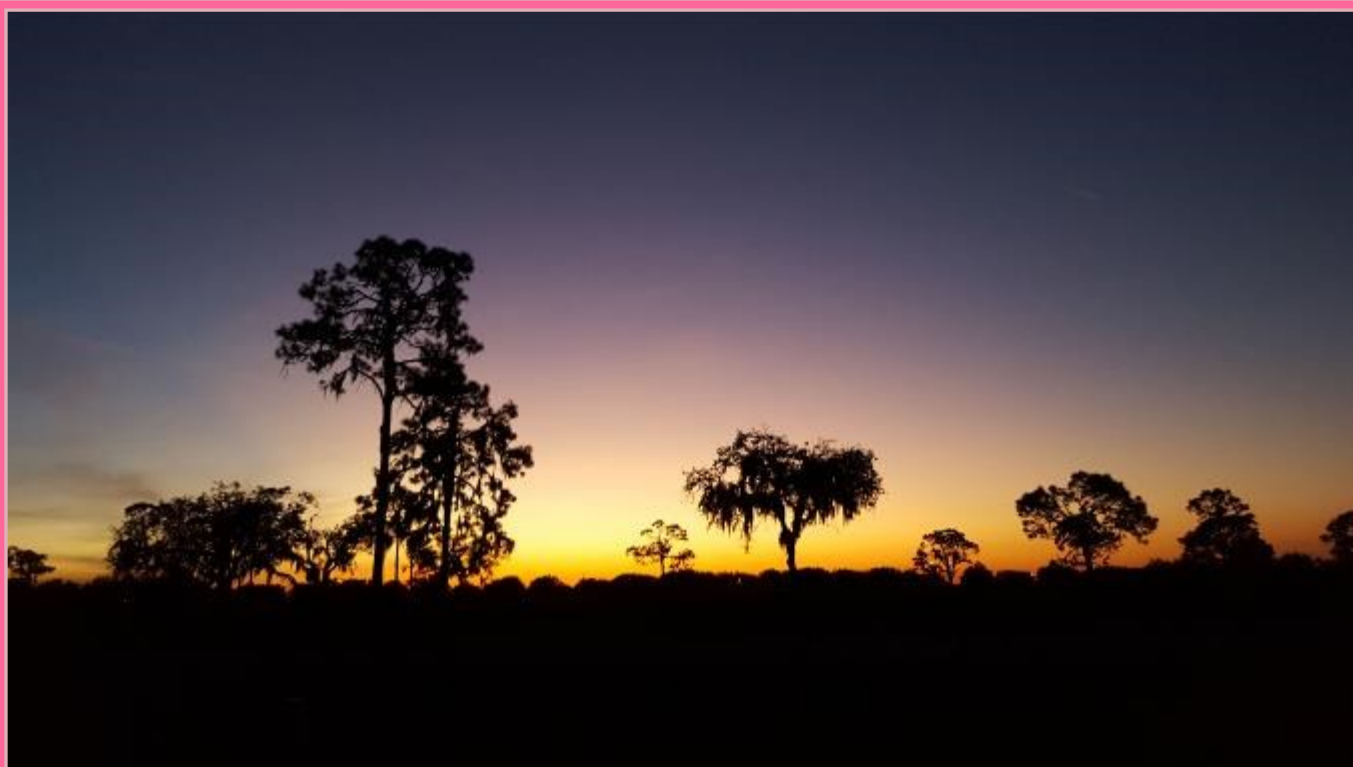




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February 2018



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Thank you to Mr. Neil Miller for a beautiful sunset picture. Mr. Miller is visiting on the north course. Neil took this picture while walking on Toussant Drive on January 14th of this year.

If you have taken any pictures that you think would look great on our cover, please submit them to gazette@myhighlandsridge.net. The pictures must be from within the community.

WHATS HAPPENING?

Fri Feb 2 Bulk Trash
 Sat Feb 3 Valentine's Dance FH 7pm
 Mon Feb 5 Annual HRRC Meeting FH 4pm
 Sun Feb 11 Quarter Raffle FH 10am
 Mon Feb 12 HR HOA Meeting FH 4pm
 Tue Feb 13 MCHOA Meeting MR 1pm
 Tue Feb 13 Pot Luck FH 5pm
 Thurs Feb 15 Coffee w/Birdy AR 9:30am
 Thurs Feb 15 Movie & Ice Cream AR 1:30pm
 Fri Feb 16 Bulk Trash
 Fri Feb 16 Adopt A Road
 Sat Feb 17 Canadian Snow Crow FH
 Sun Feb 18 Chorale Spaghetti Dinner 5pm/7pm FH
 Fri Feb 23 Nutrition Workshop AR 1:00pm
 Tue Feb 27 Alzheimer/Dementia Group AR 2:00pm

