, Me. She has been living at On Top of the World for the past 16 years. Not only that, but she has five sisters and four of them live here, too. They are Selina Hamlyn, Bonnie Howell, Chris McNeal and Shirley O'Neal.

Florence has an unusual talent for metal work art. Her workshop is a corner of her Florida room. She works with optic glasses that fit over her head, some tiny tools and shiny quarters. The glasses resemble a welder's helmet with a protective frame and thick shatterproof glass to protect the eyes.

Florence gave me a hands-on demonstration of how she converts a plain ordinary quarter into a fine piece of jewelry. First she lays the quarter flat on a block of wood, takes a pointed tool and punches a hole near center of the quarter. Then she puts a fine blade through the hole, fastens it to a small handsaw and cuts out the background

very carefully. With the background gone it leaves the seal of the state suspended in air.

This operation requires three hours of uninterrupted time. The quarter is fitted into a bezel with a clasp which can be attached to a silver chain.

These very attractive and unusual quarters make a perfect gift for men, women and children for birthdays, anniversaries and special occasions. You can find them on sale at the Gift Shoppe in the East Activity Center. Florence has a special case displaying 50 of her cut-out quarters. One for each state, which is a must see.

At OTOW everyone has something they can do to relax and enjoy living here. Florence's fun time is her membership in the 18-hole ladies golf league and the golden girls golf club. She also has volunteered for nearly five years with the Florida Sheriff's Association, which supports the youth ranches for needy girls and boys.

Thank you Florence for a learning experience in metal art.



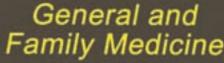
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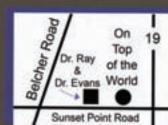
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Bring leftover treats to Jan. 8 meeting

By Edna Androvette

I hope all the members of the Singles Club made New Year's Resolutions by now and plan to keep them during this New Year.

Make sure you write them down and check every so often to see how you are doing.

The Singles Club Christmas Party was held on Friday, Dec. 3, at Alfano Restaurant in Clearwater and everyone who attended enjoyed themselves.

Please note: The January 2011 club meeting will be on Saturday, Jan. 8, the second Saturday in January at 6:30 p.m. Please remember to bring items such as cookies, candy, fruitcake, etc., that you received as gifts, or baked yourself, and have items left that you can share at this meeting.

This will make refreshment time enjoyable and interesting with an array of goodies on the table.

Plans for February are as follows: Feb. 5 a regular meeting with Bingo for everyone to enjoy and Feb. 19 a Fashion Show by Bon Worth is planned. This will take place in the large card room at 2 p.m. Cost for members is



Singles Club

\$3. Cost for non-members is \$8, which includes membership.

Two trips are in the planning stage for 2011. There will be more discussion at the January meeting regarding a trip to the dog races and John's Pass, and if the Jolly Trolley will supply transportation. More information on the cost and dates will be discussed.

Our Sunshine Lady is Bonnie White. Please contact her with information about a member who is ill or in the hospital and she will make sure a card is sent. Her phone is 249-7842.

Welcome single newcomers to OTOW. Come and join us! Any questions, you can call Dorothy at 796-4460 or Lucy 669-3784.

Happy New Year to everyone. Be kind, be happy, be nice and be well!

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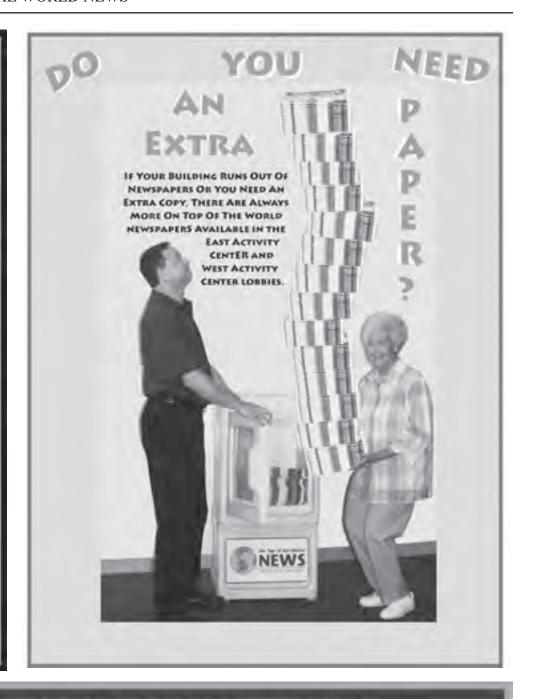
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Snowbirds attend holiday party featuring Bowzer, the original Comets and more

By Ed Foland

Several Snowbirds attended the Bowzer Holiday Party concert at Ruth Eckerd Hall on Dec 10.

Also preforming on stage with Bowzer were Jay Black and the Americans, The Original Comets, Tommy Mara of The Crests, and Joey Dee of the Starlighters.

They all performed their greatest hits of the 50s and 60s and they sounded as good as they did back then.

Ruth Eckerd Hall invited Ed and Dolly Foland to have lunch with Bowzer on Dec. 9 in their Dress Circle Lounge.

So you might be asking, how did Bowzer get the name Bowzer? His real name is Jon Bauman and his classmates in grade school gave him the nick name Bowzer.

The OTOW Snowbirds Web site is now up and running. Web designer John Koning designed it to be dynamic by nature so that each time you visit, you can expect new and current information. A schedule and flyers on Snowbirds events provide a quick and



Ed and Dolly Foland share a dinner table with the famous "Bowzer."

easy overview of the many activities. Checkout the photo albums and all of local information of interest to Snowbirds at www.snowbirdsotow.com.

The members monthly meeting was held on the first Monday in December. The expanded list of outings for the 2010/2011 was reviewed. Featured outings included a Daniel O'Donnell concert, Doo Wop and a events have been placed on the bul-John Denver Tribute Artist.

The next monthly meetings are on Monday, Jan 3 and Feb 7. A special meeting for Cruisers is on Jan 10 - all in the Veranda Room at 11 a.m.

New flyers with schedules of letin boards in every building. Tickets are available at the Snowbirds information table in East Activity Center every Monday and Thursday morning.





2011 starts off with shows, dances and more

Hello 2011!

I hope you all have had a great holiday season with family and friends, and have not made too many hard-to-keep resolutions.

We're starting off our year with a hilarious musical-comedy called "Ain't Retirement Grand." It will be on Sunday, Jan. 9 at 2 p.m.

Not to be confused with our continuing free Sunday-In-The-Park programs, this show will be featuring a troupe of four professional, well experienced actors - one of whom lives right here with us at OTOW. Tickets are \$8.

Our first show of 2011 will be Thursday, Jan. 13, a "Neil Dia-

mond" tribute by Jack Berrios, who the King. is endorsed by Neil. Jack is a great

The second show will be Thursday, Jan. 27, "New Odyssey," returning after several years to dazzle and entertain you with their great stage show and the 30 instruments the group plays. Prepare to be entertained and amazed.

Out first dance, called the "Elvis Birthday Bash," is to commemorate Elvis' birthday on Saturday, Jan. 15. It promises to be a blast. We're having a "Name That Tune" contest and other surprises. So come out and bop and dance to

The second dance of the talent doing some great memorable month, Saturday, Jan. 29, will bring back Ron & the Classics, always a crowd pleaser. The theme for that dance will be "South For The Winter." There will be more contests and prizes, so get out those dancing shoes and join us for the fun.

> And I can't forget our free Sunday-In-The-Park, Jan. 16 at 2 p.m. We're having a cool group of four ladies who will all be playing saxophones. Who said the fairer sex can't do it all?

> Come see us at the East Activity Center Monday and Thursday mornings for tickets and info.



Brad Day Entertainment Committee Chairman Elect

Special On Top of the World Sunday matinée set for the musical "Ain't Retirement Grand!"

You don't want to miss, "Ain't Retirement Grand," a musical variety show brought to you by the Entertainment Committee.

The show will be 2 p.m., Sunday, Jan. 9 at 2 p.m. The cost will be a special price of \$8 for On Top of the World residents.

The musical is performed by two men and two women, and has been called hilarious by reviewers who have seen the show in local theaters.



This show is said to be The musical was recently touching to men and women bought from playwright Gil tion call 953-0930 or email because it is so true to life. Perloth with the intent to Ac1392@aol.com.

produce it off Broadway. The New York producers feel it will be a bigger hit than "Menopause: The Musical" simply because this show appeals to men as well as women.

For tickets, stop by the East Activity Center between 8:30-10:30 a.m. on Mondays or Thursdays. This is a special matinee for you and your friends.

For more informa-



ENTERTAINMENT COMMITTEE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

JANUARY 2011

SUN 9



SUDAY MATINEE SPECIAL SHOW - 2 PM - \$8

AIN'T RETIREMENT GRAND

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HILARIOUS BROADWAY BOUND MUSICAL

THUR

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ACTIVITY CENTER

THURSDAY NIGHT SHOW - 7:30 PM - \$14

JACK BERRIOS' DIAMOND

THE LOOK, SOUND & FEEL OF NEIL DIAMOND

SAT

15



SATURDAY NIGHT DANCE - 8PM - \$8

DON'T BE CRUEL DANCE

ELVIS BIRTHDAY BASH - MUSIC BY REBOUND

SUN

16



SUNDAY-IN-THE-PARK - 2PM - FREE

TAMPA BAY SAX QUARTET

REFRESHMENTS - 50/50

THUR

27



THURSDAY NIGHT SHOW - 7:30PM - \$14

NEW ODYSSEY

MUSIC AND ZANINESS THAT MESMERIZES

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SATURDAY NIGHT DANCE - 8PM - \$8

SOUTH FOR THE WINTER

MUSIC BY RON & THE CLASSICS

PREVIEW OF FEBRUARY EVENTS

FEB 10 - THE PLATTERS SHOW

FEB 24 - JOHNNY CASH TRIBUTE SHOW

FEB 12 - MY FUNNY VALENTINE DANCE

BY HIS BROTHER TOMMY CASH

FEB 13 - SUNDAY IN THE PARK - AT LARGE FEB 26 - OLD BLACK MAGIC DANCE

TICKETS: EAST ACTIVITY CENTER MON & THURS 8:30-10:30AM INFORMATION: CALL (727) 953-0930 - OR - EMAIL: AC1392@AOL.COM



Scramble set for Jan. 25 and Jack & Jill on Feb. 8

By Cathy Mills

Happy New Year to all! I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday sea-

We are looking forward to golfing in the new year with our usual Tuesday morning games as well as a fun Scramble on Jan. 25. This will be a shotgun start at 8:30 a.m. ending with lunch under the trees and a rules seminar. Anyone who has a rules question should put it in writing and give it to Fran Zowalski. She will then address these questions at the seminar.

The ever popular Jack and Jill Tournament is coming up on Feb. 8 and don't forget to mark the Rally for a Cure date of April 5 on your calenders. The committee for this event is looking for prizes for their raffles. If you can help out with this please let Pat Cassidy know.

Anyone interested in the monthly golf clinics call Pat Cassidy at 725-2187.

18-Hole Ladies Golf

Weekly Awards: November 9

A Flight - Low Gross - Maureen Stewart, Low Net- Dale McMinn.

B Flight - Low Gross - Boots Stanton, Low Net - Dee Wisslead

C Flight - Low Gross - Eileen McKown, Low Net - Lila Carmichael

D Flight - Low Gross - Tisha Overend, Low Net - Phyllis Marsteller

November 16

A Flight - Low Gross - Ada Culbertson, Low Net - Dot Graham, Terry Kuplan

B Flight - Low Gross - Carole Lacey, Low Net - Donna Smerz

C Flight - Low Gross - Lila Carmichael, Low Net - Betty Conley, Wendy Colquhoun, Sue Morse, Joan McHugh, Low Net - Phyllis Marsteller Yorkery

D Flight - Low Gross - Terry McHugh, Low Net - Rose Mulhall

November 23

A Flight- Low Gross- Sharon Hackenmiller, Low Net- Ada Culbert-

B Flight- Low Gross- Carole Lacey, Low Net- Leora Hamm

C Flight- Low Gross- Betty Conley, Eileen McKown, Low Net- Cindy Schell

D Flight- Low Gross Terry McHugh, Low Net- Elaine Stretavski

November 30

A Flight- Low Gross- Ada Culbertson Low Net-Donna Osborne

B Flight- Low Gross- Nanette Rudolph, Low Net- Christine Miller

C Flight - Low Gross- Maria Im, Low Net- Joan Yorkery

D Flight- Low Gross- Terry

9-Hole Ladies Golf

Winners announced from **Guys and Dolls Tournament**

By: Mary Ann O'Neil

The cold weather is upon us so just remember if you are in doubt as to whether or not we are playing, call the Pro Shop.

Our holiday luncheon was held on Dec. 9 at the Beachcombers Restaurant. There were 26 attendees for this annual event. A special thanks to Dolly Foland and her committee for an excellent job setting up this event.

Welcome new members, Marge Jacobs and Laypa Buck.

Jan. 13 will be our Scotch Foursome Tournament. We will be playing 12 holes on the 18-hole course, so get your foursome together. Rain date for this event will be Jan. 20th.

On Nov. 16 our Little Guys and Dolls Tournament was held with 19 twosome teams participating. The following winners were recorded:

Group A: Doris Prekopa/Andy Suhar Group B: Bev Huber/Ron Huber and Hilde Platte/Bob McGrogan

Group C: Mary Ann O'Neil/Jim O'Neil

Group D: Ingrid Durhan/Tony Duth-

Our next general meeting will be at 2:30 p.m. on Jan. 25 in the Veranda Room at the East Activity Center. Please plan to be there as these meetings are informative and will give our members an opportunity to share ideas on how we can improve our membership and participation in the league.



Nov. 9 was a good day for Ted Lee, who was playing with Dominique Bucella and John Thomson.

Ted aced the fifth hole, a 156yard par 3.

Congratulations on the great shot.

Officers in place for new year

By Ken Nield

Well it is a new year, and the board would like to wish everyone a Happy New Year.

With the new year we have some changes to the board. Russell Caughey will remain as president for the new year. Ken Nield will become the president elect, and Jim O'Neill becomes the new secretary.

John Strong remains as the treasurer. Frank Giarizzi, Phil Smerz, and Steve Sutton remain as trustees.

Congratulations to all and we look forward to another successful

the last article. Dave Pert had a capital

18-Hole Men's Golf

achievement on the third hole, using a driver, to get his ace. Dave's was playing with Al Latcher, Dillman Ralston and Dan O'Sullivan. Way to go Dave.

Ron Huber got his hole-in-one on the fifth hole, using a 5-iron. Ron's playing partners on the eventful day were Roy Monteith, Rob Orchaard and Marshall Greenman. Congratulations Ron.

Thanks to our course mainte-We had two holes-in-one since nance staff we have some fantastic winter greens and tees, even though ing.

the rest of the course has taken on the dormant winter brown look. Many thanks to Drew and his staff for providing use with the best conditions for play, we possibly could have.

As I am moving up to president elect, this will be my last column. It has been a great two years in trying to keep everyone informed as to the goings on of the Men's Golf Association. I want to thank all of those who provided items of interest for me to blurb about on a monthly basis. I am confident that our new secretary will do equally, if not a better job, than I have. Good luck and have fun, Jim.

For my last time - Good Golf-

Tell your friends up north, OTOW News can be read Online at otowclearwaterinfo.com, click "Community Information" and download the newspaper to your desktop.





Que't Billiards

Ladies hold elections and holiday tournament

By Barb Sundberg

On Sunday morning, Dec. 5, Kay Mahoney, Elizabeth Asselta and Barb Sundberg rolled up their sleeves and joined Andy Suhar along with Jack Johnson to clean up the billiard tables just in time for the New Year's tournaments.

On Wednesday, Dec. 8, the Que't Ladies Billiard Club enjoyed their holiday get-together with many delicious treats thanks to each of the members. We also held election of officers for the New Year. Judy Garvey was elected president, Ellen Gilbert retained the office of vice president, Barb Sundberg was elected secretary and Margo Lindsay was elected treasurer.

Mary Henry and Kay Mahoney were elected Members at Large, while Reva Heymann and Helen Crombie were named alternative Members at Large.

We look forward to another successful year of fellowship and helping each other improve our game.

Ladies, if you are interested in learning the game of pool, bring your activity card and come join us Wednesday evenings.

Free instructions and the necessary equipment are available with the help of Frank English, founder and instructor, Andy Suhar, program coordinator, and Terri Wittman and Ed Solivan, instruction coordinators.

Practice time is from 6:30–7 p.m. followed by various programs until close in the West Activity Center Billiards Room.

Five individual champions in four weeks for men's 8-ball

There were five different winners last month in Men's 8-Ball Competition.

Bart Gooch started the month with a victory over Hugo Orantes. Tony Baker defeated Bill Robertson for third place.

Hugo rebounded the following week to share first place with Tom Mc-Minn. Bob Osborne took third place and Herb Jordan was fourth.

In week three, Frank English continued a successful season by topping Bill Robertson in the finals. Tim Rush edged Tony Baker for third place.

In the final week, Frank McGuire became the fifth winner by defeating Mario Rodriguez. Terri Wittman was third and Rich Woloszyn was fourth.

In Scotch Doubles, last month featured three different winning teams in three weeks.

John Fier and Marc Schell defeated Tony Baker and Bart Gooch to start the month. The team of Bob Ead and Tim Rush defeated Terri Wittman and Ray Diguilio for third place.

