



# Gazette

January 2018



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Thank you to Mr. & Mrs. Rod & Margie Erickson for the remarkable rainbow photo. This picture was taken on #2 South Course and the day before Hurricane Irma. If you have taken any pictures that you think would look great on our cover, please submit them to [gazette@myhighlandsridge.net](mailto:gazette@myhighlandsridge.net). The pictures must be from within the community.

**WHATS HAPPENING?**

Fri Jan 5 Bulk Trash  
 Mon Jan 8 HR HOA Meeting FH 4:00pm  
 Tue Jan 9 HRRC Meeting AR 10:15am  
 Tue Jan 9 MC HOA Meeting MR 1:00pm  
 Sat Jan 13 Arts & Craft Fair FH 9:00am  
 Tue Jan 16 Blood Drive FH Noon  
 Thu Jan 18 Coffee w/Birdy (Body Transformations)  
 AR 9:30am  
 Thu Jan 18 Movie & Ice Cream (Up In the Air) AR  
 1:30pm  
 Fri Jan 19 Bulk Trash  
 Tue Jan 23 National Pie Day Contest  
 Sun Jan 28 Sadie Hawkins Dance FH 5:00pm  
 Mon Jan 29 Seminole Casino Immokalee Trip 8am  
 Tues Jan 30 Alzheimer's/Dementia Support 2pm  
 AR

**FUTURE EVENTS**

Sun Feb 11 Quarter Raffle FH 10am  
 Thurs Feb 15 Coffee w/Birdy AR 9:30am  
 Thurs Feb 15 Movie & Ice Cream AR 1:30pm  
 Sat Feb 17 Canadian Snow Crow FH 1pm  
 Sun Mar 4 Carter Creek Block Party 5pm  
 Sat Mar 10 Elegant Junque Sale FH 8am  
 Sun Mar 11 Daylight Savings Time  
 Thurs Mar 15 Coffee w/Birdy AR 9:30am  
 Thurs Mar 15 Ice Cream & Movie AR 1:30pm  
 Sat Mar 17 Chorale Spring Concert FH  
 Sat Apr 7 Going Away Dance FH 7:00pm



# 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:** Tuesdays 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

**Pickle ball:** Monday 3:30 p.m., Everyone welcome!  
 Beginner/intermediate play ~ Pickle ball

Courts

**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](mailto:bobbie614@hotmail.com) or 863-471-0655.



Please join us for our “National Pie Day” Contest on Tuesday, January 23, 2018. Founder’s Hall at 1:00pm. Bring you pie between 1:00—1:15 pm and judging at 1:20 pm and eating these delicious pies will follow. Please call the office to sign up for the contest. Visual appeal and taste are the two categories.



**The Annual Big Brothers Big Sisters Gift Drive:**

A HUGE THANK YOU goes out to all that participated in the annual BBBS gift drive. The children received their gifts from Santa on December 16, 2017 at the annual BBBS Christmas party at the YMCA. The children got to see Santa arrive on a fire truck. They also got to decorate cupcakes, do crafts, dance, eat snow cones, and open their gifts.

Highlands Ridge  
Fine Arts and Crafts Fair



Come Join Us At Founder’s Hall

January 13, 2018

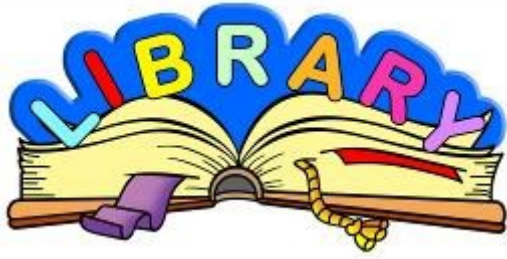
9:00 AM to 2:00 PM

Woodwork,  
Paintings,  
Baskets,  
& More!



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



Our Highlands Ridge library is used by many of the residents here, as well as visitors. It is a great place to spend time, either looking for books, reading books, searching the many puzzles and games we have, or using the computers. There are a group of volunteers who do the daily filing. Because of the limited shelf space we have, we are limited in the number of books that can be shelved. If you are thinking of donating items for the library, PLEASE make certain these are up to date

with our guidelines. We have those dates listed on our bulletin board.