FUTURE EVENTS

Fri Mar 2 Bulk Trash
 Sun Mar 4 Badger Bash 3:00pm GV Pool
 Sun Mar 4 Carter Creek Block Party 5:00pm
 Mon Mar 5 MC Annual Meeting 5:30pm FH
 Sat Mar 10 Elegant Junque Sale FH 8am
 Sun Mar 11 Daylight Saving Time
 Mon Mar 12 HRHOA Meeting 4:00pm FH
 Tue Mar 13 HRRC Meeting 10:15am AR
 Tue Mar 13 MCHOA Meeting 1:00pm MR
 Tue Mar 13 Pot Luck FH 5pm
 Thurs Mar 15 Ice Cream & Movie AR 1:30pm
 Fri Mar 16 Bulk Trash
 Sat Mar 17 Chorale Spring Concert FH
 Thurs Mar 22 Coffee w/Birdy AR 9:30am
 Tue Mar 27 Alzheimer/Dementia Group AR 2:00pm

CLUBS & GROUPS

FH = Founder's Hall LB = Library
 AR = Activities Room MR = Meeting Room

African Violet Club: 2nd Thursday 2:30 pm AR
 (October-April)

Bingo: Wednesdays 10 am, and
 Thursdays 7:00pm - FH

Bocce Ball: Sundays 1:00 p.m. (N-A)

Book Club: 3rd or 4th Thursday of the month
 1:30pm - LB (O-A)

Build Your Own Bones: Mon & Fri 11:00am AR

Ceramics: Thursdays 9 am - MR

Chorale: Tuesdays 3:30 pm, Thursdays 3:30 pm
 & Saturdays 8:30am FH (O-A)

Cribbage: Mondays 6:30 FH

Fiber Arts: Wednesdays 10 am - 2:30pm - MR

Fishing Club: 1st Monday each month 7-9 pm MR
 (November thru April)

Knit & Crochet: Tuesdays 9 am - MR
 (November thru March)

Lunch Bunch: 3rd Thursday, meet @ FH at 11 am

*All table games are listed on the Activities Calendar
 (O-A) = October through April

Paradise Patchers / Quilting Club:

Monday 9:00 am - 3:30 pm - MR

Pickleball: Monday 3:30 p.m., Everyone welcome!

Pickle Pals: Tuesdays 10:00 a.m., All girls all play

Pot Luck Dinner: 2nd Tuesday of the month
 5:15pm FH - Sign up on bulletin board in FH

Shuffleboard: Saturdays 3:00 pm

W.A.M.B.A.M.: Thursday weigh-in 7:30 am -
 8:00-8:30 am meeting to follow - MR

Water Aerobics: Tues. & Thurs., at 9:15 am;
 Sat., 9:15 am FH pool with Betty Trimble;
 Mon. & Fri., 9:15 am FH pool with Dot Pansius

Women's Bible Study: Tuesdays 9 am to 10 am at
 3115 Oakmont Drive (863) 257-1621 (Oct-Apr)

Yoga: Tuesdays 8:30 am - AR

**REMINDER: Senior Fitness Class***

B.Y.O.B. or "Build Your Own Bones" is a special class designed for those with limited mobility, allowing you to stay seated for all exercises. Is your back bothering you? Is arthritis a problem? Is your balance a problem? Our class follows video instruction with music and consists of core strengthening, stretching and chair dancing! Easy and fun!!! Please bring a small towel for stretching; everything else is provided. A one time fee of \$5.00 covers your equipment. Stop in any Monday/Friday, 11:00 a.m. - noon in the Activities Room, next to the library. ALL ARE WELCOME!!!! For further information, contact Bobbie Hutchinson at bobbie614@hotmail.com or 863-471-0655.

THE HIGHLANDS RIDGE CHORALE

Annual Spaghetti Dinner ~ Founder's Hall ~ February 18, 2018

Seating available at
5:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.

Bring your own sturdy place settings

Menu: Spaghetti with Meatballs, Salad, Bread,
Dessert & Beverage

Tickets on sale in the **Administration Office**

\$8.00 per person

Mary Ann Wick—386-4041

Lucille Ferrigan—402-1257

Benefitting Highlands Ridge Chorale



HR DANCE COMMITTEE

The Highlands Ridge Dance Committee is active. On February 3rd, the Lee Allcorn band will be here from 7:00 pm to 10:00 pm. Some of you will remember Lee from the Long Shot band (same group). The dance committee will also be preparing for New Years Eve, 2018.

Carter Creek Block Party

Date: Sunday, March 4, 2018

Time: 9 Hole Scramble at the South Course, Shotgun at 1:00 pm
Mixed Couples



Putting Contest at approximately 3 pm
Golfers and Non Golfers for pizza at Founder's Hall at 5 pm, \$8.00 per person

BYOB, plates and silverware will be furnished

Please contact Nancy Guillemette with questions. 603 345-2111

Need to know if you plan to attend by Feb. 19th.

Please join Ralph & Linda Sosely as they host the **Easter Pot Luck** on
Sunday, April 1, 2018 at 3pm
in Founder's Hall.