Frank English and Andy Suhar were victorious in week two. They defeated Norm Theriault and Terri Wittman in the finals. Joe Ventimiglia and Mario Rodriguez were third. Bob Ellis and Bob Osborne settled for fourth.

In the final week, Tony Baker and Bart Gooch grabbed top honors. Ed Hanson and Frank McGuire were second, Bob Ellis and Bob Osborne were third, and Hugo Orantes and Norm Theriault were fourth.

The Men's Billiards Club will hold a general meeting 6 p.m. Jan. 10 in the West Activity Center Sunrise Room.



Frank English and Andy Suhar were named the men's team of the year.

Residents must ID their pool cues

Anyone who has a pool cue locked up in the West Activity Center billiard room must have it labeled for identification purposes by Feb. 15.

Any cues that are not labeled by this date will have the locks cut and the cues will be removed.

Only one cue per resident is permitted for storage in the billiard room because we need to make room for other residents to store their cues.

Strict compliance will be overseen by the men's and women's billiard clubs.



Every game was close last month

By Don Grabowski

It didn't take long for our players to get to playing "serious" softball. The pitching improved and the hitters had to be a little more exacting with men on base.

Cody's 18 Good Neighbors 16

A Cody's 18-16 win was led by Paul Fice, Pat Kennedy and Glen Ohl with five hits each.

Timely hits by Bob Stoddard and Jim Hall drove in the needed runs for the win.

The losers were led by Bill Arkins and Pat Kennedy with five hits each. Greg Zimmer and Howard Huff had timely hits of their own.

A good game highlighted by Cody's defense.

Softball

Scott's Pharmacy 19 Cody's Restaurant 18

Scott's outhit Cody's 31-26, but won only 19-18. Heavy hitters for Scott's were Pat Kennedy and Guy Bertuzzi with five hits each, Sam Macaluso and Frank Schlotter with four hits each.

A five-run sixth inning was the clincher for Scott's win.

For the losers, Paul Fice had a home run and three other hits. Greg Zimmer had four hits, too. Bill Lepping, Bob Rittner and Lenny Segall had three hits each. A tight game with the finish in doubt until the last inning.

OTOW 13 Scott's Pharmacy 12

A low scoring game (for our league) went to OTOW 13-12.

OTOW was led by Fred Walters, Glenn Ohl, Jim Pollock and Greg Zimmer with four hits each. Trevor Dixon and Bob Fields had three hits each.

Scott's Pharmacy lacked the punch to score the winning run or even the tying run. The game was not as close as the score indicates. Scott's scored eight runs in the last inning, proving once again that the game is not over until the last out.

Scott's Pharmacy 16 Cody's 15

Scott's held Cody's scoreless in the last inning to win 16-15.

Actually, it was Cody's game to

lose, which they did by going scoreless in the last two innings.

The winners "woke up" and scored nine times in the last three innings to come away with the deserved victory.

All Scott Pharmacy players have to be mentioned as they all contributed to the win. Bill Arkins had a couple good catches in left field, while Greg Zimmer, Bob Fields, Guy Bertuzzi, Frank Schlotter and Sam Macaluso all had four hits each. Howard Huff and Glenn Ohl chipped in with three hits each.

Cody's would have normally won this game with their batting effort. Paul Fice collected four hits, including home run, while Jim Hall, Bob Rittner and Jim Pollock had four hits each. An exciting game for our fans to watch.



Bowling

Cheryl Kutchinski rolls 494 series

By Geri Corcoran

Cheryl Kutchinski is our top bowler for the month of November. Cheryl bowled games of 184, 182 and 164 for a high series of 494.

Loni Bently also had high games of 193, 175 and 162 for a series of 468

Other high games were Madeline Nawrocky 171, Marge Jacobs 178, 159, Mary Kenelly 150, Jackie Kail 162, 157, Mary Hoyt 175, 156, 150, Nancy Kennedy 167, Shirley Bowers 155.

Splits were converted by Sherry Ohl 4-7-10 and Mary Ann O'Neil 5-10.

The officers wish everyone a healthy and Happy New Year!

Variety of divisions open for OTOW tennis tournament

By Joseph Spahalski

The On Top of the World tennis tournament runs from Monday, Jan. 31, through Sunday, March 6.

The current plan includes the following categories: Men's Singles Full Court, Men's Singles Half Court, Men's Doubles, Women's Singles Half Court, Women's Doubles, Men/Women Mixed Doubles.

Check the bulletin boards at the courts to sign up and review the rules. We would like every member to enter at least one tournament in order to make this a very successful event.

If you are interested in watching the competition, please bring your own chair as it will be standing room only.

If you're new to OTOW tennis, you might be a little confused about our calls regarding the play. In tennis, the player receiving the ball makes the decision as to the fair play of the ball. This would be like a baseball batter calling his own balls and strikes. So to end the confusion, following are what the calls mean.

Tennis

WIND AT YOUR BACK: Means the player missed the ball due to the wind, which probably wasn't blowing at the time.

SUN AT YOUR BACK: Means the player wasn't looking into the sun and should have made a better shot.

LINE BALL OUT: This is a tricky one. It really has a multitude of meanings. One meaning is the ball did in fact hit the line but was called out by the blind person receiving the ball

The opposite meaning is that the ball did in fact miss the line but the person hitting it was also blind. Another meaning is that the players who said it just wanted to say something with meaning.

GOOD HUSTLE: Boy, that guy is faster than I thought. Or, I wish I still had legs that will move once in a while.

THE WALL: Usually refers to

the person who plays the net in a defensive position and returns every ball back.

THE MAGNET HITTER: Refers to the player who keeps hitting the ball back to The Wall, which results in hitters loss of point.

GREAT TECHNIQUE: A player who looks so perfect at the technique of trying to hit a ball, but misses it entirely.

ARGH: This short grunt usually means I missed a great shot and/or I could not have possibly—hit the ball.

ARRRRRGGGGGH: This long grunting is the reply after missing an easy shot but trying to impress others that it was a very hard shot to return.

GIFT: The ball is going out of bounds but the player hits it anyway because he couldn't determine if it was in fact a legal ball so he says my gift to you.

Yi Yiiii Yiiiiii: This is something like Arrrrgh. But it is done to confuse the other players.



Learn how to lawn bowl from club members

A course on how to lawn bowl is open to all On Top of the World activity card holders.

The OTOW Lawn Bowls Club provides a team of trainers to meet and teach the appropriate instruction. The candidate must provide a \$30 deposit equal to the annual membership at the commencement of training. If the candidate decides that membership in the club is not wanted, the deposit will be returned.

Flat shoes are required to practice or play on the greens as heels will damage the surface.

During the first year, bowls may be borrowed from the club, or, when available, second hand bowls may be purchased from the club or other members.

Please note: OTOW recreational facilities are not open to the public, only to OTOW unit owners and renters.

OTOW Lawn Bowls courts are part of the community's recreational facilities and are available for open play by all unit owners and renters in

Lawn Bowling

good standing with a valid ID issued by the association.

Owners and renters do not have to belong to the Lawn Bowls Club to use the courts or OTOW equipment, nor do owners and renters have to take lessons to use the courts.

However, to participate in Lawn Bowls events and tournament, owners and renters must be members of the club. Membership dues, policies and event responsibilities are in no matter administered by OTOW or SCA, Inc.

Why have instruction?

The aim of the course is twofold: first, to prepare the individual so that he/she can participate in the OTOW lawn bowls at a social, fun level, and second, to expose the individual to the game so that he/she can decide if lawn bowling is a social activity that meets their interest.

What will I learn?

In order for the candidate to fully appreciate the game, instruction will be provided in the following areas:

- 1. The basics of the game including format, scoring, dead bowls, uniqueness of the bowls, boundaries and order of play.
- 2. The expectations of the "Lead" including setting of the mat, delivery of the jack, centering of the jack, sweeping the bowls and delivery of bowls.
- 3. Etiquette of the game including speaking, signals, location of standing, consideration of others, movement and appreciation of roles of other team members.
- 4. Practice in delivery of jack and bowls so that the individual feels a relative level of comfort and can be an asset to the team. It is important to note that it is fully understood that as a novice, the caliber of play is expected to be that of a beginner. Only time and practice improves play.
- 5. The benefits of being a member of the OTOW Lawn Bowls Club

include: participating when and how often you wish, physical activity, socials, fun activities, tournaments open to novices, and meeting great people.

Every weekday morning that does not have a tournament scheduled is open on a drop-in basis to all members. Beginners or novices are teamed up with more experienced players of higher ranking to keep teams relatively balanced.

If interested or I want more information, contact Bob Laplante at 723-9674 or give your name and number to any member of the club.

OTOW News
would like to
feature a special
married couple
in its February
"Valentine's"
edition.

We are looking for a couple who met right here at OTOW and has a unique story to tell.

Is this you?

Do you know a couple which fits this description?

Send us an email to otow.newsroom@gmail.com

Dorothy Gillis and Paul Evans roll perfect score in November tournament

By Shirley Rutherford

The Lawn Bowls General meeting was held Nov. 15 with Dave Murray presiding.

Vice President Brian Bedard outlined some suggestions for our Past Presidents Dance on Feb. 25. Remember our theme this year is "Mardi Gras."

New plaques will be posted around the green so anyone can read how the game is played in the hope of attracting new members.

Our new shed is on order under the able supervision of Hal Jacobsen. The jitney and tournament directors will now have a room in the shed to do their paperwork and not have their papers blowing in the wind.

Nov. 13 Results

1st: Myrtle Poirier - skip and Paul Evans- Lead; 2nd: Dave Murray - skip and Norm Chandler - lead; 3rd: Ralph Ross - skip; Joy Sinclair - vice

Lawn Bowling

and Wally Colquhoun – lead.

Nov. 20 Results

Our Saturday jitney held some excitement when the winning team of Dorothy Gillis and Paul Evans bowled a perfect 8 ender.

Second place was the team of Ralph Rossand Bob Hughes; Third was the team of Dave Murray and Pauline McKibbon.

Tuesday Nov. 23rd was our first afternoon bowling and BBQ. The Drawmasters were Marg and Edgar Hachey and it was a fun game followed by a 50/50 draw. Winners of the 50/50 were Pat Wigle and Shirley Rutherford. The chefs for the BBQ were Clarence Poirier and Hal Jacobsen.

On Nov. 27 the OTOW Lawn Bowls participated in the South East Mixed Championship in Clearwater and gave a very good showing in doubles. Second place went to Clarence and Myrtle Poirer; third place went to Ralph Ross and Marion Reid; and fourth place went to Cathy Mills and her partner from the Clearwater Club.

On Dec. 3,4 and 5 OTOW was well represented at Mt. Dora where 28 teams met to bowl.

Ron Jones, Brian Bedard and Norma Kearns came in second. Everyone had a great time. Congratulations.

The Christmas tournament was held Dec. 11 with two draws under the able direction of Brian Bedard.

The winners were Marg Hachey, Helen Dunbar and Christine Miller.

A delicious lunch was enjoyed by all thanks to "Chef" Pat Murray and her helpers. Santa made a suprise visit and passed out treats to all. The 50/50 draw winner was Trevor Colby.

A new year means we have new books - come check us out

By Joan Tannahill

Like everyone else, we want to wish a happy New Year to all our readers.

We hope the holidays were great for all and now we can relax and enjoy the relative quiet and calm of the new year.

At the library we are looking forward to greeting our returning Snowbirds and to looking over the new book releases. It is always exciting to view new books our favorite authors have written. We just wish we had the room and money for more.

Speaking of money, we would like to thank both the individuals and organizations who have contributed so generously to our treasury. As we have



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Noon-2 p.m.

Library News

said before, we must depend on donations and book sales for our income so we really appreciate what so many of

you have given us.

Again, we must ask that you not write in our books. It is not considerate of other readers to have initials or lines in the book or page numbers circled. Many patrons have small notebooks in which they keep the titles and authors they have read. Perhaps those of you who make marks in our books would find that an easy way to keep track of the books you have read.

Membership dues are payable now. Next time you are in the library just tell one of our volunteers you would like to pay your dues. If possible it would help if you could have the correct change. The dues are \$2 and sometimes we have trouble making change for large bills.

SHALOM CLUB

Learn about the Hebrew history on Jan. 23

By Joyce Wohl

We had a Chanukah dinner on Sunday night, Dec. 5 at Kally K's restaurant. Their food and service is always enjoyable.

Our first meeting in 2011 will be 7 p.m., Sunday, Jan. 23 in the West Activity Center Sunrise Room. Our speaker will talk to us about the history of the Hebrew people. It should be very interesting. Come join us.

Our phone squad will call you to remind you of time, date and place of the meeting. We will have refreshments

For information call Joyce at 799-6969 or Shirley at 724-5959. We are looking forward to seeing you!



Marge Mayer

Marge's Humor

Losing weight is never fun

I don't exercise because it makes my coffee spill.

The handle on your recliner does not qualify as an exercise machine.

I was going to wake up and go jogging, but my toes voted against me 10-1.

My doctor said to start my exercise program slowly. Today I walked past a store that sells sweat pants.

The healthiest part of the donut is the hole, but unfortunately you have to eat the rest of it to get there.

I have three kinds of clothes – one for normal days, chubby days and one for "Those were the days."

The secret to longevity is to keep breathing.

The Cardiologist Diet: If it tastes good, spit it out!

I do have flabby thighs, but fortunately my stomach covers them.

We get heavier as we get older because there's a lot more information in our heads.

The advantage of exercising every day is so that when you die they will say, "Well, she looks good, doesn't she?"

I joined a health club last year – cost me \$300 and I haven't lost a pound. Apparently you have to go to lose.

I have to walk early in the morning before my brain figures out what I'm doing.

Try to get a full serving of fruits and veggies every day – a Bloody Mary & Strawberry Daiquiri usually do the trick.

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Philosophy Club

By Bob Reis

Our club is currently enjoying presentations, which are followed by a question and answer period.

The discussions give you the opportunity to express your own views.

We also have "Open Discussion" meetings. With this format you have the opportunity to suggest a topic of special interest to you.

Join us on any Tuesday. You don't have to be a member of our club to attend. You're welcome even if you just want to listen, Tuesdays 10-11:30 AM, East Activity Center Veranda. Any questions? Call Bob Reis at 798-2443.

Answers to December crossword puzzle

<u>ACROSS</u>	14. irish	27. bronze	4. crosses	16. five
	15. alabama	28. utah	5. kosher	18. tennessee
1. skeletons	17. hula		8. jewelry	20. abby
6. monarch	19. platters	<u>DOWN</u>	9. tequila	22. navy
7. blossoms	21. dance		11. lights	24. turkey
9. trombone	23. artoberfest	2. lincoln	12. parakeets	25. ghost
10. exercises	26. brady	3. vibration	13. railroad	



BULLETIN BOARD



Start the New Year with a fun workout

Come join us each morning at 8 a.m. in the East Activity Center lower level gym room!

On Monday and Tuesday our workouts include stretching, building balance and coordination, improving flexibility and strengthening the body's core. We do floor exercises to tone and tighten our abs so bring a towel or mat.

On Wednesday and Friday mornings also bring your hand weights to our strength training/light weight lifting classes while we work on improving muscle tone.

Join Ingrid Thursday mornings at 8 a.m. for her half hour class. As always, our classes are free to everyone. If you have any questions, please contact Barb Sundberg at 847-946-4214 or Ingrid Durhan at 727-796-9414.

Tai Chi in 2011

When choosing an exercise program for 2011, be sure to include Tai Chi.

The gentle 2,000-year-old practice is often described as "meditation," but Harvard Women's Health Watch Newsletter suggests a more apt description is "medication in motion."

Tai Chi and Chi Kung harnesses the Chi (life force energy) & has been linked to health benefits especially for seniors. The Butterfly classes are adapted to this group and is based on the Yang Style Form. Its combination of Martial Arts movements & deep breathing can be adopted for people of all ages and all health conditions.

Beginner's classes are Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays at 1:30 p.m. in the exercise room near the Library. Questions, please call Ruth, a certified Tai Chi and Chi Kung instructor since 2004 at (727)-726-0336 or (727)-709-0841.

Bingo resumes

Please remember that Bingo will return on Jan. 3.

Doors open at 4 p.m. Sales stop at 6:15 p.m. The games begin by 6:30 p.m. So come on down and bring your neighbors.

Stamp club meeting Jan. 11

Come join us for the first meeting of the newly formed OTOW Stamp Collectors Club, starting Tuesday, Jan. 11 between 1-3 p.m. in the West Activity Center Sunrise Room.

We will hold a meeting on all subjects pertaining to philately. Meetings will be held the second and fourth Tuesday of every month from January through May. For more information call Jim Sundberg, cell 847-951-2284

Do you have a fear of falling?

Most people have a fear of falling.