IF you leave outdated items, we have to take them to other sources, and it makes an added job for those who do that for us. I certainly do not want to lose the great volunteers we have. Please do not drop off old reading material. Thank you for your consideration. Fran Hooker, *Library Coordinator*

## Thank You Letters & Misc.

We want to thank all of you for the wonderful blessing of the cards you gave us. It was such an honor to receive the recognition, we are truly honored and grateful! A special thanks to the bunker helpers and trash picker-uppers! We came together as a family who cares about their home and we made a great team! Happy New Year! & God Bless! Harold & Alisha Wingale

Diane, Marianne and I, the immediate family of Helen Suman would like to publicly thank the Highlands Ridge Chorale for the wonderful program that presented on Saturday, December 2, 2017 and for dedicating it to Helen. She loved being a member of this group. -The Suman Family

Thank you, thank you, thank you to all you wonderful Water Aerobics gals and guys for the Christmas gifts! It was surprising and very nice. But the best gift of all is your presence in class. You're the best. love, Betty, Angie and Dot

We'd like to thank our friends and neighbors here in HR for all the caring and support we received after I broke my hip and Chet had his TIAs. We so appreciate the cards, prayers, meals, preparations, and visits; not to mention, driving me back and forth to the hospital and PT. We feel so blessed to be part of this wonderful community. Sincerely, Carolann & Chet Smith

## For Sale

Golf Ball Washer on Stand \$75.00 & Golf Bag Holder w/Shelves \$30.00 Pictures are on the myhighlandridge.org website. Call **Cherie Recob or James Purcell** [clrecob@outlook.com](mailto:clrecob@outlook.com) 614-206-5091

Leather Swivel Recliner \$50 obo, Brass Table & Wall Mirror \$300, Brass Cart \$30, Glass Table w/6 Chairs \$40 Please Contact **Rusty Rhonemus (765) 749-4592** [Rusty.rhonemus@gmail.com](mailto:Rusty.rhonemus@gmail.com) Photos are available on myhighlandridge.org

### ISO- 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!

Lazy Boy Chair/Ottoman with 2 pillows like new!  
**Please contact Elke Davis (859) 200-8022 or**  
[elke40336@yahoo.com](mailto:elke40336@yahoo.com)

26" Ladies Beach Cruiser, Purple with Basket. Seldom Used  
\$50 Call **Phyllis at (757) 291-2709**

2007 Yamaha CP250 Morphous Scooter \$2600.00  
2011 Gator Scooter 150 CC's \$1600.00  
Both in very good condition! **Call Ann Flores (863) 471-0504**

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**

Dining Room Set- Indoor/outdoor white wicker with 48' glass top  
table and 4 cushioned chairs. Paid over \$5000, asking \$500  
**Contact Dean (260) 414-4753**



# Keep Paradise Clean

## Next Clean-Up

### HIGHLANDS RIDGE RECYCLING

#### Recycling Your Cardboard!

When not wet or contaminated with food or oil, cardboard is recyclable. It is also naturally biodegradable, but it's always a good idea to put it in the recycling bin instead of leaving it as litter.

#### Frequent Cardboard Recycling Questions

Do tape and labels need to be removed from cardboard before recycling?

Tape and labels can be left on cardboard, as they are usually removed at recycling facilities.

Will anyone buy cardboard?

Yes, but corrugated cardboard is abundant and the market demand for the material isn't nearly as high as other materials. It is generally bought and sold in bulk.

Can wet cardboard be recycled?

No. Wet cardboard can clog the automated sorting machines that are used at most recycling and sorting facilities. Throw wet cardboard in the trash to avoid contaminating an entire recycling load.

Can pizza boxes be recycled?

The corrugated cardboard in pizza boxes is itself recyclable, but like any paper product, cardboard is no longer recyclable once it is tarnished with grease or food.

Do boxes need to be broken down before recycling?