Remember to bring your own beverage, place setting, serving utensil & don't forget your yummy Easter Dish! Hope to everyone there!



Going Away Dance, Saturday, April 7, 2018

7pm to 10pm

Founder's Hall, Entertainment Provided by California Toe Jam

Light snacks provided, B.Y.O.B

\$15 per person

We have a few tables still available!

HR 2nd Annual Pie Day Contest

Our National Pie Day Contest was held on January 23, 2018! 9 great pies were entered, and 4 pies won. The Category for Taste was Elaine Hall in 1st place with her Millionaire's Pie, 2nd place was Judy Hoogterp with her Strawberry Glaze! The second & final Category was Visual, with Storme Odell taking 1st place with her Cinnamon Twist Apple Pie and Maria Lock coming in 2nd with her Peach Pie. All the pies were delicious and we would like to thank everyone who submitted a pie and a huge Thank You to our 2 Judges, Mr. Pat Shine & Ms. Sherri Coyner! (below winners from left to right; Judy Hoogterp, Elaine Hall, Storme Odell & Maria Lock)



Annual Highlands Ridge

Elegant Junque Sale
Saturday, March 10, 2018
8:00 am to 12:00 pm in Founder's Hall



No tables are available but come out to see what your new treasure will be. Thank you to some great residents that we have here in Highlands Ridge; there will be a canteen.

Proceeds will benefit a local charity.



In Search Of – Yoga Mats!!!!

If you have any yoga mats you would be willing to donate to the fitness group, please drop them off at FH. Thank You in Advance!



Turtle Hitch Mount Cargo Box - Cargo Box tilts down for access to rear of vehicle. Secure Lock ensures gear is locked prior to driving. Carries 13 cubic feet of cargo. Wired taillights and license plate adapter. Roughly 54" long x 25" wide x 24" high. Like new. **Contact Ron Robinett @ 863-385-8206**

Like new Queen size sofa bed \$300, Reclining Love Seat & Chair brown micro-fiber \$400, 8" Aluminum step ladder, like new \$40
Contact Jerry Beastrom (863) 402-1683

Brass Table & Wall Mirror \$300, Brass Cart \$30, Glass Dining Table w/6 Chairs \$300
Please Contact **Rusty Rhonemus (765) 749-4592**
Rusty.rhonemus@gmail.com Photos are available on myhighlandridge.org.

Wicker Dining Room Furniture—white wicker table, glass top with 4 chairs (cushions are washable) 2 white wicker shelves 6ft tall (1 for flat wall & 1 corner shelf both approx. 36in wide. \$350 or obo. **Please contact Bill or Jean Rapp (863) 402-1982.**



Keep Paradise Clean

Next Clean-Up

HIGHLANDS RIDGE RECYCLING

Ways to Reduce the Amount of Trash You Create

A way to help the planet is to simply cut down on the amount of non-recyclable materials you throw out. What's a good way to do this?

One of the most effective ways to help us to bring your own reusable bag to purchase groceries. If you forget, insist on paper, and pack as many goods in one bag as possible, without double bagging.

1. Try to reduce the amount of packaging you purchase by buying products in bulk.
2. Have any paper statements that are normally mailed to you – such as bills, financial statements, newsletters, etc. – e-mailed to you instead.
3. Buy products that are packaged in cardboard or paper board instead of Styrofoam.
4. Try to avoid disposable items such as paper plates, cups, and utensils. When wrapping presents, opt for reusable gift bags instead of wrapping paper – or maybe even reuse wrapping paper.



HAPPY HOLIDAYS! Did you know there are 16 February holidays??? This year Ash Wednesday and Valentine's Day are both on the 14th. See if you can list the other 14! There are websites that list 203 bizarre/weird/holidays for February!!!

ANSWERS CAN BE FOUND ON ANOTHER PAGE IN THE GAZETTE

Submitted By: Bobbie Hutchinson

The next road cleanup will be:

Feb. 16th ~ 8:30 a.m.

Call us (863) 471-1115 and put your name on the crew list so we can get the correct number of vests and garbage pickers! Lunch will be served at 11:30 a.m. in Founder's Hall compliments of the

Residents Council. The Highlands County Recycling Department provides all the equipment and garbage bags. **All we need is You!** You can walk or use your golf cart.

Gardening gloves are recommended.

PLEASE COME HELP!

We cover all of Powerline Road, from Arbuckle Creek Road to Highway 17, Whitehouse Road and Altwater Road from Highway 17 to our North Course Entrance Gate.



Adopt a Road
PROGRAM

Paradise to the Rescue! Please Donate your ...