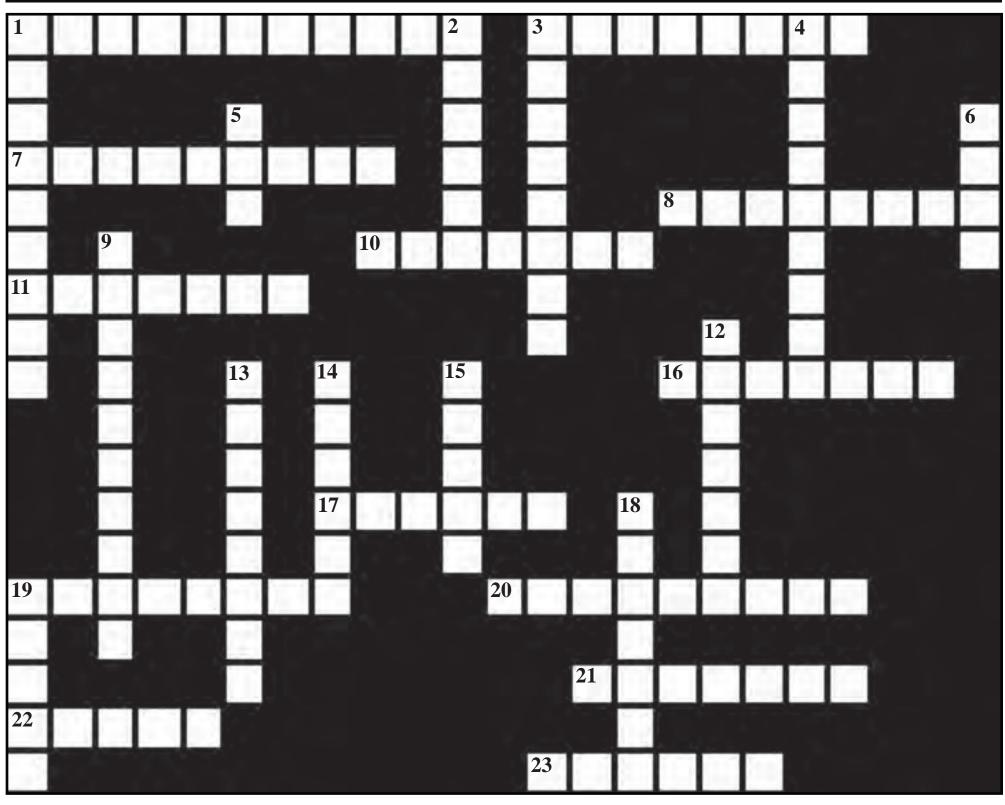
"A Matter of Balance" is a proven program offered by CARES, Inc., a non-profit agency that is funded by the Florida Department of Elder Affairs and the Area Agency on Aging. They provide health information and seminars on health related issues.

This program assists the participants to avoid or to better manage falls, increase their strength, and teaches them to add gentle physical exercise.

This program will also help older adults to reduce their fear of falling and to remain independent and active. If you would be interested in attending these sessions please call Nancy Davis, Activities Office, 799-2734.

Have you been reading OTOW News?

Answers to this puzzle will appear in the February edition. Answers to the December puzzle are on page 44.



ACROSS

- 1. OTOW resident Helen Eberhardt loves to make handmade towels. One of her favorite designs are ___ ___.(1)
- 3. If you ride with the Baby Boomers Club, you know the name of the oldest park in Pinellas County. (27)
- 7. OTOW resident Jean Rhame is famous for making costumes in this glitter city. (11)
- 8. In December OTOW welcomed nine new residents, including two apiece were from Indiana, Pennsylvania and _. (26)
- 10. In November, Singles Club members learned detailed information about this county program. (14)
- 11. What country reportedly hosted the first duty-free shop? (31)
- 16. In early December the OTOW Chorus performed its holiday concert.

One of the songs was called, "Toyland, ____." (18)

- 17. In April, Hoosier Club members will be visiting this "tree hanging" island. (41)
- 19. This club will mark its 35th anniversary in 2011. Hint, they like Blue Jays. (40)
- 20. Mallorca residents Rose and Larry Hildebrand had a family dinner in Pittsburgh at the ____ Warehouse. (55) 21. The Snowbirds are planning a announced it will not run any cruise to this island in January. (32) 22. According to tennis writer Joe Spahalski, _____ tend to arrive at different times, but they tend to leave at the same time. (47)
- 23. Granada resident Barbara Humphreys has won past state awards for what talent? (17)

DOWN

- 1. Tampa Bay's hockey cheerleaders are Girls. (39) known as the _ 2. New OTOW club is for residents who made a hobby out of collecting 3. At Siboney's Oktoberfest party,
- building president Linda Mathewson hand-painted beautiful _ .(57)4. In reaction to mudslinging fallout from the 2010, OTOW News has ads in the future. (7)
- 5. Swiss Alps Chalet resident Malcolm Warren traveled to Germany, Hong Kong, Japan and Hawaii recently. How many weeks did the trip take? (55)
- 6. OTOW feline Jake Mehas' favorite baseball team. (51)
- 9. The Entertainment Committee will kick off its 2011 season with

- a comedy entitled, "Ain't _ Grand." (42)
- 12. In October, Helen Crombie and Evy Ralston took first place in a Line Dancing Club contest. What was the contest? (29)
- 13. Englander's Dick Mikszenas recently brought home one of these. It weighed 12 pounds. (74)
- 14. In January the Pennsylvania Club will visit the famous ____ Bakery. (41)
- 15. A popular gift to send to Troops overseas. (24)
- 18. There are four primary steps to creating jewelry: cut, polish, set and _. (21)
- 19. Fujiwara resident Shirley Windich dressed up as a _ __ before going out to dinner one October day. (59)





Marley

Marley is part Poodle and Bichon and is owned by Maureen Bjorgo from the Swiss Alps Chalet Building.

Marley was a rescue from a puppy mill in Georgia. He was at the SPCA, which had so many dogs they were going to put them down.

Calls were made to other rescue groups and thankfully the Suncoast Animal League in Palm Harbor was able to take some dogs.

Maureen was on a waiting list for a small dog, as a retirement present. Marley was about 3 years old when she got him in December 2009. Marley weighed 9-pounds, 7-ounces. He had to be shaved because he was so matted and scared beyond belief.

Marley cannot be kept in a cage or crate as it is too much for him. However, he has been a joy.

Marley now weighs 12-pounds, 6-ounces. He keeps Maureen walking four times a day and at times can be very cuddly and amusing. He gets along well with all other dogs and cats - no matter the size or breed.

Maureen says, "I wouldn't trade him for the world."

Do you know someone who wants to be the Pet of the Month?

Each month OTOW News and Walgreens are going to feature a "Pet of the Month." Any pets living at OTOW are eligible to enter the contest.

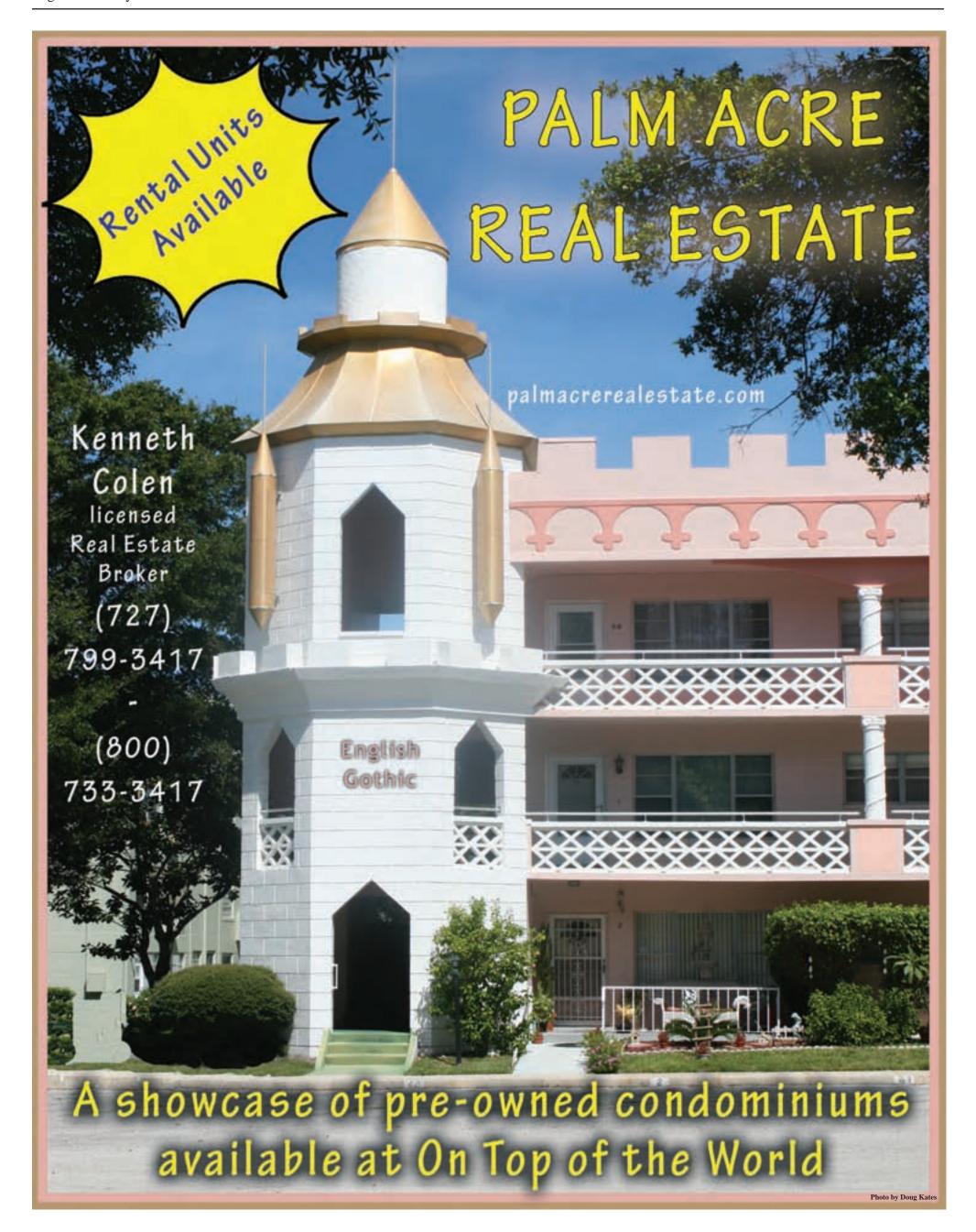
One pet will be featured each month.

To enter your pet in the contest you must have one perfectly clear, large color photo of your pet, along with background information on why you think your pet should be chosen as our monthly celebrity (maximum 200 words). Only one pet per household can win each year. The winner will receive (1) 8x10, (2) 5x7 and (4) 4x6 photos from Walgreens on the corner of



Belcher and Sunset Point roads. If you are the winner this month, just bring this newspaper and an original pet photo to Walgreens to receive your prize. To enter, email your pet's best photo and information to: bootss@tampabay.rr.com. Include your name, your pet's name and the building you reside in. Good luck!

If you do not have a computer, contest entries can be dropped off at the OTOW newspaper office during our business hours.







Being a clown will make you smile, too

watching other people laugh and smile, but when a hoping to make someone smile. clown visits patients in a hospital, the rewards are so much greater.

College for Feb. 26-April 17 and is looking for anyone who wants to learn the trade.

Classes include makeup, wigs and costumes, plus a unique clown name. The fee is \$100 for the 10-week course.

"When our volunteers put on a costume and a wig, they have no age," said nurse/clown Leslie Gibson. "It allows them to be playful and have fun again."

The average age of a hospital clown is 75 years

can imagine. In one case two children were left in a The Comedy Connection at Morton Plant hospital waiting room while their mother was treated requested a clown spend some time with the children magic tricks. while their father was in the intensive care room with their mother.

> "Our volunteer went up and played with these children while their parents were in a serious situation," Leslie said.

> Walking a Mease hospital hallway, it's not uncommon to pass a clown. Leslie said it sometimes catches people off guard because they don't expect to see clowns in a hospital environment, but after

The best part about being a clown may be young and there are currently 60 who roam the halls thinking about it for a minute, it all makes sense.

"Sometimes we have people in the hospital and Leslie said clowns are more valuable than anyone it turns out to be their birthday," Leslie said. "We get requests to please go see a loved one."

Students are taught basics from the art of Hospital has currently scheduled its annual Clown after a severe automobile accident. A volunteer clowning, to costumes, to comedy skills and

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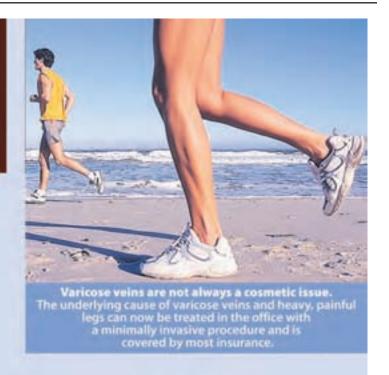


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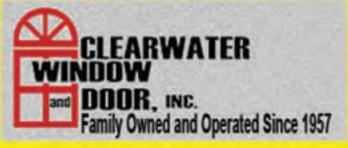
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Residents donate nearly 100 pounds of canned goods

The Malagueña building donated 92 pounds of canned food to the RCS (Religious Community Services Inc.) on Druid Street in downtown Clearwater.

We brought cans to our annual holiday dinner in December. Bette Byrnes organized both the dinner and the canned food drive. She thanks everyone from the bottom of her heart.

If you weren't at our building's holiday party last month, you missed out on a really great time. Our special thanks to Bette Byrnes, who, as usual, did a super job as party chair, and to the staff at Johnny's who made sure that we were well fed.

November and December were busy traveling months for many of our neighbors. Bette enjoyed a



Malagueña

week in Atlanta with her daughter and grandson.

Sandy was off to Tennessee to visit with family there.

And for Pat Gilghrist, it was "off to Disney World," where her brother George and his wife Linda, from Tennessee, joined her. Also there were her nephew from Michigan, Kevin, and his family: wife Heather and kids

Alyson and Austin. Pat says they spent two glorious days enjoying the Magic Kingdom and the magnificent lights at Hollywood Studios.

The "Big Apple" (New York, of course) was your reporter's choice for Thanksgiving this year. We reveled in our visit there with our son, Ross, his wife Rachel, and 9-month-old Maya Rose. Thanksgiving dinner was in Stamford, Conn., with family and friends.

We did manage to work in a little sightseeing in Manhattan, which included a couple of visits to Zabar's Deli and several hours at the Metropolitan Museum of Art. Highlight of our visit to the Museum of Art was being able to view their featured work, a magnificent Roman mosaic — HUGE! — that was unearthed in Lod, Israel, when the town was attempting to widen a street.

If you're traveling to New York in the next few weeks, it's worth checking with the Metropolitan to see if this treasure is still on display.

And if you're not joining your neighbors who attend monthly lunch outings and other activities, you're missing out on some of the great things that life at OTOW provides. We miss you!

Happy New Year!

Family visits keep folks busy last month

Happy New Year! May good health and happiness be yours in 2011.

Many of our neighbors have been traveling lately. Gwen Nolan spent a weekend in Rochester, N.Y.

Barb Dyer's two-week journey took her to Pennsylvania and Wisconsin.

Pat Antonakos spent the summer in Maine.

Peg Devany went up North to visit some of her children. Upon returning, this busy lady took off for Key West.

Donna and Phil were off again. This time they visited Puerto Plata in the Dominican Republic with a few other couples from OTOW.



Roman Byzantine

Company has been arriving to spend time with our residents.

Dottie Fogarty from Canadaigua, N.Y., visited with Gwen Nolan.

Ella Van Dorn's son, Mark, spent some time with his mother. He hosted a party for a few of Ella's friends.

Richard Snapp had visitors from Georgia.

This past September, 16 folks in our building took advantage of Cody's early bird specials. Richard Snapp's Georgia guests joined the group for fellowship and good food.

My sister and brother-in-law, Rita and Don Eisenbeis, drove down from Buffalo, N.Y., to spend Thanksgiving with our family. We had a wonderful dinner at our daughter and sonin-law's home. Three days later the Buffalo relatives were off to Miami. They went on a Carnival cruise to the Caribbean.

"Till We Meet Again."



Newspaper? **OTOW News** is now available in the East and West

Activity Center lobbies

Reporter marks year anniversary of move

Let's have a wonderful winter in sunny Florida! Have a happy and prosperous New Year 2011!

Our building is all decked out in festive colors and new decorations and now looks prettier than ever. Volunteers worked tirelessly to set up the lights. Thanks to Judy and Larry Ishida, Nancy Swift, Alan Connin, Mary Jane Cavanaugh, Barbara McCarthy, Rae and Howard Tooley, John Maloof

In addition, we love the special decorations from our neighbors on the ground level. Cameras are clicking!

On Dec. 5 we celebrated with a holiday buffet at the Clearwater Country Club. We enjoyed prime rib, ham, chicken, quiche, omelet, salads, fruits, strawberry yogurt, apple cake, muffins and, of course, champagne.



Katarina Tepesh

Contemporary

Twenty five out of sixty residents joined us: Eileen and Joe Davidson made reservations for the rest of us, including Judy and Larry Ishida, Helen Morris and Ann Lancos.

Also attending were Barbara and Ed McCarthy, Glennis and Arthur Dunfee, Ada Culbertson and John Maloof, Betty Tyler, Katarina Tepesh, Mert Roth, Mitzi Hoffman, Carole and Lester Whynot, Hazel and Leo Kelly, Marie and Jack Gibson.

During the summer, Elspeth Boo Cumming traveled all the way to London to visit her beloved family, and now both of her daughters are with her along with son-in-law Derek.

Also, both of Shirley Rosenberg's daughters are visiting.

Marie and Jack Gibson recently celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary and are thrilled that their flower girl from Canada visited them.

Katarina Tepesh celebrated the one-year anniversary of officially moving from New York City to OTOW. The happiest year of my life!

Our building captain Larry and his wife, Judy Ishida, are planning brunches, lunches and dinners in various Clearwater restaurants for our residents to enjoy. Information will be posted on the bulletin board.