Yes. Boxes that aren't fully flattened are much more difficult to transport and present problems for mechanisms in the cardboard recycling process.



The next road cleanup will be:

**Jan. 19th ~ 8:30 a.m.**

Call us 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 ...

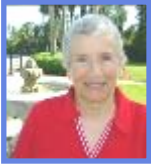
##### Manufacturer's

Coupons  
In Administration  
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*

Happy New Year all y'all! Hope 2018 is a wonderful year for all of you. Here's some good reading to get the year started.

Mind Games by Iris Johansen takes us to Scotland and the continued search for a treasure that Jane MacGuire has hunted for years. This is a fast paced, intriguing read with some mysticism, mystery, highlands history and romance.

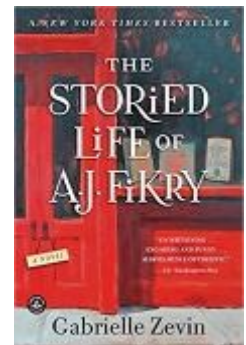
John Grisham's The Rooster Bar deals with a law school that turns out mediocre students who can barely get, or not get a job. To further complicate matters the school is aligned with a bank that offers student loans and encourages massive debt. "Mark, Todd and Zola came to law school to change the world, ... but now as third-year students, these close friends realize they have been duped." How they work there way out makes for a very interesting read and a rather Hitchcock type ending.

The Underground Railroad by Colson Whitehead follows a slave on a cotton plantation in Georgia, her escape and the various people and places she encounters. It uses fact and fantasy to tell the "tale of one woman's ferocious will to escape the horrors of bondage and a shattering, powerful meditation on the history we all share."

Our book discussion group read it and most of us found it powerfully moving.

The Cosmic Cocktail, Three parts dark matter by Katherine Freese, is the non fiction offering this month and was donated by our friend Jim Norris. "The ordinary atoms that make up the known universe – from our bodies and the air we breathe to the planets and stars – constitute only 5 percent of all matter and energy in the cosmos." The rest is dark matter. Freese is attempting to solve the mystery of what the universe is made of and is, at the very least, providing a foundation for continued study.

**The Highlands Ridge Book Discussion Group will meet on  
January 11 at 1:30 pm in the library. Book to be discussed is  
The Storied life of A.J. Fikry by Gabrielle Zevin**



### 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*



SPREADING THE JOY IN 2018

“Joy to the World, the Lord has come”! The carol still rings in our hearts from Christmas just past. Jesus Christ the Lord came that first Christmas to restore JOY to this broken world. Now he sends us to spread the JOY the rest of the year.

Joy is different from happiness, which depends on what happens. JOY is the condition of the soul that is right with God, through transforming faith in Christ. Knowing that our sins are forgiven and we are ready for Heaven gives JOY no matter what else happens.

Many of our neighbors seek happiness. But only JOY meets the deepest needs of the human heart. When the Christ of Bethlehem and Calvary is born in our hearts through repentance and faith, Christmas finds its permanent home inside us. JOY results!

Recently my closest friend died. His funeral service was marked by “joyful sorrow” – the sorrow of temporary parting, the JOY of God’s promised reunion forever in heaven☺ for those who trust in Christ alone for forgiveness and eternal life (John 14:6)

Many are still strangers to this JOY. That is why we are here, to make a difference by sharing this everlasting peace with God that nothing can take away and that endures beyond the grave.

Be an ambassador of Joy and peace by introducing friends to the crucified and risen Christ, the only One who can forgive our sins and take us to Heaven.

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INVITATION – ALL HR RESIDENTS ARE INVITED TO A “MOVIE & POPCORN” EVENT JANUARY 14 (Sunday afternoon) AT 4PM IN THE ACTIVITIES ROOM NEAR FOUNDER’S HALL, SPONSORED BY THE HRCF (Highlands Ridge Christian Fellowship). Bring a friend to view an inspiring movie and enjoy warm fellowship!