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For Troop's
Families | Box Tops & Labels
for Education
In Administration |
| Aluminum Can Tabs
In Founder's Hall
for Shriner's
Children's Hospital | Domestic Violence
Shelter
Women's Shelter
To HR Volunteers |



Library News

By: Dot Pansius, *Resident*



We've varied but interesting offerings this month. The first is one that our book club just finished called *The Storied Life of A.J. Fikry*. We gave it high marks. It's the story of a book store owner, the changes caused by the advent of a baby found among the shelves, and the evolving lives of all involved. It takes place on a small (fictional) island off the coast of New England and shows the influence a book store can have. An absolutely delightful book, it encompassing mystery, romance and the foibles of human nature. *The Orphans's Tale* by Pam Jenoff takes place during WW II. A sixteen year old snatches a baby from a box car filled with Jewish baby's destined for a concentration camp. In order to protect herself and the child she joins a German circus where she learns the flying trapeze act but is in competition with the lead aerialist. Rivals at first they become fast friends but detection is always imminent. They ... "must decide whether their friendship is enough to save one another – or if the secrets that burn between them will destroy everything."

Elin Hilderbrand's *The Identicals* (large print) is the story of twins with decidedly different personalities. When their parents divorced they each kept one twin. One is "laid-back, easygoing. She likes a beer and a shot and wouldn't be caught dead wearing anything fashionable. She's inherited her father's run down house on Martha's Vineyard." The other is "dignified, refined. She prefers a good wine and has inherited the impeccable taste of her mother, the iconic fashion designer...and a fashion boutique on Nantucket....Before the last beach picnic of the season, there will be enough old resentments, new loves, and cases of mistaken identity to make this the most talked – about summer that Martha's Vineyard and Nantucket have experience in ages."

The Fall Line, how American ski racers conquered a sport on the edge by Nathaniel Vinton is the true story of young American racers who challenged the dominance of the Alpine racing world. "Led by Bode Miller and Lindsey Vonn, Julia Mancuso and Ted Ligety, this band of iconoclasts made a place for their country on some of the world's most prestigious race courses." Including the Olympic Winter Games.

The Highlands Ridge Book Discussion Group will meet in the library on February 8 at 1:30 pm. Book to be discussed is *Flood* by Stephen Baxter.



Attention Poker Players

Texas Hold'em ladies tournament Monday 5:00 p.m.

Omaha Hi/Lo all players Tuesday 6:00 p.m.

Texas Hold'em all players Thursday 6:00 p.m.

All games are held in the Activities Room.

Tournaments are held every week if we have enough players and no other conflicts.

Please call or e-mail Steve or Georgia Trissell for details. 863-873-2676 - strissell2835@comcast.net

PINOCHLE

We play PINOCHLE on Monday evenings at Founder's Hall. We are looking for people interested in playing a fast moving and exciting game of cards. We are willing to train new players or retrain former players. If you are interested in this game, please contact one of the following individuals:

Dan Seymour at 658-1377

Dot Pansius at 385-4566

George Thompson at 314-8968

PINOCHLE
anyone?



Chaplain's Chat

By: Rev. Bill Commons, *Resident*

FOUR WORDS FOR LOVE

In 1960, legendary British scholar, author and Oxford professor C. S. Lewis wrote the compelling book, THE FOUR LOVES, detailing the words in the Greek language that are all translated into English as LOVE: phileo – *friendship love*, storge – *family love*, eros – *romantic love*, and agape – *sacrificial love* (*John 3:16* – “...God so loved (*agape*) the world that he gave His only begotten Son...”).

The first three words are used widely in secular Greek literature, but the Greek word *agape* was a unique word used only in Scripture to describe God's self-giving compassion that sacrifices self and gives one's life to save others.

This revolutionary kind of love changes us, and changes everything!

When God came to earth that first Christmas morning, the eternal Creator- God wrapped in a baby's flesh, He came as the incarnation of *agape* – *the God-Man who would give His life on a Cross to prove how much He loves all the world's people and to save all who would believe in Him from their sins.*

In John 20:21, before going to the Cross, Jesus taught His followers, "As the Father has sent me, so send I you". God the Father had sent His only Son to rescue the world's people *who had all wandered far from God, to LOVE (agape) US BACK TO HIM*, and now Jesus (God the Son) sends all His 21st century followers to *agape* others the same way.

ARE WE DOING IT? Are we demonstrating to our HR neighbors and friends how much God loves them, by loving and serving them sacrificially in Jesus' Name?

If we who have been rescued by *agape* are transformed by it, we will pour out our lives for others as Jesus did for us.

“They will know we are Christians by our love (agape)!”

And may we never forget that *agape* includes inviting folks to **believe** and **receive** (John 1:12), that they may enjoy the amazing forgiveness, freedom and joy that only a personal commitment to Christ can bring.

THIS IS A PERSONAL INVITATION TO JOIN WITH US IN THE NEXT HIGHLANDS RIDGE CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP MEETING ON SUNDAY AFTERNOON, February 4 AT 3PM in Founder's Hall. Program details TBA!



Chorale News

By: Karen O'Laughlin, *Secretary*

Well, we are back at rehearsing with new music for our upcoming spring concert, which will be here before we know it! And all of us in chorale have said it's going to be fun to do. When you attend the concert on **March 17**, you will definitely recognize the songs and be softly humming along!