Reporter starts off the new year with enough lists to keep everyone entertained

It's January, and you know what that means... we go to dinner at 4 p.m. (life doesn't get more exciting than that).

With the start of a new year comes good and bad news. The bad news is "time flies." The good news is "you're the pilot."

January is prune breakfast month. For many OTOW residents, this celebration extends through February, March, April... well, you get the idea.

I'm assuming, by the time you read this, that you've already broken most of your New Year's resolutions. Those you're probably still keeping are: (a.) don't swim with piranhas; (b.) don't eat cloned meat; (c.) never again take a sleeping pill and a laxative on the same night; (d.) start buying lottery tickets at a luckier store; and (e.) eat ice cream at midnight (all worthy goals).

Recently, I noticed a number of bumper stickers that I thought honestly expressed who and where we are at this stage in our lives. See if you agree with me: 1. "Adventure before dementia;" 2. "Time may be a great healer, but it's a lousy beautician;" 3. "Young at heart — slightly older in other places;" 4. "Never have a heart attack while playing

Allen Winston

Ottoman

charades;" 5. "At my age, the only thing that gets hard are my arteries;" and 6. "You know you're getting older when you and your teeth don't sleep together anymore."

January is also the time to make your vacation plans for 2011. To help stimulate your travel sense of adventure, may I suggest the following: (a.) the camel wrestling festival in Turkey; (b.) La Tomatina in Spain (30,000 people participate in a giant tomato food fight); (c.) the monkey festival in Thailand (an enormous feast prepared just for thousands of monkeys).

Also (d.) the world bodypainting festival in Austria (hides all those wrinkles and stretch marks); (e.) the Nimbin marijuana harvest festival in Australia (reservations recommended); (f.) the Roswell, N.M., UFO festival; (g.) California's famous garlic festival (sponsored by Listerine).

Don't forget (h.) the Whirling Dervish festival in Konya; or (i.) the world's largest yard sale, an 824-milelong collection of antique furniture, glassware, knick-knacks, and lots of other assorted "stuff" (thousands of families empty their garages and attics), that runs along U.S. 40 through Maryland, West Virginia, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Indiana and Illinois. Well, don't just sit there – start making reservations!

Life is a one-way ticket. But that ticket gives us love, laughter, joy, excitement, sight, speech, hope, passion, friends, family, faith, understanding, compassion, success, magic, a few miracles, the chance to dream, and so very much more.

And now that 2011 is upon us, while we reflect on the past and look forward to the future, we hope the ticket each of us holds will allow us to make every new day special.

Think of the New Year as the start of a new book; only 365 pages in the book are blank. This is your "story." You get to fill in those blank pages. The first chapter begins on New Year's Day.

May your 2011 book be a best-seller!



Sally Simmonds

Swiss Alps Chalet

Look for a party soon for returnees

Happy New Year, everyone! Enjoy the New Year. May next year bring only Good News and lots of it.

I see a few of the Snowbirds around the building. This will mean a party soon to welcome everyone back.

Not much to tell this month. Stay tuned.

"In times of great stress or adversity, it's always best to keep busy, to plow your anger and your energy into something positive." — Lee Iacocca



Siboney kicks off 2011 with building meeting Jan. 26

Many thanks to all the men who installed our NOEL on both sides of the building. It looks great! Our tree in the lobby looks pretty, especially when the lights are on.

My nice neighbors, Audrey Decker and Doris Prekopa, helped decorate my tree on the second floor. Good job, ladies!

I'd like to compliment the residents of the España building for their Christmas spirit. Their building was decorated and lit up by Dec. 1. The arches looked so colorful. That takes teamwork.

In riding around On Top of the World, I saw other buildings all



decorated: Hemingway and Austrian Alpine, Nagoya and Yoshimitsu, French Ren I and, as you come into the West side, that wonderful scene outside the Malagueña building. You can't miss it — it is beautiful!

Let me welcome our new building

residents. They are Susan and Rob Rausch, who hail from Fayetteville, N.Y. They have two sons, Chad who lives in Hawaii, and Chris, who lives in Chicago. They also have seven grandchildren.

They joined in our core party and attended the Christmas dinner. They will be a great addition to our building. I'm hoping Susan will join Jesters next year. Welcome!

Speaking of our Christmas dinner, it was held at Johnny Primo's with about 40 in attendance. The tables were decorated with poinsettias, which were raffled off to eight lucky winners.

We had a delicious sheet cake provided by the Siboney Club. Many

thanks to our president, Linda Mathewson and her committee (Rita Tombari, Mary Jane DeVoe and Paula Ergang) for making the arrangements.

Linda and Roberta Abdo read two very interesting poems, which we all enjoyed.

This year has flown by so fast, but we're all looking forward to 2011.

Our dues of \$5 per person are due and may be paid at our building meeting in the Sunrise Room on Jan. 26 at 7 p.m. Do hope you'll join us.

Good health, good luck and every happiness to all in the year ahead.

Happy New Year!

Family reunions, cruises and visits add up to the 'good life'

Our chilly weather has not encouraged much contribution by our residents, but we might produce something worth printing.

Our Snowbirds, chairman Laurie Wookey and Pat, have been traveling far and wide, but got to work as soon as they appeared on our scene. Along with a good committee of volunteers our building was decorated beautifully with swags of colored lights on both Persian and Rhodesian sides and the halls have their trees and cheerful décor of the Season.

Our Christmas dinner at the Clearwater Country Club was enjoyed by a goodly number with an enthusiastic rendition of "The Twelve Days of



Mary Ellis

Saratoga

Christmas," led by Mary Ellis and Hilda Hamilton at the piano.

Ingrid Durban returned from a 10-day cruise to the Caribbean with her friend, Erna Mandl. They enjoyed one of the best cruises ever on the MS *Maasdam*. Their weather was

perfect and their good food was "too much." Now they must do twice as much exercise!

Marge Watkins recently had a week of family reunions. Three of her five sisters gathered here with her local relatives and their children. Betty Bishop came from Knoxville, Tenn.; Helen Blake and her daughter-in-law, Renee Mosier, came from Rockhill, S.C., and joined Marge in much eating out, shopping and visiting the beach, while laughing and sharing memories. She looks forward to a fourth sister coming from Richmond, Va., later this month.

Marella Cassells had the special pleasure of seeing her granddaughter, Stephanie (15), in Gainesville dance a lead as Cinderella in recital. Another granddaughter is a cheerleader there. Fun and pride!

Ida Pagenta shared a soup supper with me at the Pinellas Farm Workers support group recently. We found it a very informative and worthwhile evening. She spent Thanksgiving week with her son and family in Davenport, Fla. She has two other children, eight grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Wishing everyone a very Happy and healthy New Year!

Christmas party at clubhouse a good decision

Happy New Year to all our friends and neighbors! The beautiful Christmas decorations are down and stored away until next year, and the 2010 parties are now pleasant memories.

Our Christmas party with the Monaco Building was enjoyed by about 34 people. We were introduced to new neighbors from across the street as well as our new residents here in Mallorca. Presents were exchanged, and a delicious dinner was enjoyed, compliments of all the wonderful cooks from both buildings.

We all agreed that we prefer having our Christmas party at the clubhouse, where we can stay and party as long as we wish. Yet, it takes work to set up and take down, but with everyone helping it took a very short time to get the job done. Again, thanks to Terry and Dick Kuplen, it was a great success!

We welcome Rita and Jim Rudderham from Nova Scotia to our building. Actually, they rented here last year and they must have liked us quite well since they bought here. We are so



Maureen Finguerra

Mallorca

pleased to have them as part of our Mallorca family.

Speaking of family, Rita's sister Mary, and husband, Eldon, also from Nova Scotia, are renting in our building. Mary and Eldon are fitting in beautifully. Welcome to you both.

So now we have three sets of family in Mallorca. There are Ginger (Mom), Kim and I; Erica and Martin Padilla (and her parents Addie and Steve Milkovich); and Rita and Mary. This is truly a family building.

Good News! This year promises many excellent opportunities for all of us at Mallorca and Monaco to get together for fun and fellowship.

For example: Be sure to sign up for the cocktail party hosted by the Monaco Building, scheduled for Jan. 18.

Come to the annual building meeting Jan. 20, and plan on attending and buying all kinds of treasures at the White Elephant Sale Jan. 21. You will have a wonderful time, if history is any indication!

To those who are traveling for the holidays and after, may you have safe journeys. And to all of you, have a safe and healthy 2011!

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Change of command for Azores building captains

December is the month! Lots of partying, dress-up and visiting going on and at the Azores we did all that and more.

Our building didn't dress-up like it has in the past, but the "core" areas were gorgeous. Elsie Colvin was in charge. She and her able committee, including Laurel McDougall, Carole Kilgore and Gisele Goyette did it all – trees, doors, walls. Elsie said she just stood and watched as these talented ladies transformed our building's core areas into lovely, festive, holiday wonders. Thanks, ladies!

The Azores Holiday Christmas Brunch was delightful. Twenty-seven residence and guests attended. The brunch was hosted by the building board: Diana Eggleston (treasurer), Doris O'Meara secretary), Tom Pirrello (assistant captain) and John Paraham (building captain). John and Tom were given a hand for their years of dedicated service and thoughtfulness in making sure that life at the Azores is a positive, healthy and cheerful experience. Thanks, guys!

Shortly following the Holiday Brunch extravaganza, the Azores Core Party took place in the third floor core. Chicken and coffee were furnished, but the really great assortment of fantastic food was brought as covered dishes by the wonderful cooks of the Azores.

Lots of visiting, singing and a great deal of eating. A great time was had by all. This bash was John Paraham's last official hosting job at Azores. He is that nice-looking chap in the red and white hat (see photo). Also at the core party was our incoming captain, Bob Kelly, pictured here taking it easy in the sunshine.



Russ Heiserman

Azores



Outgoing building captain John Paraham, complete with Santa hat, at the Azores building holiday party.

Bettie and John Warner were in Alabama for the birth of their third grandson. Baby Abraham arrived the day before Bettie and John were leaving for home. After just a few days at home, they were off again to Arizona for six weeks with their daughter, Diane, and her husband Jeffery. Home now, helping with the Azores food drive and enjoying the holiday spirit.



Incoming building captain Bob Kelly gets some warming sun before tackling his new responsibilities.

Petie Fornuto spent Christmas at home with her son, Anthony, and his wife and her grandson and wife. Petie cooked up a storm of their favorite dishes. A great time for family to gather and enjoy one another.

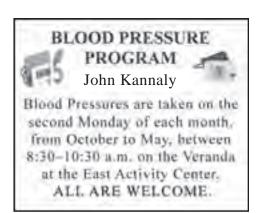
Nora and Lenny Proretto took a cruise from Venice to Israel, Egypt and Turkey. Lots of shore tours with much walking and sore feet. Just barely had time to recover when the next port was there and time to tour again. Wonderful trip, glad to be home.

Nora's son, David, dropped by for a short visit before returning to Kazakhstan. He says our weather is better. Lenny flew to Long Island to spend a few days with family.

Russ and Sy celebrated Russ's 80th birthday with a cruise with Russ's

son, Scott, his wife, Kay, and the grandchildren Andréa and Andrew. Wonderful chance for Scott and family to warm up, especially since they live in Chaska, Minn.

Last of all we at the Azores wish to congratulate Ken Nield for becoming President-Elect of the OTOW Men's Golf League. Ken has been serving as secretary for this group for the past two years. These guys are serious golfers — unlike our Sunday wack-a-ballers. Congratulations, Ken!





Recognition in order for España holiday volunteers

Wow! Another year has passed, but before we discuss that, I want to say what a marvelous Christmas party we had. Things never go so perfect without a lot of pre-planning and advance work.

Our sincere thanks to Dave and Alice Baxendale for all the work they did prior to the actual party that made it run so smoothly. We had 55 attendees; great entertainment by Connie and Don Canning who are the daughter and son-in-law of Ruth and Jim Osborne.

We sang Christmas songs with Alice playing the keyboard, had door prizes, readings by Ellen Fier and myself, blessings by Marilyn Browder, Alice Baxendale and Wilma Abery and needless to say, great food in a private room at Bob Heilman's Beachcomber.

Those who missed the party really missed something. Thank you are two small words for all the time and effort that Dave and Alice gave to planning



Clare Pebworth

España

and coordinating our wonderful day.

Be sure to thank the guys who spent all those hours decorating our building. Once again it was spectacular. Who are the guys? Tony Scheifen, George Edwards, Ken Abery, John Fier, Ken Russell, Don Rice and Charlie Olsen on the odd side of our building, and Aldo Delu, Dick Kronawetter, Lea Browder, Don Faulkner on the even side.

The gals contributed too. Ellen Fier coordinated the decoration of our three lobbies; her helpers were Marge Griffin, Terry Thompson, Lilli Scheifen, Linda Rice and Doris Edwards. These folks deserve recognition from all our residents.

Remember — what goes up must come down. The above workers not only unpacked the lights and decorations before putting them up, but they also took them down and packed them away for next year. We are lucky that we have such marvelous residents who are so helpful. Thank you all so very much. We also thank the individual residents who decorated their doors and windows to help make our building spectacular for the season.

I can't forget to mention the wonderful picture of our lights and decorations at the entrances to our lobby that was posted on our two seasonal boards. Bunny and Charlie Olsen decorated these boards.

Charlie took the pictures and they truly are magnificent and memorable. Isn't it great that we have such wonderful

folks living in our building? It takes all of you to make the Espana, not just a building, but also our "home."

We have new Snowbirds that have come to our building for the season. Fay and Joseph Lapiana came from Huntington, Long Island, N.Y., to OTOW for the first time. Joe loves to golf. Prior to his retirement he was a food inspector. They have three children and seven grandchildren. Please say hello and make them feel welcome!

Don't forget to attend our building meeting Jan. 17 in the Sunrise Room where we will finalize the plans for a February potluck dinner, which will be held Feb. 21 in the Sunrise Room. The coordinators of this dinner are Sheila and Les Meneilly.

Details will come later.

THE WAY WE WERE

A look back at the *OTOW News* (Part 21: January, 1973)

By Dolores Burm and Elaine Gotler

- The annual Christmas Music Festival by the OTOW Chorus inaugurated the holiday season. Positive comments included "a well-balanced array of songs" and "a beautifully-decorated auditorium."
- A "Fireman's Ball" was planned for Jan. 20. There was to be music, door prizes, and refreshments plus, all for a donation of \$2. Proceeds were to help purchase needed equipment for the OTOW Volunteer Fire Department.
- Activities being promoted: Last call for a Jan. 28 Feb. 1 "Holiday in Las Vegas" at \$245 per person and a "Spring Fever Cruise to the Caribbean" on April 14 at \$325 per person, including motorcoach transportation from home to the ship.
- Nineteen buildings reported news.

See you next month with more old news!



Residents enjoy the hustle and bustle of the holidays

2011... sounds strange, but it is true. May this be a special year for each of you!

Hope you all admired the Christmas tree in the lobby. On Tuesday, Dec. 7, Linda Dalleo organized the trimmings with Betty Hayhurst, Connie Balentin and Annette Ross assisting her. They also did a good job of decorating the rest of the area. I loved the displays on the top of the mailboxes.

Connie furnished hot chocolate and special crackers along with Christmas music to accompany the work. Let's thank these ladies and try to get together a big group for carols and trimmings next year.

Betty Hayhurst, our co-building captain, also conducted a business meeting at the Sunset Grill Dec. 2. Hope more of you can make it to the next meeting. What goes on in the building is for you and you should have a vote in it.

Eunice (Patty) Glover had surprise company over the holidays: a cousin, Harold, and Connie Lawrence from Sioux Falls, S.D. They came on Wednesday and left on Sunday. They had a wonderful time, talking over old memories. Eunice says, "It was good to see them."

Bessie Demos went to Oklahoma for Thanksgiving. All the family was there: son, daughter-in-law and two grandchildren. What a celebration!

Jeff and Penny Thomas have both sons serving in the Army. Their youngest son, Robert, and his wife, Missy, are expecting a new baby boy in January. Hope to hear more about him.

Ralph DeCristofaro's son Jonathon flew in from New York to



Val Kastner

Melbourne

cook Thanksgiving dinner for the whole family. He was back Christmas to celebrate with them but this time brother Frank and family hosted the dinner. Know Ralph enjoyed all the festivities.

Alice Markus flew to Chicago to have Christmas with her family and to have knee replacement. Looking for her to be good as new when this is published.

Melbourne Christmas dinner was at the Olive Garden on Dec. 11. Everyone again enjoyed the food and fellowship. Thanks again to Anita for making the reservation and getting us there.

I know there are some new faces in the building. I hope to meet and greet them all soon. Let you know who they are in next column.

Isn't it exciting to have a whole new year before you and to experience each new day? Have a good day!



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NEW YEAR'S DAY

By Alma Hudson

New Years is here And we are off on another year Isn't it just wonderful That we are all so near?

There are many many things That we can do Let's put forth our efforts And make them all new.

Let's reach out to others And give them a lift Maybe a little help Or just a small gift.

God has granted us such beauty In all that we do So please always remember My very "best" for you!

HAPPY NEW YEAR POEM

Madeleine Wanda

This will be a great New Year, May all your dreams come true. Eat and drink, have lots of cheer Happy New Year to you.

A Baby is born,
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A BUTTERFLY

By Vee Field

I am but a chrysalis Lying deep in my cocoon Knowing That I Will see the light so very soon.

I will emerge and be a butterfly, flying high above the moon.