**Chorale News**

By: Karen O’Laughlin, *Secretary*



It’s hard to believe another year has passed! As we all say so often, “Where does the time go?” So, high season is here and that means the Chorale will be learning new music again very soon. I know we are all

excited to find out what our fabulous directors have chosen for us to sing this spring. Our concert isn’t until March 17, but it’ll be here before we know it!

That being said, a new year means another Chorale Patron Drive! We had such a success this past year we are hopeful those who are already Patrons of our chorale will continue doing so and those that are not will consider becoming one. Becoming a Patron is only \$50.00. We will have forms in the HR office or you can drop off a check to our Treasurer, Jo Johnson, or any chorale member for that matter. Becoming a Patron helps our directors purchase music, pay our instrumentalists and make improvements overall. We have a big project in our future and that is we are going to upgrade the very old and outdated sound system in Founder’s Hall. It will not only improve our concert’s sound but all future functions at Founder’s Hall. We also hope to add stage lighting! We are very excited about this and will keep you updated.

Also coming up is our annual SPAGHETTI DINNER. So save the date.....it is February 18. More information will be forthcoming.

We in chorale want to thank you all for making 2017, and our most recent Christmas concert, a great success. We love doing what we do and we are so thankful you all appreciate our efforts.

Happy New Year!!

## CRITTER CORNER



By: Denise Beauparlant, *Resident*

One of the most difficult aspects of being in pet rescue is when we receive a call from a family who has inherited a pet as a result of the death of the pet owner and the family is either unwilling or unable to continue to care for that pet. The pet is usually suffering from grief and now has not only lost their human companion but also their home. It is truly a heartbreaking situation. Often they are surrendered to a shelter where the animal does not acclimate to their new chaotic surroundings and are subsequently euthanized. We at Sebring Angels are a foster based rescue, so are better prepared to care for these pets.

Recently we attended a seminar given by 2nd Chance 4 Pets ([www.2ndchance4pets.org](http://www.2ndchance4pets.org)), where they explained their mission of educating the pet owner about how to ensure their pets will receive the same type of care they currently provide. They outline 3 steps: 1. Identify Caregivers 2. Prepare written instructions 3. Set up a fund.

1. Identify people who would be willing to care for your pets in the hours, days, or weeks after an emergency as well as those who would be willing to adopt your pets should you die or become incapacitated.
2. Prepare written instructions outlining how your pets should be cared for. To make sure your wishes are followed, you must document your instructions and let others know where these instructions are located.
3. You currently pay for food, supplies, and medical care for your pets. Should anything happen to you these expenses still need to be covered. Consider setting aside funds to cover temporary or permanent care of your pets. Professionals who can help you include estate planners, financial planners and your life insurance company. Take into consideration the amount you spend each year on your pets and the life expectancy of the pets.

2nd chance 4 pets provides several wonderful resources to assist you in this preparation including a Pet Care Workbook and care instruction forms which can be found on their website which I have listed above.

Over the coming months Sebring Angels will be working with Cornerstone Hospice and their Pet Peace of Mind Program. Our hope is to be able to establish a program where we can make our rescue available to people who do not have any family or friends who can care for their pets if the need arises. By entering into an agreement with our rescue, we become that designated caregiver. To facilitate this program we will be recruiting fosters families to help us provide temporary loving homes for these pets as we seek a permanent adopter. I will be updating through this column as the program develops.



## QUARTER RAFFLE



UPCOMING EXCITEMENT

Quarter raffle Sunday February 11th 1 - 3 pm Founder's Hall Doors open at 12:00 pm

TICKETS \$5.00 ADVANCED SALE ONLY Will go on sale January 11th.

Contact Kathy Fenoff at 863-314-6306 or at [corvette@myfairpoint.net](mailto:corvette@myfairpoint.net)

If you have donations, money or merchandise, please let me know and we will make arrangements to pick them up.



**Pickle ball News** By: Bob Cisler, *President*



HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Some quotes for you to think about from two iconic creators as we start 2018.

"All the world's a stage and all the men and women merely players. They have their exits and their entrances, and one man in his time plays many parts." Shakespeare, from As You Like It.