I have to again mention that because it is a new season, our Patron drive is in full swing. So we need those that have given in the past to give again, and any new Patron will be most appreciated. Forms are in the HR Office or give your \$50 tax deductible donation to our treasurer, JoAnn Johnson. We need you so we can keep the new music coming and the concerts enjoyable with our instrumentalists. And, you will be hearing us over a new sound system in Founder's Hall! That is a very exciting project going on now. Everyone who uses Founder's Hall will benefit from this new system. So please, renew your Patron gift or become a Patron of your very own Highlands Ridge Chorale.

Also, coming up VERY SOON is our annual **Spaghetti Dinner!** So save the date, **Sunday, February 18**. Tickets will remain \$8.00 each. There are still two seatings; 5pm & 7pm. Hurry and get your tickets as it is usually a sellout.....especially the 5pm seating! You can purchase your tickets in the HR Office. You can also contact Kim Lathwell, Lucille Ferrigan or Mary Ann Wick. Hope to see you there!!

Thank you again for your support.



CRITTER CORNER

By: Denise Beauparlant, *Resident*



This month I would like to talk about pet fostering. Becoming a foster for a rescue or humane organization is usually pretty simple and extremely gratifying. Most organizations will require that you complete an application and that any personal pets you have be current on their vaccinations. Some will require a home visit to see where you plan to house the pet. The best part of fostering is you have more than likely saved a life as many rescues rely on foster parents to be able to rescue a dog or cat from a high kill shelter. Here in Highlands County that is especially true.

At Sebring Angels Rescue, Inc. we focus primarily on dogs on the euthanasia list at the Highlands County Animal Services. Animal Services is now administered and supervised by the Sheriffs Department and the changes have been very positive. However the county shelter is an open admission animal shelter, which means it cannot turn an animal away, consequently when overcrowding occurs they must slate some dogs for euthanasia. The fair way to do that is usually the dogs who have been there the longest. Each week a list is released and our sister group "Sebring Urgents Save Us", begins a social media campaign and networking effort to get these dogs rescued.

When we sponsor a dog it is immediately brought to one of the area veterinarians who work with us. The dog is given a health check, vaccinated and spayed or neutered. Then they are ready to go to their foster. We supply their leash, collar, food and heart worm and flea/tick preventative. The foster parents give them the love and routine they need to prepare them for adoption. We do ask our fosters to provide pictures for us to be able to promote the dog on social media and on the various adoption websites. We also take part in regional adoption events and fosters or organization volunteers will bring the dogs to events.

Statistically it has been found that dogs who have been fostered instead of kenneled are more likely to have a successful adoption to a forever home. We feel very blessed to have very dedicated fosters in our rescue, but there are never enough. In the next few months we will be holding several foster orientations and would love to have you join us. Please feel free to call me at 863-368-0208 if you may be interested in this very important effort. Monetary donations are essential for us to care for these dogs and can be made through PayPal to sebringangels@gmail.com or mailed to: Sebring Angels 4200 Sebring Parkway #105 Sebring FL 33870



The Heartland Harmonizers Barbershop Chorus is offering a wonderful service again this year – Singing Valentine's. A quartet will deliver a balloon, rose, card, candy, a digital picture all for a donation of \$45.00. (a dozen roses will be in excess of \$48 this season)

A great gift not only for your love or a shut-in, a friend or a whole office or organization. Call now to schedule, Jim Palmer at 471.0706.

What is Mahjong?

Mahjong is a game of both skill and luck that originated in China many centuries ago and was brought to the West in the 1920's with the publication of Joseph Park Babcock's "Rules of Mah-Jongg." American mahjong (also sometimes spelled "**Mah Jongg**" or called "**Maajh**") is unique from Asian mahjong in several ways. American mahjong utilizes racks, jokers, "Hands and Rules" score cards and has several distinct gameplay mechanics. Although an American mahjong set can be used to play Chinese Mahjong, the rules that follow are for the American game.

Mahjong is always played with four players seated around a table. Tiles are shuffled, die are cast, and rituals involving the allocation of tiles and then the exchange of tiles begin. The first person to match a hand of 14 tiles and thus "call mahjong" ends the game, whereupon tiles are scored and a winner is declared.

The excitement of mahjong lies in the decisions that you will constantly have to make. Is it preferable to discard a tile and thus gain an advantage, or would it be more prudent to stay with a decent hand? There is the exhilaration of winning a hand as well as regret at not having been bold enough to have made a different choice. Like poker, you will learn a lot about your opponents as you play mahjong and adjust your strategy according to their strengths and weaknesses.

<https://www.ymimports.com/pages/how-to-play-american-mahjong>

Lost Weight, Feel Great!!!

How often has this been our mantra! But how do we do it? How do we keep from adding pounds and begin to reverse the trend?

There are many plans to choose from: South beach diet; Nutrisystem; Weight Watchers; 17 Day Diet; low carb diet; grapefruit diet; etc, etc, etc.. Did you know there's support and help right here in HR? We call ourselves WAM-BAM! We have a private weigh-in every Thursday, 7:30-8:00am, in the Activity Room.