My wings are delicate, so, please touch them with care I know you will be gentle, as I fly into the air.

THE WINDS OF LIFE

By Alma Hudson

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And hope above hope on our high mountain slope
That the good winds of life won't forsake us.









90th birthday bash brings family and friends from afar

Happy New Year! I hope that everyone welcomed in the New Year with happiness and good health.

Many of our residents returned north for the holidays and spent quality time with family and friends while others stayed and enjoyed the cool but sunny Florida scene.

During our lifetimes, there are many milestones that we acknowledge and experience. There is our first day of school, our 16th birthday, maybe our first kiss, the day we married, the birth of a child, etc.

One of the long time residents of our building had a great occasion to celebrate during the last month. Bernice Reinen had the opportunity to welcome her 90th birthday on Dec. 11. Since she doesn't look her age, I have verified the date and found it to be accurate. Bernice is a former resident of New Jersey and has been with us at OTOW for the last 12 years, after residing in Connecticut and Sun City.

The family assembled in the Veranda Room at the East Recreation Hall Dec. 11 to celebrate her birthday. Bernice appeared to be half her age. She was joined by children, sister, grandchildren, great grandchildren and a multitude of friends from the Orizaba building.



Howard Bergendahl

Orizaba



Building resident Bernice Reinen celebrated her 90th birthday in December.

The lighting of the cake was spectacular except that a fear of the sprinklers being activated had everyone on edge. Bernice blew out the candles



Bernice blew out the candles on her cake with very little assistance from family members, some of whom traveled from California, Washington state, Chicago, etc., to be on hand.

with a little help from her family members, some of whom arrived from distant places, such as California, Chicago, Washington State etc.

Bernice is now looking forward to her 100th birthday so that she can get her picture on a Smuckers Jar!

Also celebrating a birthday this month is Filip George, who along with

wife, Dusida, and friends enjoyed a trip to Las Vegas. They experienced the thrill of the Grand Canyon, Hoover Dam and plan to add a cruise to the celebration.

Why is the third hand on a watch called the second hand?

Why does "Fat Chance" and "Slim Chance" mean the same thing?



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Party atmosphere at Chetnik

In August, Pat and Joe Matons had a wonderful vacation. They visited The Alexandrian Bay on the St. Lawrence Seaway. As part of the Thousand Islands, they toured Millionaire's Row: beautiful mansions.

They also visited friends in Ottowa, Dick and Dale Stockman. Pat knows Dale from OTOW Art Guild of which Dale is President and Pat is Vice President. Joe knows Dick from the OTOW Tuesday morning poolroom gang. As you realized, the Stockman's are Snowbirds here.

The last stop on the Matons' trip was a few days at Montauk, L.I., a favorite place of theirs.

The November building luncheon at the Ivory Restaurant was enjoyed by 17 Chetniks.

Our thanks to those who helped decorate the three cores. They are Bill Jacobs, Dale and Pauline Corkum, Phil Meissner, Joan Cooney and Tom Wright.

On Dec. 8 the building holiday luncheon was celebrated at the Clearwater Country Club; 23 were in attendance.

One of the guests was Muriel Landau's beautiful youngest niece, Patti Egan from Temecula, Calif. At our table, the four men were coincidentally all ex-Navy men: Al McKay (WWII),



Theresa Kawalec

Chetnik

Joe Martons (Vietnam) and Dick Knight and John Kawalec, both of whom served in the Korean War. We all roared at Al's comment, He said here at OTOW none of the women are pregnant and a lot of the men look like they are!

On Dec. 10, a holiday cocktail core party was hosted by Phil Meissner, as 33 braved a chilly temperature and enjoyed the friendly, warm camaraderie.

Phil made a tasty champagne punch, and all brought yummy goodies. Celia Magro provided the tablecloths and faithful Bill Jacobs helped Phil set up.

John and Pat Koning from Ontario attended, marking their first six months here as Snowbirds. I had interviewed this interesting couple when they first moved down here and learned that John writes children's books.

My John and I wish you all a healthy and joyful New Year.

Couple with OTOW connection featured on DIY network

Cindy and Marc Schell are celebrating with great news that their son, Jeff, and his wife, Elizabeth, are expecting their first child.

This will be Cindy and Marc's second grandchild. OTOW residents may have seen this couple on the TV show "10 Grand in Your Hand" on the DIY network. They were selected by the show to build a cobblestone patio, cupola and build their deck into a three-season room.

In case you missed it, they will be featured again on the show with work that actually started in early December. This time, they are finishing the basement by putting in a gym, home theater room and playroom. This show should air on DIY in the spring, and just in time for the early May new arrival.

And, if that wasn't enough celebrating, the Schell's firstborn grandson Aidan came for a Christmas visit with his mom and pop, Marc and Tina.

While they were here, grandparents Cindy and Marc took him to Disney World for his first visit to the Magic Kingdom. Aiden has been looking forward to being



Terri Mikszenas

Englander

old enough for this dream come true and finally on December 18, he turned eight years old... and that's old enough!

They also went to see the manatees and to the Lowery Park Zoo during their fun-packed Florida vacation.

With all the talk of rough waters and cruise ship trauma lately, we are happy to announce that Mary and Nick Spinos had a pleasant cruise to the Caribbean, visiting St. Thomas, Nassau the Bahamas and St. Martin. This was Nick and Mary's first cruise, and it was in celebration of their upcoming 50th wedding anniversary. The couple, who were married in June of 1961 in Orlando, has a son, a daughter and four granddaughters.

It was nice to see our building



Englander residents celebrating at their holiday luncheon were (seated) Polly and Ron Irwin, (standing L to R) Jerry Stafford, Marc and Cindy Schell, Dick Mikszenas, Maureen McGuire, Paul and Jean Kelly, Rich Hayes, Frank McGuire and Terri Mikszenas.

red and white lights was stunning on our building! This year's holiday luncheon was a great success including lots of news and seasonal wishes. The luncheon always offers a festive 2011... Happy New Year!

all aglow this year. The wreath with beginning to the holiday season and gave us all an opportunity to meet our newest residents.

> Let the new year begin as we all wish for a happy and most healthy

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Grandchildren excel in school

Our own Trish Birch attended the DOS Convention in Mesa, Ariz., recently. DOS is an organization for women of Scottish descent, or who married men of Scottish descent.

She had a wonderful time in Arizona, where she travelled through many lovely areas and learned things she would not have known otherwise. The women took a train ride where they viewed various types of cacti, and learned that there are four types of desert in Arizona.

They also travelled to the Grand Canyon, and Trish said, and I quote, "Awesome." Trish is not one to brag, so we will do it for her. She is now representing the state of Florida as a DOS official. Christmas was family time, so Trish spent the holiday with her sister in Georgia.

Speaking of family, our Clearwater granddaughter Alana, who is a sophomore at Florida State University, made the Dean's List. Her brother Daniel is a junior at Countryside High School, where he was recently inducted into the National Honor Society. Way to go!

Our youngest grandchild, Jacki, celebrated her Sweet Sixteen by being picked up by a white stretch limo at her New Jersey home, which then brought her to New York City. She then, along

Arlene Berger

Granada

with her parents and brothers and her friends, attended a Broadway show, dined, did some bus sightseeing, and enjoyed a two-day celebration topped off by eating a birthday cake designed by Jacki herself. Nothing like my Sweet Sixteen so many moons ago!

Building residents numbered 24 at our annual holiday party at the Island Way Restaurant. As usual, the food and sociability were enjoyed by all. We hope you all enjoyed your holidays as well, and we wish all our readers a great New Year.

Until next time, remember: "Laughter is a tranquillizer that does not have side effects."



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Building captain adds his input to column

Hello from Rila Renaissance.

Our dear neighbor, Georgia Nardo, had a wonderful visit with our former neighbor Lydia Walker and her daughter-in-law, Darlene (see top far right photo).

Lydia now resides with her son and daughter-in-law in Ohio. Lydia and Darlene spent a week and had a great Thanksgiving dinner with Georgia. It was so wonderful to see her. We wish her well in her new dwelling.

Our building Christmas dinner get-together was held at the Island Way Restaurant in Clearwater (see photo below right). Twenty of our neighbors attended and most of us went by bus. We had a great time and the bus ride was a lot of fun. Our driver took us through the Beckett Lake Estates so we could see the lights and decorations.

On Saturday, Dec. 4, we had a building meeting in the lobby. Twenty of our neighbors attended and coffee and donuts were served. Sherry Ivey read the Treasurer's report. Our building captain, Gerri Jaeger, talked about some of the rules and many interjected with suggestions. Most of our attendees stayed to help decorate for the holidays (bottom far right photo).

Comments from our building captain: "Gerri Jaeger wants to thank everyone who helped decorate the building for the holidays. The building looks very festive. Gerri wants to remind all neighbors that she needs your phone number and an emergency number when you are away. She needs to know who the contact is and who



Arlene Bergen

Rila Renaissance

has your keys in case of an emergency. Also, please be mindful of what you put in the garbage room.

"In mid-January, our wing captains will be going around to each unit to collect dues for the treasury. We will be able to buy new items for the building when needed, have periodic pizza parties, etc. Thank you for your cooperation."

I need news about interesting visits, births, new pets or if anyone has an interesting hobby and would like to be interviewed.

I want to wish all my neighbors and their families a happy and healthy New Year.



Rila Renaissance residents enjoy Christmas dinner at the Island Way Restaurant.



Georgia Nardo (center)with guests including former neighbor Lydia Walker (R) and Lydia's daughter-in-law Darlene Walker (L).



Dedicated, busy volunteers decorate the building interior for the holidays.

Reflecting makeup of OTOW, a variety of states were represented at holiday luncheon

When I arrived early at the Clearwater County Club for our building Christmas luncheon, I found Fran Milanec, Ann Milo and Betty Amond working very hard to organize the fun prizes that Betty had gathered over the year to award to the day's participants.

Betty is a great organizer and she arranged a wonderful time for us to get together and meet our neighbors.

One by one they came, Ed and Marilyn Sullivan who hail from Pennsylvania and Michigan, respectively. Ed is an active Que'T member and expert with a pool cue. Ann was busy setting up the candy jar for us to guess how many candies it contained.

Helen Ross came in with Van Farber and Shelly Leonard, who ran for State Representative in the recent election.

It was Van's candy guess number that came closest at the end of the afternoon.

Kathy Braden told us she originally



English Tudor

came from Toledo, Ohio and we discovered that there were many New Yorkers in the group: Ann Milo from Long Island, Helen, Betty, Van and myself from the Bronx.

Michigan was represented by Shelly from Upper Peninsula (really the boonies) and Fran from Detroit.

We welcomed Deborah Lemon and her guest, Jean Lemon, her mother. That rounded out our cozy group.

After dessert, our ticket numbers were called and everyone received a gift. There were even donations for the big Toys for Tots box in the front lobby.

Waving to us from across the big room was the Chetnik building residents, who were also having their holiday celebration.

Fran Milanec, as some of you may know, is the president of our OTOW Pinochle Club and has been for the past three years. She and the treasurer, Charlie Christ, presided over their own Pot Luck celebration.

Fran is looking forward to her daughter Linda Bissell's visit next month for a long weekend to celebrate Fran's 81st birthday. Her daughter will be coming in from East Lansing and they plan to whoop it up at Arigato's Restaurant with son and brother Doug and grandson John, who is 29.

They'll also visit great-grandson James, who is a tyke of only three years of age. Naturally, shopping will be part of their visit, if they can find the time.

Wishing one and all healthy and happy times in the New Year.

Let Tom know if you want to be interviewed

Ho, Ho, Ho, dear neighbors. How in the world RU? On the first of December we went to Kally-K's for our annual Christmas party. What a great turnout; we had 33 of our residents attend dressed in "Holiday Style."

We exchanged gifts and were led by the talented Bob Peek as we sang Christmas carols. We had a jolly good time. We wish you all a very Happy New Year with God's blessings and good cheer.

To our newest neighbors, welcome please give me a call at 724-3732 if you would allow me an interview at your convenience, so we can get acquainted.



Tom Brennan

Swedish Traditional

Joan and I would like to congratulate Hazel Kelly, Chair of Entertainment, for the fine job she and Leo did in 2010. We had super shows from N.Y.C to Las Vegas on Thursday nights and dancing to live bands on Saturday nights. You couldn't ask for anything more. Hazel and Leo were supported by a hard-working group of volunteers. We also thank them.

For the year 2011, we welcome Brad Day, Chair-Elect for the Entertainment Committee. Brad saved the Monday night Bingo by stepping up to the plate. He is president of the NY-NJ Club. There is a saying, "if you want a job done right, give it to a busy person." So we have much to look forward to in 2011. Brad is one of the busiest people, I ever did meet. We wish you success and good luck for the coming year.

OK neighbors, let's all get together and support our incoming Board of Officers.



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'Albino hot dogs' brought back from Buffalo

Let me begin by first wishing one and all a belated Merry Christmas, trusting you got everything you wished for, since after all, you were all good little boys and girls during 2010. Secondly, a Happy, Prosperous and Healthy New Year!

If anyone was wondering what the weather is or was, simply open a door or window and stick your head out. (That's a Press Association "in" thing).

In November, Margo Roberson went to visit family in Buffalo, N.Y., over the Thanksgiving holiday. On her return she told me she had a wonderful time with family and friends. She also



George Kolitsas

Grecian Classic

brought back some "albino hot dogs."

Joyce and Mike Mehas had family visit around Thanksgiving. Joyce had a bit of surgery in early December, but was home within the first week. I guess it wasn't the chili that made you ill!

The building residents had their annual Christmas party Dec. 16 at the Island Way Grill on Island Estates. Busses were here at 3:30 p.m. to carry the attendees to and from the restaurant. Yours truly was unable to attend because I had to be in Largo

Can't think of anything else to contribute, except please support the businesses who advertise in the OTOW News. This way everyone benefits. And support the arts and enrich your life. Bye for now.



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A number of new residents are introduced

If you station yourself in the core and talk to folks who live in the building, it is amazing what you can learn about them and the life that is so active throughout the building.

Short on time, I took the short cut and phoned a few folks who I thought might have some news this month. There was a lot.

Building President Peter Milner had grand praise for all the people who turned out on Dec. 3 to "Deck the Halls." Among those who helped were Dick Bateholts, Jack Myler, Bill House, Mary Christianson, Rosemary Flaherty, Hortense McGregror Dorothy Jones, Betty Dethmers, Dick Albaugh, Verne and Paula Gates, Edna Mae Jordt, Ray Howard, Nancy Deitemeyer, Mary Schunk and, of course, Cheryl and Peter Milner.

To those who have been missed here please accept my apologies — these were the names that popped up while I talked with folks — I am sure there were others. The day was a great success and the coffee on that cool morning and the fruit bread baked by Cheryl was enjoyed by all.

Pat Manning is back from her six-week annual trek to Rome. Be sure to ask Pat all about it. Come to the Holiday party Jan. 3rd at Sea Sea



Don Jones

Dorado

Riders in Dunedin and you can chat about the various "goings and comings" of your friends.

Our building president, Peter Milner, wants to thank everyone for their patience as the arrangements are still in progress for new mail boxes. The money has been collected and the boxes should make their appearance sometime early in the New Year.

The ladies have their very enjoyable monthly luncheons and plan to meet



each month in the New Year. Be sure to sign up on the bulletin board and check out the various menu items that are presented there.

We have many new residents in recent months and most of us have not been able to meet them all, but our loyal and faithful good neighbor visitor, Edna Mae Jordt (former columnist with the OTOW News and very reliable source for information to write about), gave me some names of those who are either moved in or will be in by Jan.1, 2011.

Their names are Pat Evanosky, Timothy and Michael Murphy, Tom and Eileen Hendrickson, Larry and Sharon Wadel, Maria Sondra Marton, John and Susie Hall, Robert and Judy Schmidt.

Again, if I have missed someone, please forgive this Snowbird who is anxious to meet all of the new people at some time in the very near future.

Can you believe it – 2011 is here, and with all the visitors, travelling, anniversaries, new residents, I have used up my space and will have to save some of it until next month. Until then I end by wishing everyone a Happy New Year.



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Welcome to the year 2011! We are thankful to have come through our fifth hurricane-free year!

I hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas and are looking forward to a prosperous New Year.

A special thanks goes to Dottie Morrett and Randy Nyberg, who put up and took down icicle lights over the first-floor apartment windows on the Brazilia side. They were very festive and welcome during the Christmas season.

Also our thanks to Joe Donnelly for his Christmas Village display that took up his whole living room (see photo at right). Joe told me he started out in 1979 in Long Island, N.Y., with just a few pieces on the windowsill for his children. Each year he has added a few things until now it is the size that it is.

He said that it takes him several days to get it up with a lot of unpacking, bending and crawling



Margaret Doran

Middle East Moorish

around on the floor. When he was asked why he goes to all this work each year, he said he that does it because it makes everyone happy.

It is one time of the year when we can all stand in front of his window and stare as it is so beautiful and there is so much to see. If you missed it in 2010, be sure to watch for it in 2011.

Georgia Hajduch had her son, Drew, here for a week at Thanksgiving. Drew came in from Indiana. Speaking of Georgia, be sure to get your 2011 building dues to her (she's our Treasurer). Dues are \$5 for each apartment.



Joe Donnelly puts up this Christmas Village display each year, which delights residents.

