

Hi,

As president of Lambda, I often get questions about our club. I have put together a few of the most common ones. If you have any other ones, feel free to get in touch with us through the contact info on the webpage. Thanks for visiting our site. Dave

Is On Top of the World (OTOW) an all gay community?

The answer is no. Creating an all gay senior community is not easy. They do exist but can be quite expensive. There are well-off gay folks, and they can always make their retreats work. For the rest of us, it's a stretch to keep something going financially on our own. However, there are many senior communities out there that have affordable prices for housing. They are in desirable areas and have great amenities. So instead of avoiding them, we joined 'em. We created a gay colony within an established senior complex here at OTOW. We can access the great facilities here and over the years, we all have gotten a chance – straight and gay (LGBT) - to meet and know each other as neighbors. This has changed thinking and attitudes on all sides, and in the process, the OTOW community has gone from being gay foreign to gay friendly.

Who can participate in the Lambda Club?

Lambda Club is one of the many clubs chartered for the residents of the community of On Top of the World (OTOW) in Clearwater, FL. Admittedly, Lambda Club members are overwhelmingly gay men, as you can see in the club photos. However, we absolutely welcome all LGBT residents in the OTOW community. And we are always open to participation by any other OTOW residents who would like to meet their LGBT neighbors. There are people from many different backgrounds and areas here at OTOW. Lambda Club is just one more reflection of that fact.

Lambda has monthly socials scheduled in the activity centers at OTOW. By community rules, only OTOW residents with a recreation card are permitted to participate in them. Guests can attend if accompanied by a member. Club members also have functions in their own condos or go out for many of our events such as dine-outs, movies, mall walks, etc. Anyone is free to join us for these occasions.

Can you say something about the condos there at On Top of the World?

There are condos for sale and for rent here. There are 1BR, 2BR, and 3BR units. Most are 2BR which is what I have. One way to see what's available is to check Zillow. Our zip code is 33763. The streets in OTOW are named after countries. Click on Link for a look-see. Many condo owners here choose to list their condos through outside real estate agencies which put their properties on the multiple listing service. There is also an on-site office that deals exclusively with internal OTOW listings. Link to OTOW office. If you have any questions, feel free to contact me at 727-410-7566.

As for myself, I've lived here for over ten years and really enjoy it. No need for a lawn mower, rake, or snow shovel. But golf clubs can come in handy. There are two golf courses. Greens fees are included in the condo fee. I learned to play golf here. Also two large pools and clubhouses with lots of activities going on and a nice fitness center. For dog lovers, your best friend is welcome. There's even a dog park for your best friend to frolic in.

Why is it called Lambda Club?

The club name harks back to the early days of the gay rights movement after the Stonewall riots in 1969. <u>Link</u> One of the earliest gay rights groups, the Gay Activists Alliance, chose the greek letter Lambda to symbolize liberation from past oppression. <u>Pic</u> This was later replaced by the familiar rainbow flag to represent the inclusive LGBT movement.