Then at 8:00 we:

- Share ideas
- Have presentations
- Try new recipes
- Enjoy a fun contest as we work toward our goal
- And much more!!!



So if you want a caring group or just need to weigh in once a week, come check us out. Stop by any Thursday for a visit. Get a step ahead of those New Years resolutions and have a plan.....WAM-BAM!!! **Cost?** \$10.00 a year and one quarter each week.....an inexpensive way to do something important for your health. Please feel free to call Deb Martens, 863-257-3139 if you have any questions.

See you lighter! WAM-BAM



The HR Fishing Club meets the first Monday of the Month in the Meeting Room at 7pm. We welcome anyone interested in fishing the many different lakes in Highlands County. You do not need a boat to join, we try to match you with a boat owner. We have monthly tournaments, usually on Wednesday mornings, Please stop by a meeting & maybe you would like to join us! Officers are: Dennis Cox, President; Bruce Martens, Treasurer; Dennis Birkholz, Secretary.

Just a reminder that open-play **tennis** is being played on Thursday & Saturday mornings starting at 9am. We could also do Tuesdays if we have at least 4 players. Open Play means that there is no need to schedule & if more than 4 players show up they are rotated in after 1 game. All skill levels are welcome & we have 2 spare rackets to borrow for those of you that do not own one but may want to play a while before you decide to buy one. Please contact Carla or Don Hebert scad2@hotmail.ca or (863) 445-1680.



Need Help With Your Taxes? AARP Tax-Aide is here for you. Our IRS –certified volunteers will help you file, for **FREE**. AARP Tax-Aide brings **FREE ELECTRONIC FILING** of your Federal tax returns and many state returns. The service is fast, accurate, and our IRS-certified volunteers are ready to help.



Local tax preparation sites are at: Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church*, the Grogan Center, 595 East Main Street in Avon Park (across from Avon Park High School) on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm; Faith Lutheran Church, 2740 Lakeview Drive, Sebring on Mondays and Wednesdays from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm; and American Legion Post 25, 1490 US 27, Lake Placid on Tuesdays and Saturdays from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm.

The service will be available at the Avon Park location from February 1 until April 17, at the Sebring location from February 5 until April 16, and at the Lake Placid location from February 1 until April 14th.

Please provide last year’s Federal return as well as all the documents for filing your 2017 return. You must provide a copy of last year’s State return if you want us to file for 2017.

Any questions, call Sam Cline at 317-523-9383.

Badger Bash



A gathering of all Badger Backers (current and former residents) will be held on Sunday, March 4th from 3pm-6pm at the Golf Villa Patio. BYOB and an appetizer to share! This will be an opportunity to meet and greet fellow Wisconsinites living in Highlands Ridge. You are encouraged to wear your Bucky Badger or Packer Garb! Let’s get a good turnout, see you all there. Any questions contact Ed Schams at schamsfarm@yahoo.com GO BADGERS!



FEBRUARY HOLIDAYS:

- 2nd.....Groundhog Day, Nat'l Wear Red Day
- 4th.....World Cancer Day, Super Bowl
- 7th.....Nat'l Signing Day
- 13th.....Mardi Gras, Shrove Tues(Pancake Day), World Radio Day
- 14th.....Ash Wed, Valentine's Day
- 16th.....Chinese New Year
- 19th.....Presidents Day
- 21st.....Int'l Mother Language
- 22nd.....Nat'l Margarita Day
- 25th.....Dominican Rep Indep



Submitted by: Bobbie Hutchinson

The Alzheimer's Caregivers Support meeting has had to reschedule Jason Penrod's appearance on January 30. He will now be at the February 27 meeting to present on Elder Law, Financial and Legal Concerns. The meeting will take place in the Activities Room 2:00-3:30pm. All residents are welcome.



Suzanne Purdy 614-457-2855



Highlands Ridge HOA

By: Willie Faye Myers, Secretary



At our January 2018 monthly meeting, we were informed that SWFWMD had issued the permit for the construction of a new maintenance building for HRH.

Construction will begin upon receiving final approval from Highlands County.

Pat Shine, chair of the Nominating committee stated ballots for the 4 upcoming openings on the HRHOA Board of Directors will be mailed out mid-February. New Directors will be installed at the Annual Meeting on March 12.

2018 HRHOA assessments were mailed out. Assessment charge is \$25.00 per lot owned. Please remit your check payable to HRHOA either by mail, drop box in front of Founders Hall, or give to any Board member. President Ron Robinett recently set up a communications meeting with representatives of all entities in Highlands Ridge. The objective is to have open conversations between HRH, J&P Properties Inc, MCHOA, and HRHOA in order to promote Highlands Ridge and will be an ongoing venture to discuss issues in our Community.

Our next Board meeting will be on Monday, February 12, at 4pm in Founder's Hall. We hope to see you there.