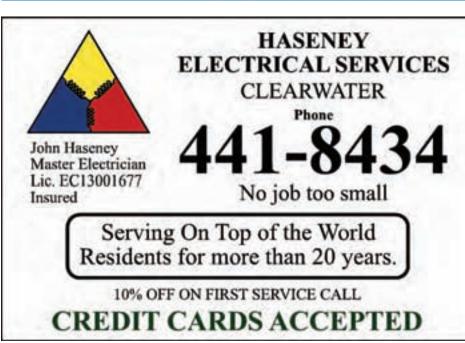
We are glad to see Harry Dinardo back home and out and about. Harry said he hasn't felt this good in years.

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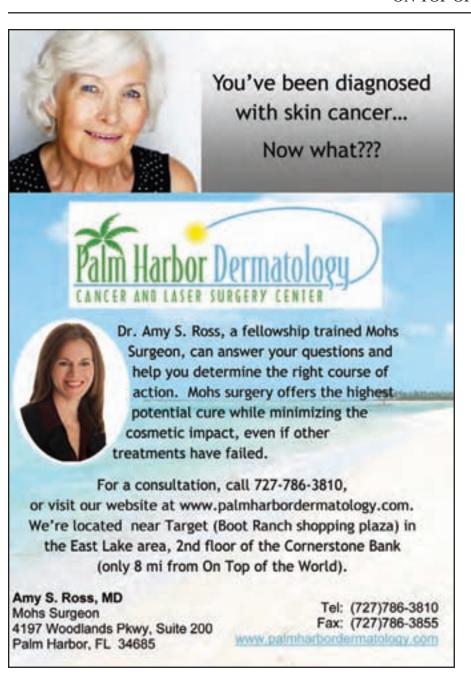
December issue is the largest OTOW newspaper yet! It took the writing of 82 people to get it accomplished. Great job!

That's it for January. Keep the news coming.





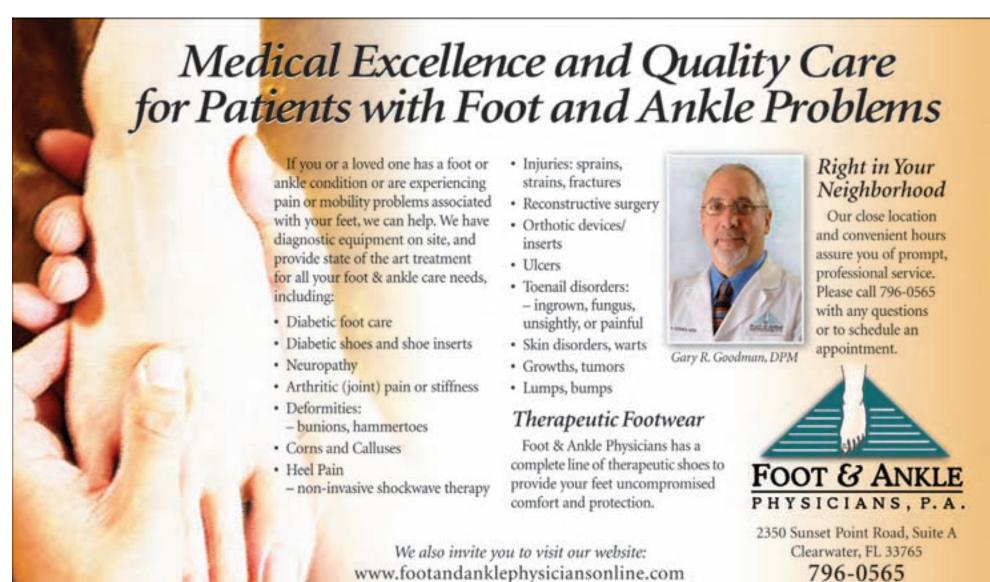




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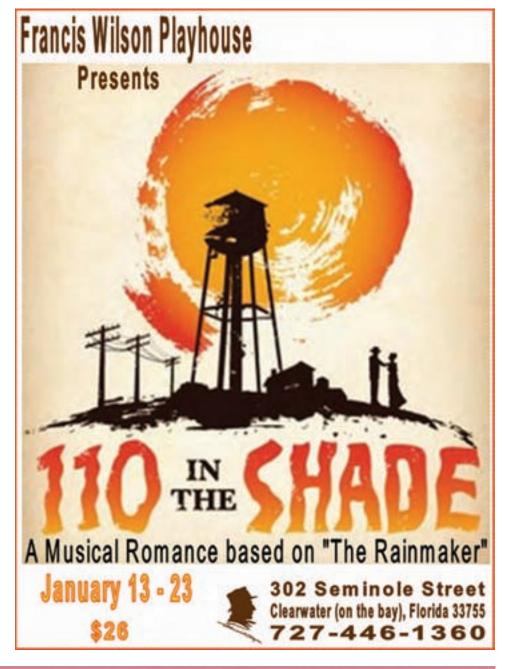




COFFEE CORNER

Coffee and donuts
are served from
7 to 10 a.m.
every weekday
morning in the
East Activity Center
main ballroom.







They 'lit 'em up' for the holiday season

"A Visit from St. Nick"

Did you hear all the laughter, singing, merriment coming from the core room? It was Casa Verde's annual "Light Up the Holidays."

Thanks to Captain Gary Ordway's committee that hung all the lights and the big wreaths. Even Santa and Mrs. Claus took time out from their busy North Pole schedule to join in the fun (see photo at right). Mrs. Claus looked so familiar especially round the eyes. Where could we possibly have seen her before?

Everyone got to sit on Santa's lap, including our "Sunshine Lady," Betty Manard (photo at far right). Santa got a lot of suggestions so he could complete his "list." Santa had to leave a little early, but he sent Captain Ordway with his guitar to accompany the singing. The singing would never rival the Lyric Opera, but it was a lot of fun. Thanks to all who provided the delicious food.

Of course, the core room was at its shiniest. The tree was fantastic, and there were decorations everywhere. Again our resident "interior decorator" was Darlene Ordway. Everyone who attended really got into the holiday spirit.

Jo Settle was back from her marathon drive to North Carolina in time to come to the party. She and her sister went up to visit friends for Thanksgiving.



Mary Lou Kelly

Casa Verde



Santa and "Mrs. Claus."

Lani Sirna went to her daughter who lives here in Clearwater for Thanksgiving. Winnie Stafford joined me and my sister and brother-in-law at the Belleair Country Club for the fantastic Thanksgiving buffet.

Darlene and Gary Ordway went to their daughter's. Mary Dickie took her friend Corrie Miller to Port Richey for dinner with Mary's daughter and son-in-law.

Olive Pocius had a surprise visit



Betty Manard with Santa.

from friends who live in England. They brought their son to Orlando, and came over to see Olive. Olive always stayed with them when she visited England. Olive had a good time making all the English dishes. Her truffle is to die for.

Casa Verde was saddened by Doris Burns' decision to leave and go to Stratford Court in Palm Harbor. Doris is a long time resident of OTOW, and was the previous reporter for Casa Verde. We know she will be happy and safer there, and we wish her the best.

If you need Doris' new address and/or phone, call Captain Ordway or me. We will be glad to share.

On the same note, John and Pat Quinlan have moved to Becket Lake. They love seeing old friends, so stop and pay a call.

Gloria Walz

Modernage

New residents relocate from Queens, N.Y.

Now is the time to wish all our neighbors a busy, blessed and happy 2011.

A New Year's resolution is something that goes in one year and out the other.

We have more new people to welcome this month: Paula and Stan Cashdollar come from New Mexico and Rhode Island, originally from Queens, N.Y. They have two cats to keep them company. Paula once worked on a newspaper when Robert Ebert was there. Her interests include much reading.

Stan worked third shift for so long that he can't seem to get back to sleeping nights instead of days, so we'll have to think of them as "night owls."

Have you had some travels or visitors that we would like to hear about? Please call me (724-5909) or put your interesting news in the little white box in the core so we can enjoy your adventures.

On thing about "old age" is that we realize we must learn from the mistakes of others. We can't possibly live long enough to make them all ourselves.

Laughter is the sun that drives winter from the human face (Victor Hugo).

We're ready for what the New Year may bring

The rush of the holiday season is over, gifts were given and received, and now on to the New Year 2011. Ring out those bells!

Even though the past year wasn't the best for me and others, I for one am looking ever forward to a happy, fulfilling year: ever onward, 2011!

We had some very nice decorations despite not being able to drape our building in lights. We need more funds to buy new lights; hopefully that will become a reality next year.

In the meantime, we had a dedicated group who decorated our core and trimmed a beautiful tree for all of us to enjoy. Incidentally, this was done on one of the coldest days we have had this year, but coffee and cake were supplied for all.

hour was held in November on our park-like triangle on the Brisbane side for everyone, but especially our new residents and returning Snowbirds. Everyone brought chairs and we had a really nice time socializing and enjoying



Margaret Copland

The Gables

the beautiful table of enticing tidbits.

Sawinder and Varinder Marok arrived from Canada for a threemonth stay.

Pat Mullins enjoyed a visit from his daughter and her husband recently, and Margaret Copeland enjoyed a visit from her daughter, Mary Lee, during the Christmas holidays. Mary Lee divided her time between OTOW and A wine and cheese and coffee her brother Bill's waterfront home in Bailey's Bluff.

> Margaret Copland sang in a beautiful Lessons and Carols at St Alfred's Episcopal Church on Dec. 19 and again late on Christmas Eve at the Eucharistic worship, complete with

choir, bell choir and some members of the Florida Orchestra, who added their talents to make our Christmas Eve worship even more beautiful and meaningful.

Time to offer my thanks yet again to Irene Marshall, without whom I would be unable to supply all the news that's fit to print for the monthly article — she supplies names, comings and goings, etc., and I put it into a presentable form.

Our holiday party was held at Kally K's in a private room. Bob and Jocelyn LaPlante took on the task of shopping for appropriate prizes and decorations. Bob was our Emcee for the evening. A good time was had by all by the 25 who attended.

Start out our New Year by offering a smile and pleasant greeting to all you come upon in your daily rounds; remember those less fortunate than we, and remember to be good to yourself and others. Happy New Year 2011!

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Nov	. 11
6990 (1st Place)	Norma Riley
6760 (2nd Place)	Norma Fusari
Double Pinochle	Paul McCormick
Took All Tricks	Norma Fusari &
Jan Jankowski	

Fran Milanec

Nov.	16
6990 (1st Place)	Jeanne Sanders
6850 (2nd Place)	Bertie Lewis
Double Pinochle	Jeanne Sanders,
Craig Brown, Ann Re	ed, Bruna Moro
Took All Tricks	Barbara Hogan &
Clayton Hancock	

Nov.	18
6940 (1st Place)	Jackie Powers
6420 (2nd Place)	Ken Doolittle
Took All Tricks	Joan Wolf & Jackie
Powers; Jack Powers	& Julie Hofmaster

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6810 (1st Place)	Bob McGrogan
6660 (2nd Place)	Joan Wolf
Took All Tricks	Eleanor Golka &
Barbara Hogan	

Nov. 3	30
6710 (1st Place)	Lou
6410 (2nd Place)	Fran Milanec
Double Pinochle	Dick Gordon
Took All Tricks	Guy & Joan Wolf;
Hilda & Gwen	
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6380 (2nd Place)	Fran Milanec
Dec.	14
7080 (1st Place)	Yolanda DeRos
6810 (2nd Place)	Alice Langguth
Double Pinochle	Ella Van Dorn





Mondays, Wednesdays & Saturdays Walter Balderson, Director (Top leaders listed for each playdate)

Saturday, Nov. 20
1Beverly Gibbo, Julienne Workman
2 Ella Van Dorn, Dorothy Ehlers
3 Betty Sagun, Karen Russell
4Jean Rhame, Nita Akers

(Continued in next column)



& Saturdays (Continued from previous column)

Monday, Nov. 22
1Paul Streigle, Walter Caithness
2Lu Erskine, Ella Van Dorn
3Beverly Gibbo, Julienne Workman
4Maxine Swanson, Betty Hayhurst
Wednesday, Nov. 24
1Betty Hayhurst, Maxine Swanson
2Betty Schlotter, Frank Schlotter
3Beverly Gibbo, Nita Akers
4 Betty Sagun, Karen Russell
Saturday, Nov. 27
1Beverly Gibbo, Nita Akers
2Paul Streigle, Walter Caithness
3 Marnie Carr, Tom McKee
4Betty Hayhurst, Maxine Swanson
Monday, Nov. 29
1 Frank Schlotter, Jerry Kaplan
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EAST SIDE – Thursdays

Diane Bigelow – Maxine Murray					
Nov. 11 Winners					
1Arnie Engelbert					
2 (Tie) Joan Wolf, Marvin Bruning					
3Opal Brown					
4Norma Neiland					
Nov. 18 Winners					
1Joyce Engelbert					
2Doris Clanton					
3 (Tie)Ron Murray, Arnie Engelbert					
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The whole gang was on hand to decorate their building

The holiday season started for us when Pete Rode, Dave Combs, and Rick Garlick hung the extension cords for the lights that would soon be up on our building.

A notice was put up announcing hot coffee, donuts and a building meeting at 8:30 a.m. on Dec. 3 in the center third-floor storage room. Thanks to Diane and Aurele Gervais for coordinating our building party at Island Way again this year.

More than 25 people arrived to enjoy the donuts and coffee set up by Joan Rode and Dana Garlick. Special thanks to Cheryl Lindbeck who, although away visiting one of her daughters, made delicious holiday cookies for us to share that morning.

After a short building meeting, we went to work decorating the whole building front. Lights were hung among the columns of the building. Bows were placed along the way. Timers and extensions were carefully placed. A Christmas tree was decorated and set up in the main foyer of the building.

A giant menorah was set on the third floor and a giant wreath on the second floor. Candy canes were set along the sidewalk in front of the building.

Everything accomplished by noontime, we gathered once again for slices of pizza supplied by long-time resident Betty Biddlestone.

It was a great morning, seeing old

Dana Garlick (for Karen French)

French Renaissance I



Some of the gals.

friends and welcoming new neighbors Marilyn and Jim Zylstra and Dorothy.

Thanks to neighbors who helped or who just cheered us on: Bonnie and Chuck Jones, Dona Haura, Dave and Lorine Combs, Billy Ward, Bill and Alice Wilke, George and Hilda Schmidtke, Lepa Buck, Ken Smith and Carol Sawyer and Goca Kranenburg.

Also Bob and Carolyn Hunt, Mike Astor, Paul Zipperlin, Elaine Stretavski, Carol Lambdin, Leroy and Linda Reedy, and Paul Dillon.

It was fun being together, remembering years past, and enjoying the beautiful morning.



The French Renaissance I decorating crew taking a break for their group portrait.



Carol and Bonnie



Jim, Lepa and Rick.

Reporter returns from lengthy trip abroad

Here I am back from my extended trip (9/23 to 12/3/10).

When I arrived home on Dec.3, it was so nice to see the building decorations in place.

Jim Thomas called me to let me know that he and Isis attended his 50th high school graduation reunion.

In the past week, we had Mary Fender and Thelma going to the hospital. Then it was Sam Contella going to the hospital and then Marion Begley coming down with bronchitis. Hope everyone is recovered by the time you all read this.

I arrived back in Florida just in time to put together this article. Look next month in the February edition of the paper for a short report on my visit to Russia, Japan, China, and some other Asian countries, and then on to Australia

Pat Zorland

Capistrano

and a few Pacific Islands. All in all I was gone for 70 days and have lots of stories to tell.

On Dec. 8, the building held its annual Christmas party and installation of our new President (Tony Sinopoli). That was followed by a grab bag exchange of gifts. All who attended seemed to have a good time along with a few chuckles over the gifts they picked out.

Before I forget it: "Welcome Back" to all of our winter residents. If I have neglected to mention anyone or anything, please forgive me and let me know about it.

Building meeting set for Jan.

Day by day the stages of decorating just seemed to appear, thanks to the planning and work of our faithful residents led by Phil Woods, Bill Davie, Jim Jackson, Shirley Swift, Rose Oshben, Enid Goodman, Mary Ann Sinnenberg and the many others I may have failed to mention.

Under the sparkling tree, residents placed toys and gifts of various kinds that we distributed to the women and children being assisted by The Haven, our annual recipients of this cheer.

A core party was planned for the 15th of December, and I'm certain it was well attended. Talk, laughter, bounties of good food always make this a festive time, a time to acquaint or re-acquaint ourselves with our neighbors.

Lucifle Green is making a short trip to family, but will be back before the New Year. Sheida and Jim Jackson are bundling up for a quick trip to Chicago.

Pauline and Rick Almedia are back from Cape Cod, and usually spend a few holidays with a daughter in Ocala, but Pauline always leaves us her tall evergreen adorned with big silver balls



Jane Haynes

Loch Lomond

and red bows in the front yard. Many have festive ornaments and lights and the building wreaths are in place.

Helen and Bob Lauko are doing well and happy to be back. Helen walks Teddie early each morning, and Helen and Bob are riding bicycles.

In early January, our building usually holds its annual business/potluck meeting. Keep your eyes open for the notice, posted by the elevator. Plan to attend and to contribute your dues.

I hope to see everyone and hope you will give some brief news for the column. Residents really want to hear about one another. I can be reached at 799-5208 or drop a note inside my storm door. Thanks!

Many pitch in to decorate, then enjoy holiday function

The Americana Social Club sure knows how to live up to its name!

On the first Saturday in December, we got together to beautify the building with holiday trimmings. When you went by, I'm sure you noticed the wreaths and ribbons streaming from the building. The photo shows Arnie Engelbert and Winston Pineau aon the project.

Inside the core of each landing we decorated lovely Christmas trees, each of which had its own unique style. While we worked, we enjoyed coffee and doughnuts and beautiful music.

We then celebrated the holidays together Monday, Dec. 6, at the Island Way Grill. All 38 of us savored the excellent food and festive atmosphere Island Way provides.

Of course, we had the seasonal sing-along led by Arnie Englebert with assistance from Ken Jenner, Clarence Poiret and me. Maybe we're not the greatest singers, but we sure had a lot of fun! Thank you, Catherine Grey, for the great job you did putting this holiday dinner together.

Hope you all had a joyful Christmas and here's wishing you a very happy and healthy New Year!



Carol Muntzenberger

Americana



Arnie Engelbert and Winston Pineau are among other decorating the Americana building for the holidays.

A couple of celebrations



Bernie Tapper celebrates a birthday...

Pictured above, left, is Bernie Tapper who celebrated her birthday at our recent building dinner at Applebee's. But, she refuses to say which birthday!

We had lots of snowbirds and a nice crowd of 25 — lots of fun, too.

In the next photo is Alma Hudson with Santa to her left passing out gifts at our Christmas party at the Island Way Grille. We had about 25, lots of laughs and some really good fellowship.



...While Santa visits Alma Hudson.



Sue Morse

Fujiwara

Building party full of joy

Best wishes to everyone for a healthy, happy and prosperous new year! It always seems a little quiet after the first of the year after the decorations are taken down and normal life resumes but hopefully everyone has happy memories of 2010.

Our annual building party was held once again at the Clearwater Country Club. We had a great turnout with 48 partiers in attendance. Thank you to Ginny Tousignant, Bev Huber, Jan Guyton, and Judy Boley for serving on the planning committee. And a special thank you also to Santa Claus for dropping by.

Lenny Tousignant, who is a special friend of Santa Claus, has a beautiful story to tell about how he came to be Santa's special helper. Ask him about it sometime.

Judy Boley won a gift for being the one holding the present at the correct time, Doug Beaman got a prize for guessing the closest number of chocolate kisses in a jar and 20 people won scratch-off tickets.

A highlight of the evening was when the New World French Singers sang a special birthday song to Connie Saylor who will turn 80 this year. The song hailed the joys of getting older... and better, in the case of Connie!

Ralph Wells, the Chairman of the Oaks, was presented a small statue of an alligator sitting in a chair under a palm



New World French

tree as a thank you for all he does for us here at NWF. Ralph will also be happy to know he has been unanimously reelected as Chairman for the rest of his natural life.

I would also like to give a special mention to our very own Julie Werkheiser who looked amazing as usual. Julie has been a long-time resident of NWF and has been attending our gatherings before most people were even thinking about retirement. Julie is a beautiful, gracious woman who is sharp as a tack and a lady through and through. For those of you who do not know Julie, her friendship is a joy and a privilege and we are proud to have her as part of our family here at NWF.

The ladies lunched at Johnny's in Clearwater this month. See the bulletin board for information on the January lunch.

May the goodwill and love of Christmas, Hanukah and Kwanza remain in your hearts and lives during 2011.

Newcomer's pet dog slowly getting used to 'city life'

Happy 2011 to everyone. It's wonderful that we're all here to usher in another New Year.

Here's the luncheon plan for January to April, 2011. Luncheons will be on the third Thursday of the month, which makes January's luncheon on Jan. 20. Lunch will be at 11:30 a.m. A sign-up sheet will be posted two weeks before.

Diner" on Gulf-to-Bay Blvd. across from Sam's Club. February: Capogna's Dugout; March: Farmer Boy; April: Saturday Core Lunch.

Our new neighbor, Judy Hetrick, has quickly adapted to life at OTOW. She attended our holiday party and is joining some of our OTOW committees. Not so her live-in companion, doggie "Princess." She is slowly getting used to the "big city" after having her own space for many years.

Carol and Dave Pittenger are making OTOW their home now that Dave is retired. You can find him on the golf course along with Larry Faulkner. I understand that Dave is giving Larry some tips on his golf game.

Marilyn Trokey and Tom Zehner are also here for the winter season.

Julia Ruddy's son was here visiting from Chicago, enjoying the Florida weather. I know it beats being up North.

Marsh and I were in the Georgia Mountains for a long weekend, which we cut short since we were freezing.

Cathy and Larry Faulkner enjoyed a visit with their daughter's family from



Glenda Greenman

Emerald Isle

January's lunch will be at "The Indiana over Thanksgiving. Their grandson, Patrick, is a nationally-ranked junior golfer. Patrick has been recruited by Stanford University to play golf starting in fall 2011.

> While visiting, he got in some practice at Innisbrook. He played the OTOW course with grandpa, Larry and OTOW residents Dave Pittenger and Jim Stewart. Patrick enjoys playing here at OTOW and giving his grandpa some pointers. I think they're grooming Larry for the tour.

> The Emerald Isle Holiday Party was held Dec. 10 and attended by about 25 residents. Everyone was decked out in their holiday best and enjoyed the "limo" ride to and from the restaurant. Joe Heller was accompanied by guests, sister Loretta Beakey and her husband Jim and cousin Stan Brand and wife Aline.

> Thanks to Cathy and Larry Faulkner and Liz and Bill Buckley for making all the arrangements. Also, gracias to all the neighbors who helped decorate for the holidays. I don't have all the names so we'll just call them "the elves."

Ships-N-Trips, Inc Celebrates 25th Anniversary Save the date and join us on February 4th, 2011

We are proud of our success and thank all of our clients and friends at OTOW for helping us to reach this milestone. Happy New Year to all of you. Please remember to reserve the date of February 4, 2011 to help us celebrate.

Newsworthy Events of 1986

- Larry McMurtry's Lonesome Dove won Pulitzer for Fiction.
- Statue of Liberty turned
 100 years old.
- Greg Lemond wins Tour de France.
- Ships-N-Trips, Inc, started its first year in business.

You won't believe what else happened in 1986

Europe's "Giotto" space probe photographed the core of Halley's Comet. Minimum wage was only \$3.35, and the average income was \$22,339.00.

It was the year to celebrate the founding of a 35 million-year-old frog encased in amber, by a Dominican nuner

Clint Eastwood was elected mayor of Carmel By-The-Sea, a California resort fown of 4,700 people. It was a landslide victory.

Also, in a dramatic plen for social change, millions formed a human chain to aid the homeless in "Hands Across America."

The State of Texas celebrated the 150th Anniversary of its independence from Mexico.

Controversy arose when film companies began to "colorize" old black and white films.

Sports & Entertainment

Flying around the world on one tank of fuel was the tremendous feat accomplished by the experimental airplane "Voyager" this year. The plane, flown by pilot Richard G. Rutan and co-pilot Jeanna Yeager, took 9 days, 7 hours, 3 minutes, 44 seconds and covered 25, 012 miles.

Jack Nicklaus won a record, 6th Masters Golf Title, but the U.S.Open went to Ray Floyd.



In basketball, the NCAA Title went to Louisville and the NBA Title, for the 16th time went home with the Boston Celtics led by the great Larry Bird.

Best picture was awarded to Platoon, Paul Newman won Best Actor for The Color of Money, and Marlee Maitlin won Best Actress for Children of a Lesser God.

This would never have happened if I had booked my trip with Ships-N-Trips, Inc. instead of a "Johnny Come Lately". No wonder they've been successful for 25 years. Let's help them celebrate on February 4, 2011.

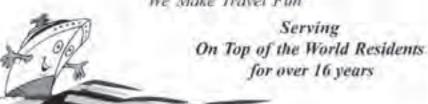


Yes, when you think about it, things have changed a lot in 25 years. But, after all this time there are some things which have not only remained, but have gotten better.

One good thing is that Ships-N-Trips, Inc. is still around and thriving after 25 years of hard work and lots of dedication by everyone involved.... we care about customers who helped us fulfill our dream. We are indebted to OTOW residents.

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Long-time resident involved for years with decorating

The ladies luncheon group enjoyed their visit to Queens Pizza on Dec 6. It was the first one of the season. Future lunch outings are being scheduled by Dolly Foland for the next three months.

Oscar the Osprey has not been seen flying around the Mandarin building. We hope to see him back after the holidays. Wish Oscar could keep the squirrels out of the parking lot, as they continue to find electrical wires under the hood as part of their diet. This causes electrical problems in the cars.

All of the building Christmas decorations are up, thanks to the many volunteers led by long-time resident Bill Pallett and his daughter Linda.

Bouley Bill is an original owner in building and has been involved with the decorations from the beginning. He says he doesn't climb the ladders anymore; he lets the younger ones do that. He gave it up a few years ago when he turned 90!



Ed **Foland**

Mandarin

The lights went up a week later than normal due to the late arrival of Snowbirds for labor. The cost of electricity continues to rise, thus the reimbursement for electricity to the residents will be increased accordingly.

The annual Christmas party and business meeting has been delayed until Tuesday, Jan. 4. It will become the "after-Christmas" party and business meeting. It is also the election of officers. New residents Mike and Diane will be introduced. "Edwardo the Great" will entertain with some magic.



Mandarin Building ladies' luncheon group at their Dec. 6 function. The group goes somewhere different every month for lunch.

of local information: news, weather, as it is continually updated.

A new website developed by the maps, coupons, etc. Check it out at Snowbirds Club is an excellent source www.snowbirdsotow.com. Visit it often,

Almost time for annual storage room work

Let me be one of the first to wish you a very Happy New Year.

2010 saw American Gothic get new lighting in the halls, a resurfaced parking lot on the Franciscan side and a new row of sapling trees lining the nine-hole golf course on the Florentine side.

Residents got together each month over lunch or dinner, a tradition we plan to continue in the New Year. In October we lunched at Chili's; in November we dined at a potluck/business meeting in the Sunrise Room; and in December we held our Christmas/holiday party at Alfano's restaurant.

Kicking off 2011, we will lunch at noon on Friday, Jan. 21, at Georgie



Merle MacDonald

American Gothic

Boy Restaurant, 1101 South Missouri Ave., Clearwater, and will hold another potluck/business meeting in the Sunrise Room in February.

Thank you to all who helped put up the holiday decorations. You surely made short work of it. Now volunteers are needed to take them down.

Please remember to date your items stored in the storage rooms with 2011, your name and unit number. This is the month to straighten up the storage area and dispose of your unwanted and unneeded items. Please do not store furniture or flammable materials. A committee will be formed to inspect the storage rooms in February. Unmarked items and those left behind by former residents will be removed. If left unclaimed they will be donated to charity.

Since this is your column, kindly make a New Year's resolution to inform your reporter of the happy events taking place in your life so that we can all share your joy.



John Grasso

Polynesian

Reporter offers wish for the New Year

Hi everybody. Before I go on I would like to thank Jon and Eleanor, Loretta Benson, Dottie Scottie and Bob and Doris Roosen for the great job they did on decorating our building for the holidays. A great big thank you for a job well done.

I would like to welcome our new neighbors who moved into our building.

We had our Christmas Party at Johnny Primo's on Dec. 3. It was a great party; everyone ate well and enjoyed themselves. Thank you, Loretta, for doing a great job.

Folks, there is not much to report. I wish you all would let me know of events and things that happen to you.

After all is said and done, I am very glad to be living in our building amongst so many good, gentle people. It is good to be here.

I'll close for now by wishing all of you Happy New Year. May God watch over you and yours for this New Year. See you all next month.

Son spends quality time with his mother

A special thanks to Dick Broadhurst, Joe Malandro, Bob Anderson and Jim Sundberg for decorating our building with the holiday lights and three-foot star.

Also, thanks to Diane Bocchino and Etta McCadden for their help and support to these fellas on that chilly Saturday morning after Thanksgiving! Everyone in the OTOW community was able to enjoy their efforts!

Our building Christmas party was held at Sea Sea Riders in Dunedin on Thursday, Dec. 16. It was a funfilled evening of good food and holiday cheer!

Dorothy Churchill's son, Brian, was here for a short Christmas visit.



Barbara Sundberg

They went on a shopping spree to Countryside Mall for Brian's birthday present, as his birthday is Dec. 14. He picked out new walking shoes.

Afterwards they headed down to Clearwater Beach, walked along the beautiful shore, and ate at Frenchy's. Next day they went to Tampa Bay

Downs for their opening day. Won some, lost some. Later, they ate at Country Inn Pizza.

Sunday was church and watching football on TV. Brian left to spend Christmas in Michigan with his family.

Both Fran Magnussen and Maria Mader will be celebrating their mutual birthdays Jan. 3. Enjoy your special day, Fran and Maria!.

We'll be hosting the first building meeting of the New Year Feb. 6, 2011, which is Super Bowl Sunday. After the meeting stay for our annual chili tasting.

Best wishes to all for good health and happiness throughout the New Year!



Fritz Kocka

Valencia

Couple of our chorus members are building residents

2011 and I am still vertical! For those who have partied the New Year in, Happy Hangover!

For those who greeted the New Year playing Cribbage or Bridge, I hope the cards or dominoes fell your way, and for those of us who watched the ball fall on TV, Happy New Year!

I am sure we all did a lot of reflecting on what is in store for use in the coming year.

Our Nov. 16 dinner at the Olive Garden was well-attended. It is nice to socialize and break bread with your neighbor.

The men that attended the Veterans Day lunch at Denny's were pleasantly surprised to see their picture in the December OTOW newspaper.

Our Christmas dinner held at Clearwater Country Club on Dec. 18 had a good crowd.

The OTOW Chorus did their usual outstanding job Dec. 4–5. In the event you did not hear them, you could have heard some of the same singers perform at the Dunedin Recreation Center on Dec. 12. Two of them who participated from our building were Bonnie and Jack Glover. Good job!

Mama sez: If swimming is good for your figure, explain whales to me.

Party attendees had a chance to win door prize, depending on what was under chair

Whatever keeps you laughing, smiling and enjoying life here On Top of the World, keep doing so in this New Year 2011.

A beautiful Victorian Christmas tree adorns our mail room this year, thanks to the generous gift of Sandi Failing. Many hands helped to decorate the tree with beautiful lights, gorgeous velvet bows, clear glass ornaments and sparkling ribbon. The result was a sight to behold.

Kally K's was the restaurant of choice for residents to hold a Christmas party, which included a gift exchange. Everyone received a gift from our building funds also. Residents agreed the cost of the gift exchange would be around \$5. We outdid ourselves as many gifts were unique, practical, pretty and appreciated by all.

Mary Casey, the building captain,



English Gothic

was thanked for all her hard work in planning this party and Mary also had a few door prizes, which was a surprise. Adorning each table were two beautiful Poinsettias, and whoever had a "winner" taped to the bottom of their chair, received a plant.

This was a special night for Gino and Luisa Traficante, who were celebrating their wedding anniversary. Everyone sang to them. We are blessed to have this couple residing in our building, as they are always helping out, always cheerful, and a pleasure to know.

Old faded, worn out red bows from years past were discarded and new red bows were purchased this year to decorate the building. Gold bows were considered, but red was the chosen color and the building looks very nice.

Our business meeting will be Tuesday, Jan 11 at 7 p.m. Please attend, as we will plan an outing for January and need ideas. Please let me know of any resident who may be ill and a card will be sent. My phone is 386-5725 or stop by.

As we start this New Year, remember: "Never put off until tomorrow what you can do today, because if you enjoy it today, you can do it again tomorrow!" Happy New Year!

Award-winning actress to perform here

On the road again — Katy Marsh, Judy Wennerstrand and friends met at the condo in Branson, in the Ozarks, on a beautiful lake. They enjoyed many shows. Andy Williams still looked good, also the Irish Tenor. A week of much fun driving all over, taking in the sights.

Thank you Judy, Norma, Bob and Jane for the recycling programs, but they were cancelled. It was a very hard job, thanks again.

In October, out of all the theaters in Pinellas, Nancy Wright won the "Lary" award, "Favorite Supporting Actress in a Musical" as Albert's obnoxious mother in "Bye Bye Birdie" at Ruth Eckerd Hall last July.

Now she'll perform here at OTOW on Jan. 9 at 2 p.m. in "Ain't Retirement Grand?" It is a delightfully funny series of musical vignettes and dialogues about living in a retirement community and the joys (?) of aging!

Get tickets from Nancy, or the Entertainment Committee. This



Rural French

show has been playing in theaters and retirement communities since March 2009, and was bought by NYC producers last September. It is about to open off-Broadway with an equity cast!

OTOW will be this cast's last big time. But the playwright has written a new musical — all about food — in which the same four actors will perform in March at Pinellas Park's Venue Theater. Again, see Nancy or the Entertainment Committee for tickets.

Now, let 2011 be a fun year. Give me any ideas so we can do things together. This year no one signed up for the monthly luncheons or anything else. I gave many suggestions last January but they didn't fly. Let's get busy, ok?

Any newcomers to our building? Let me know.

Remember our troops. Be good to one another, be well. God Bless.