HR Residents Council

By: Brenda Scruton, Secretary



President Cindy Robinette called the meeting to order at 10:15 am on January 9th 2018. Treasurer Bob Master gave a current balance of \$6,361.27 with some monies still to be deposited. Only 56% of residents have paid their dues so far. As a reminder, they are \$5 per person (\$10 per household). If you are in this percentage, please make a note on your Alexa, cell phone or even a piece of paper to pay your dues. Your Residents council participates in lots of activities here, and donates to many Highlands Ridge groups. Your support is appreciated.

Nominations are needed for the 2018-19 season for the next annual meeting to be held on Feb. 5th at 4pm in Founder's Hall. Hope to see you there. Happy February everyone.



Marina Cove HOA

By: Bobbie Hutchinson, Secretary



GREETINGS to all Marina Cove residents !!!

Your Board of directors will be sending out updates/news via e-mail; please confirm/update your current e-mail address to bobbie614@hotmail.com. If you do NOT use e-mail, please contact me at 863-471-0655; we want to be certain that all MC residents are receiving updates.

Please remember to check out the MARINA COVE section of the bulletin board in Founder's Hall (near kitchen); posted there are monthly board meeting minutes, announcements, etc.. We encourage you to attend board meetings to keep informed and to provide input. Next meeting is Tuesday, Feb 13, 2018 at 1:00 p.m. in the Activities Room. We will be discussing the suggestion of changing the time of day for future board meetings, to encourage attendance.....please join us and offer your input!

UPCOMING EVENTS: Quarter Raffle....Sunday, Feb 11, 2018 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. in FH; doors open at noon. Tickets are \$5, ADVANCE SALE ONLY. Contact Kathy Fenoff, 863-314-6306.

ANNUAL MEETING: Monday, March 5, 2018 5:30 p.m. in FH; pot-luck dinner (sign-up sheets in Administrative Office), followed by meeting and election of board members. Annual dues of \$10.00 per household may be dropped off at MCHOA mailbox, near FH or mailed to: Rose Epling, Treasurer, MCHOA, 2873 E Spinnaker Dr, Avon Park FL 33825. Please make checks payable to: MCHOA, or MARINA COVE HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION.



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 (863) 414-0040

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 (330) 465-3643

Daulby, William & Cathy (new home phone)
 (863) 304-8295

Schams, Ed & Sue
 (863) 402-5661



Jim Morrison

Helmut "Mike" Volk

Kenneth "KO" Lavergne

Sandee Halbert

In Loving Memory

Please remember all gazette submissions must be emailed to: gazette@myhighlandsridge.net and are due by the 15th of the prior month to be in the next gazette. Please make sure that your articles are no more than 300 words



LGA NEWS

By: Deborah Reimer, *Vice President*HRLGA18@gmail.com

It's true, time flies by when you are having fun and we certainly have been having fun in the LGA 18 Ladies League. There have been a few challenges but overall it's been very enjoyable. Hard to believe that we are now half-way through our LGA Winter Season. Due to the possibility of early morning cold weather, for the months of January (which we are experiencing) and February, we are playing later in the morning. There has been a slight change in our start times. At the South Course, the first tee time is at 11 am and the North Course is at 12 pm. We revert back to our 8 am start for both courses starting in March.

With staffing shortages at the South course, the first group will take the Closest to the Pin boxes out and if you are the last group, please remember to bring them in. If the Pro Shop is closed, leave them in the Sign Up room. All score cards and CTP cards should be placed in the LGA 18 drawer. On hole # 13, if the Red tees are not at the front of the tee box, then the first group will move them forward. Remember to enter your own scores. This applies for play at both courses.

Now for some upcoming fun. Along with our Monday and Wednesday regular games, we have some special events. First up is the Round Robin Match Play tournament. Karen Swan and Sharon Borrell will be spearheading this event. More information below. To accommodate those who are playing in the Clewiston and Sun n Lake tournaments, the Wednesday date was moved to Thursday.

On March 7, Willie Fay Myers, Cheryl Racicot and Nancy Owens will organize the Choose Up. After the North Course 8 am shotgun a luncheon will follow in the Tavern. Watch for the follow up information. Thanks to Bobbi Pinckney and her band of volunteers as they have once again agreed to look after the Member Guest to be held on March 26 at the South Course.

Mary Ann Wick, Lucille Ferrigan and Sue Hover will organize the LGA 9 & 18 Mixer on April 2 at the South Course.

For our last special event of the season, the Farewell Scramble will take place on April 4 at the North Course. After an 8 am shotgun a lunch will follow.

Smile and remember the title of Cyndi Lauper's 1983 song, "Girls Just Want To Have Fun".

Sign up now for the
Round Robin Match Play Tournament
 February 19, 22, & 23 (Mon 9am, Thurs 9am, and Fri 8am.)



Sign-up sheet is in the Events book (inside the pro shop on the North course), and the cost will be \$25 per player. Please pay with a check and put the check number beside your name when paying. LGA members will play all matches on the South course.