MONTHLY CALENDAR

JANUARY 1 - 31

1	Sat	•••••	•••••	New Year's Day
3	Mon	11:00 AM	. V's	Snow Bird Club Meeting
3	Mon	6:30 PM	. S	Photo IDs
4	Tues	1:00 PM	. V's	Americana Bldg Meeting
4				Mandarin Bldg Meeting
5				Photography Club-Picasa Class
5				Rainbow Club Meeting
5				Theatre Workshop General Meeting
6				g Lot (tennis courts)Goodwill Donation Trailer
6				Greyhound Club
6				Press Association Meeting
_				Singles Travel Club Meeting
7				
8				•
8				Lawn Bowling Club Luncheon
9				Entertainment Committee - Musical Comedy
10				Family History Group
10				
				Snow Bird Club Cruise Meeting
10				
10				Billiards Club General Meeting
11				
11	Tues	6:30 PM	. CR	
11				Ladies 18 Hole Golf - Rally for the Cure Meeting
11	Tues	1:00 PM	. S	
12	Wed	7:30 PM	. A	Jesters General Meeting
13	Thurs	9:30 AM	. A	Good Neighbors get acquainted coffee/entertainment
13				Entertainment Committee - "Neil Diamond Tribute"
14				Irish Club Meeting
15				Entertainment Committee - Elvis Birthday Bash
16				Entertainment Committee - Sunday in the Park
				Rancho Del Mundo Bldg Dinner/Meeting
17				Martin Luther King Jr. Birthday
17				Free Ear & Eye Screening
17				Espania Club Meeting
18				Ladies 9 Hole Golf Meeting
18				
				Men's Golf League Annual Meeting
				NY/NJ Club - Luau
21				
23				
24	Mon	10:00 AM	. V's	Emerald Isle Bldg Meeting
25				
25	Tues	4:00 PM	. K	Lawn Bowling Club BBQ
25	Tues	2:30 PM	. V's	Ladies 9 Hole Golf Meeting
25	Tues	1:00 PM	. S	Stamp Collectors Meeting
26				NY/NJ Club Meeting
				Siboney Bldg Meeting
27				Entertainment Committee - "New Odyssey" Show
27				Democrat Club Meeting
				Entertainment Committee Dance - "South for the Winter"
				John Tolling Times

CALENDAR KEY

A	Auditorium
C	Card Room
CR	Craft Room
CL	
K	Kitchen
L	Lecture Room
R	Rainbow Room (W)
S	Sunrise Room (W)
V	Veranda



New Year's Day Saturday, Jan. 1



Martin Luther King Jr. Day Monday, Jan. 17

AARP Drivers Course

Would you like to save 5% to 10% on your automobile insurance? Come to the AARP Safe Driving Course. You will learn at least five new things about driving. Fill out the application in this paper (page 56).

Send it with a check for \$12 (AARP members) or \$14 (non-AARP members), payable to AARP, to the address listed in the form, then show up for the Friday you select.

Note that AARP members must include a photocopy of their AARP membership card with their payment check.

DAILY CALENDAR

MONDAY		1:30	Butterfly Tai Chi (Beginner)	10:00	Aero
East Activ	ity Center	2:00	Butterfly Tai Chi (Level II)	11:00	
7:00 A.M	Coffee Corner	3:00	Italian Class	12:00 P.M.	Pinc
	Exercise Class	5:00	Poker		P
	Mens & Womens Tennis Doubles		Pinochle		Contract Br
	Bonesavers Class		Dominos		Portrait/Drawing O
	Entertainment Com. Ticket Sales		Lawn Bowling		Progressive Eu
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	Polar Bear Club		Bible Study		Butterfly Tai Chi (Begir
	Computer Help				Shuffleb
			vity Center		Press Association (1st Thurs
	Lawn BowlingChorus Rehearsal		Mens & Womens Tennis Doubles Exercise Class		Butterfly Tai Chi (Leve
	Aerobics				Pinc
	Maj-Jong		Maj-Jong		
	Duplicate Bridge				vity Center
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	Pinochle		vity Center		Snow Bird Line Dan
	Contract Bridge				
	Belly Dancing Class		Strength Exercise Class Mens & Womens Tennis Doubles		Pino
1:00	Crafters Group (2nd Monday)		Bonesavers Class		Scotch Dou
1:00	Maj-Jong		Polar Bear Club	FRIDAY	
1:30	Butterfly Tai Chi (Beginner)		Zumba Gold w/ Mary Caceras	East Activ	ity Contor
1:30	Shuffleboard		Good Neighbors Veterans Project		Coffee Co
2:00	Butterfly Tai Chi (Level I)		Good Neighbors Craft Workshop		Strength Exercise (
	Poker		Veranda Consignment		Mens & Womens Tennis Dou
	Poker		Computer Help		Bonesavers (
	Poker				Polar Bear
	Contract Bridge		Sewing Class		Cera
	Bingo		Lawn Bowling		Pino
West Activit	•		Tai Chi w/ Mary Caceras		Computer
	Mens & Womens Tennis Doubles		Aerobics		Slimna
	Exercise Class		Cribbage		Lawn Bow
	Photo IDsChess Club		Tap Class (Beginner)	12:00 P.M.	Pinc
			Duplicate Bridge	12:00	Dancer
			Tap Dance	12:00	Lit
	German Speaking Group		Pinochle		Social Br
	Maj-Jong	1:00	Painting Pals	1:00	The Music G
		1:00	Social Bridge		P
TUESDAY		1:00	Double Deck Pinochle		P
East Activ	· ·	1:30	Scrap Booking Class (1st & 3rd Wed)		Contract Br
	Coffee Corner Exercise Class		Poker		vity Center
	Ladies 18-Hole Golf		Poker		Exercise (
	Mens & Womens Tennis Doubles		Poker		Mens Exercise (
	Polar Bear Club		Contract Bridge		
	Lapidary			6:00	P
	Horseshoes		Lambda Club Meeting (3rd Wed)	SATURDA	
			vity Center	East Activ	
	Computer Help		Exercise Class		Mens Tennis Dou
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	Ladies 9-Hole Golf		Canasta		Line Dan
	Lawn Bowling		Poker		Lawn Bow
	Aerobics		Ladies Que T Billiards Club		Duplicate Br
10:00	Philosophy Club	THURSDA			Pu
12:00 P.M.	Pinochle		vity Center		vity Center
	Dancercize		Coffee Corner		Mens Tennis Dou
12:00	Library		Exercise Class	6:00 P.M	P
	Ceramics		Mens Tennis Doubles	SUNDAY	
	Maj-Jong		Entertainment Com. Ticket Sales	East Activ	
	Oil Painting Workshop		Polar Bear Club		Pu
	Poker		Lapidary		vity Center
	Canasta		Computer Help	2:00 P.M	Br
	Line Dancing				
1:00	The Music Group	9:30	Lawn Bowling		

10:00 Aerobics
11:00 Yoga
12:00 P.M. Pinochle
12:00
12:00Contract Bridge
1:00Portrait/Drawing Class
1:00Progressive Euchre
1:00Writers Ink
1:30 Butterfly Tai Chi (Beginner)
1:30
1:30 Press Association (1st Thursday)
2:00Butterfly Tai Chi (Level III)
5:00
6:00
6:30 Canadian Club Game Night
West Activity Center
8:30 A.M. Exercise Class
9:00Snow Bird Line Dancing
2:00 P.M. Chess Club
6:00Pinochle 6:30Scotch Doubles
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8:00Mens & Womens Tennis Doubles
8:00Bonesavers Class
9:00Polar Bear Club
9:00Ceramics
9:00Pinochle
9:00Computer Help
9:00
9:30Lawn Bowling
12:00 P.M. Pinochle
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12:00Library
1:00Social Bridge
1:00 The Music Group
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East Activity Center
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8:30Computer Club Meeting
8:30Line Dancing
9:00Lawn Bowling
12:00 P.M. Duplicate Bridge
12:00Putting
West Activity Center
8:00 A.M Mens Tennis Doubles
6:00 P.M Poker
SUNDAY
East Activity Center
4:00 P.M Putting
West Activity Center
2:00 P.M. Bridge
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Monday "Specials"	Wednesday Morning	Thursday Morning	Friday Morning
See Posting in Bus	Publix (Sunset Pt. & Belcher Rd.)	Publix (Sunset Pt. & U.S. 19)	Publix (Sunset Pt. & Belcher Rd.)
Paradise 8:00	Paradise 8:00	Paradise 8:00	Paradise 8:00
Bldg 648:05	Bldg 648:05	Bldg 648:05	Bldg 648:05
Bldg 758:10	Bldg 758:10	Bldg 758:10	Bldg 758:10
Bldg 888:15	Bldg 888:15	Bldg 888:15	Bldg 888:15
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Bldg 268:45	Bldg 268:45	Bldg 268:45	Bldg 268:45
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Bldg 88:55	Bldg 88:55	Bldg 88:55	Bldg 88:55
Bldg 4/19:00	Bldg 4/19:00	Bldg 4/19:00	Bldg 4/19:00
Tuesday Morning	Wednesday Afternoon	Thursday Afternoon	Friday Afternoon
K-Mart, Countryside Mall	Publix (Sunset Pt. & U.S. 19)	Publix (Sunset Pt. & Belcher Rd.)	Walmart
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Bldg 568:50	Bldg 5611:45	Bldg 5611:45	Bldg 5611:45
Bldg 618:55	Bldg 6111:50	Bldg 6111:50	Bldg 6111:50
Bldg 489:00	Bldg 4811:55	Bldg 4811:55	Bldg 4811:55
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Bldg 89:25	Bldg 812:20	Bldg 812:20	Bldg 812:20

Residents' Guidelines for Riding the SCA Bus

- No tipping allowed. The bus is a free OTOW service. Drivers are not allowed to accept tips.
- In an effort to follow timelines and safety guidelines, the bus picks up passengers at the designated locations only.
- Multiple-day reservations will not be accepted.
- "Special" pick-ups are prohibited.
- You must be able to transfer on your own to ride the SCA bus.
- Medical devices may be restricted due to passenger load.
- If you live on the second floor of a building without an elevator, or if your building's elevator is out of service, the bus staff will carry your bags to your front door. They are strictly prohibited from entering your unit.

- Grocery or merchandise bag limits or size restrictions are at the driver's discretion.
- Daily grocery shopping time limit is 90 minutes. Other time limits are posted and announced by the driver.
- If space allows, residents with proper ID may catch a return ride home on the SCA bus. You must get on at the designated pick-up location.
- No eating or drinking on the bus.
- Intoxicated passengers are not permitted on the bus.
- If you create a safety hazard or cause unsafe distractions to the driver, you will not be permitted on the bus.
- The SCA Bus staff takes their directions from SCA management. Please refer questions and concerns to the Service Department.

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This Classified section is a service to the OTOW community. There is no charge to residents for this service. Items must be priced under \$500 and copy must be 20 words or less including phone number (or four column lines). Submitter's name and building name must be included, but will not be published. If the submitters's name and building is not included with the ad, it will not be accepted for publication.

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Only one (1) ad per person per month will be accepted.

FOR SALE

Couch (loveseat), flowered \$40; pic \$25; cord for camper \$10; two lamps \$10 each; antique desk \$40. 859-547-2225

Records for sale, buy what you like. Our kind of music at good prices. 726-6301

Lady's golf bag \$10. 726-6550

Microwave oven, white countertop unit, works great \$20; free: computer, monitor, keyboard & printer. 260-705-6616

Lady's golf driver, 10-degree loft. 796-5857

Cotton queen quilt (102" x 118") with pillow shams, white w/small maroon & pink flowers, never used; also wedge pillow (24" x 24").

797-1789

Bernina 800DL serger, like new, used very few hours \$200. 793-9348

Dell model 926 photo printer \$15; wall mount TV holders, 2 each, \$10/ea.; ladder \$10.

799-6171

Twin comforter, white, alternative to down, exc. cond. \$45; ladies slippers, memory foam, size small \$5; garden scene pictures, 41" x 31", with frame, 2 for \$75. 723-1399

Lady's right-handed golf clubs: 3 woods, 7 irons, putter, bag & cart, used once, excellent condition \$75. 669-3997

17" KOGi flat-panel computer monitor \$25. 791-4574

Art Deco cocktail set: table & 2 stools, like new \$75. 286-8315

2-drawer black wood file cabinet \$20; 24" black wire collapsible pet crate \$30. 480-9456

Oreck XL vacuum with extra bag, works great \$40. 791-7610

Blue Willow ceramic china utensils jar \$7. 474-2181

Mobility scooter for outside use, PaceSaver Plus III, excellent condition, separates for transport, plush seat, 20–30 mile range, 5.4 mph. 796-3540

China cabinet, table, 4 chairs \$450; floral sofa \$125, both in mint condition; new white vertical blinds to fit 95"W x 62"H window.

810-955-4774

Golf club sets: (1) 3 woods, 10 irons plus pull cart \$80; (2) 2 woods, 5 irons plus pull cart \$70; men's golf shoes, never worn, size 10½ med. \$65.

Black leather suede jacket, size 20 \$20; Scotchmale doll in golfing outfit \$15; 4 Royal Doulton ship scenes plates for hanging \$50.

Sewing machine & stand; pair of wingback chairs; Chinese black lacquer panels; ass't pictures, tables, decorator items — priced to sell. 726-0085

3 bicycles for sale, each under \$50: one 15-speed, one 5-speed, one 1-speed, all in excellent condition. 646-335-5574

3 suede skirts, size 10, fuschia, teal, green, above knee \$10 each or 3/\$25; royal blue pure silk dress, size 13/14, knee-length, long sleeves \$25. 712-0304

White mink coat, fingertip length, cost \$4,000, make offer; mink stole cape, make offer; also Christmas lights for sale. 796-7179

WANTED

Would like a mah-jong set. 286-7685

Left-over yarn to make warm hats for residents of nursing homes and rehabs. Much appreciated! 797-6088

Bible Study Club

Bob Reis, President

The OTOW Bible Study Club is a non-denominational Bible study group to explore the word of God, and how it relates to our everyday lives. Our teacher, Woodie Tully, brings 45 years of Bible teaching experience to help understand the Scriptures.

The club meets each Tuesday evening at 7 p.m. in the Veranda Room of the East Activities Center. Every third Tuesday we meet downstairs in the Craft Room next to the kitchen. Occasionally we use a third Tuesday evening for refreshments, music and singing.

We welcome everyone to our club. You do not need to have any knowledge of Scripture to join, and there are no club fees required. We are not a church; those attending are from a variety of denominations.

Every first-time guest receives a complete copy of the Bible to keep as their own.

For more information, call Bob Reis, 798-2443, or Woodie Tully, 399-1773.

A quick, fun breakfast recipe

By Gladys Davidson

Are you having company soon? I want to share with you a breakfast recipe that was served to me when I was with my niece Brenda in Tennessee.

It's a fun and different breakfast dish where everyone participates. This is called a "boiled egg omelet."

First, in a quart-size freezer plastic bag (no zipper), put name on bag with magic marker. Tie securely after the following:

- 1. Break 2 eggs into baggie and then with your hands squeeze to mix well.
- 2. Put into bag any of the following -- pieces of cooked ham, sausage, bacon, raw green pepper, diced raw onion, shredded cheese, and then mix it all well. Hot sauce optional.
- 3. Now you have a large pot of boiling water. Gently put bags into pot and cover for 15 minutes.
- 4. After 15 minutes, remove from pot carefully. Open bag and pour your creation on a plate.

Enjoy it as we all did!

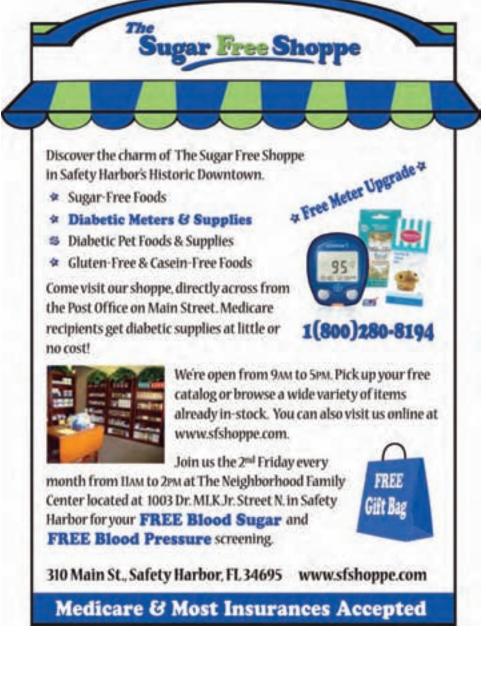


OTOW After-Hours Emergency Number 799-1115

(Water intrusion, elevator entrapment, building alarm malfunctions, electrical problems, etc.)









TIME FOR SOUP?

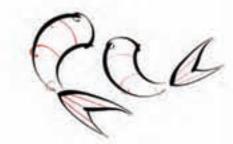
You'll want to try a resident and guest favorite... Shrimp Bisque!

At Royal Palms, a senior rental community, our chefs prepare delicious homemade soup that the residents rave about. We'll share our secret recipe with you to make at home. To try other tasty soups, make a reservation for lunch and a tour with Kay by calling (727) 585-8003.



Shrimp Bisque

Created by Joseph McElroy, Royal Palms Chef



Ingredients

2 celery stalks, chopped

1 green onion with tops, chopped

4 tablespoons butter

1/3 cup all purpose flour

2 cups half and half

3 1/2 cups fish stock

3 tablespoons chopped fresh parsley

8 ounces cooked chopped shrimp

2 cloves garlic chopped

1/2 cup sherry

Directions

In a medium sauce pan, add celery, onions and butter, stirring occasionally. When tender, add garlic and mix together. Stir in flour and half and half. Let simmer for 5 minutes. Stir in fish stock and parsley. Cook for 10 minutes until it thickens. Add shrimp and let simmer for 10 minutes or until heated through.

Stir occasionally. Add sherry and salt to taste. Serves 6