This tournament is a favorite for LGA members, so make sure you sign up *early*. Each flight has 12 members ranked according to USGA handicaps. Two member teams will be assigned in each flight, and each team will play 9 hole matches with every other team in the flight, making five nine hole matches. Because of the necessity for having 12 members in each flight, members will be considered on a waiting list until there are 12 members for the flight.

Contact Karen Swan (765-860-4198) or Sharon Borrell (863-257-2780) if you have questions. We look forward to seeing you at this fun event.



MGA News

By: Phil Hunter, Secretary

*All you
need is Love
Laughter
and
Golf*

The MGA Board (Lathwell, Swan, Cline, Hunter, Dobereiner, Gray, Sosely) would like to welcome our newest MGA members, Brian Danielson and Randy Colglazier, who played in his first MGA event, the Play with a Pro, in January. And welcome back to Mike Chlebus and Doug Lake! We now have 112 MGA Members and anyone can join us by paying the \$20 dues at the North Course. Please include on your check, your e-mail and indicate which tees you play from.

The MGA Board has decided not to use blended tees in our events due to the complexity of incorporating them into flights, skins and closest to the pins. We are no longer adjusting strokes between white and gold tee players who are in the same flight. Instead, due to the difference in course ratings, white tee players (on the North Course only) will be allowed to tee off from the gold tees on holes #9 and #11. We will continue to monitor white and gold tee winners to see if there are any significant differences.

Please sign up for all MGA events at the South Course in the sign-up room and continue posting your ADJUSTED scores in the GHIN System. Here are the results from the Alternate Shot event held at the North Course on Dec. 21:

1st flight: Niehoff/Eglinton 2nd place: Healy/Owens
2nd flight: Moore/Hall 2nd place: Edmunds/Beyer
3rd flight: Beastrom/Becker 2nd place: Lathwell/Blesch

Here are the results from the Play with a Pro held at the North Course on Jan. 11 with 56 participants.

1st flight: *Dundas/Greene 61, Hunter/Morrill 62, O'Laughlin/D.Brown 63 (white tee players)

2nd flight: Mauck/Heidank 63, Marshall/Colglazier 63, *I.SMITH/Cline 64

(1 white and 1 gold tee player)

3rd flight: *Moore/Hall 54, AJ Davis, Lemler 61, Haas/W.Jones 62 (gold tee players)

4th flight: Becker/Beastrom 57, *WADE/Best 59, Sosely/Blesch 60 (gold tee players)

*Winners of the individual Play with the Pro portion.

White Skins: Dundas, Hubinek, Healy, D.Brown, Hunter(2) Gold skins:

Haas, Becker, Moore, Wade, Ferrigan, Cline

Upcoming events: Feb. 8 Play with a Pro - North Course 12:30 shotgun

Feb. 20 Member/Member(South 12:30 shotgun) and Feb. 22 (North 8:00 shotgun)

(lunch included)

Member/Guest sign-ups begin Feb. 1. Only White and Gold tees will be used. Limited to first 60 PAID teams. (\$250 per team) See posters at both courses for all details. Questions? Contact Gary Dobereiner.



It's that time of the year...
What? **Samaritan's Touch Care Center**
6th Annual Golf Tournament



Where? Highlands Ridge North

When? February 24th, 2018

Information and sign up sheets are available now in both pro shops. I want to thank all of for your support of this amazing charity. You were a huge part of it being a huge success last year and I hope you will continue your support this year. Paul Scruton STCC.



9-Hole LGA News
By: Janet Weidemann, Vice President

Finally, someone has put it in easy terms to understand. You may wish to copy this and carry in your golf bag.

Again, I want to thank you for your patience while we try to make your golf experience a pleasant part of your day. Just a reminder to sign for Monday play by the previous Friday and for Wednesday play by Monday afternoon. Courtney makes out the Wednesday schedule after our Monday tee-offs.

If you cannot play at your pairing time, please call the proshop and let them know you will be unable to play and if possible, a member of your foresome. It helps greatly in rearranging our pairings.

We do follow a protocol on the amounts of prize monies for closest to pin and chip-ins, as well as the amounts for the winning team and individuals. If less than 12 players are scheduled, there is only one closest to pin awarded. Your entry fee for play is all returned to the winning players via white money, which can be retrieved at the North Course.

Our next event will be the Valentine's Day tournament, which will be golf only on Wednesday, Feb 14th. Thursday, Feb 15th will be the Valentine's Day Luncheon, so please note these dates on your calendar. Will look forward to seeing you all on the links and hope for sunshine and fair weather.



Annual "Snow Crow" Canadian Tournament & Get-together

Come & Join us for Golf & Pizza

When: Saturday February 17th, 2018
Format: Scramble at the South Course

If you are Canadian and are interested, please sign up by contacting Deborah Reimer at Canadiansnowcrow@gmail.com



Details (cost, time etc.) will be included in an email sent to you closer to tournament time. Wear your red and white.



2017 New Year's Eve

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