"This above all: to thine own self be true." Shakespeare, from Hamlet.

"Love all, trust few, do wrong to none." Shakespeare, from All's Well That Ends Well.

"Even miracles take a little time." Fairy Godmother, to Cinderella in Walt Disney's classic.

"Happiness is the richest thing we will ever own." Donald Duck, created by Walt Disney. "Change is good." Rafiki, in Disney's wonderful Lion King.

One more for all of us:

"Make you the world a bit better or more beautiful because you have lived in it." Edward W. Bok, from that nearby hidden gem, Bok Tower Gardens.

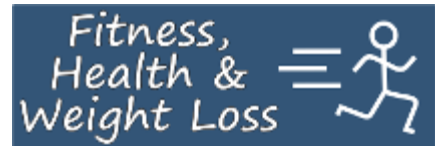
May you achieve all of your 2018 "resolutions."

May 2018 bring out the best in you.

May 2018 bring you the three best gifts: Peace, Joy and Hope.

See you often on our courts in 2018. Hit the ball HARD.

### **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***



### Highlands Ridge HOA

By: Willie Faye Myers, Secretary



New Year's Greetings from the Highlands Ridge Homeowner Association.

If you are not receiving our electronic communications, and wish to be added to the list, please provide your name and email address to [wfdmyers5539@gmail.com](mailto:wfdmyers5539@gmail.com).

At our December HOA Board meeting, we were reminded again of the new website information and email addresses for HRH. Their website is [myhighlandsridge.net](http://myhighlandsridge.net). The staff email addresses reflect changes as well, so if you haven't received a reply to an inquiry you sent to them, you may not have the updated information for their staff.

Please note that ALL residents should refrain from driving a golf cart on resident's property or through vacant lots for access to or egress from the golf course. IT IS PRIVATE PROPERTY. We have had numerous sightings and reports of this occurring. Please respect the property of others.

We are gearing up for our HRHOA Annual Meeting in March and looking for a few good people to be on the Board of Directors. Board Members with expiring terms are Ron Robinett, Willie Faye Myers, Dale Huffman, and Gary Nielson. If you have an interest in making a positive impact on the welfare of our Community, please consider running, and contact Pat Shine, Chair of the Nominating Committee. Deadline for nominations is the end of January.

Mowing of vacant lots near homes has resumed, making our Community more appealing to everyone, not just ourselves.

We have almost 100% compliance with the Waste and Recycle Cart Resolution that was implemented in October. Thank you for helping Highlands Ridge to look nice! Our next Board meeting will be Monday, January 8, 2018 at 4pm in Founder's Hall. We hope to see you there!



### Marina Cove HOA

By: Bobbie Hutchinson, Secretary



HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL !!!!!

Another new year is upon us.....let's all make a pledge to get involved in our community! Our general election and Annual HOA board meeting is Monday, March 5, 2018. This includes election of board members and a pot-luck dinner. MC provides the meat course and residents contribute side dishes. Sign up sheet will be in the Administrative office in February.

There are several open positions to be filled at the above meeting; please join us at a board meeting or chat with a current board member for more information. Dwight Griffin is head of our nominating committee; he can be reached at [hvdgriffin@gmail.com](mailto:hvdgriffin@gmail.com) or 859-333-7150.

Our exciting "Quarter Raffle" is Sunday, Feb 11, 2018 in FH, 1:00-3:00 p.m.. Tickets are advance sale only, \$5.00 each; contact Kathy Fenoff at [corvette@myfairpoint.net](mailto:corvette@myfairpoint.net) or 802-684-2125. Last year's event was loads of fun...you won't want to miss it! This is a fund raiser for Food For Families and the Veterans.

Our next board meeting is Tuesday, Jan 9, 2018 in the meeting room adjacent to Founders Hall at 1:00 p.m.....hope to see you there!



### HR Residents Council

By: Brenda Scruton, Secretary



Our post Holly Jolly meeting was held on Tuesday, December 12th 2017 in the Activities room.

We were much relieved and saddened at this gathering. Relieved that the big event was over for another year, and saddened by the turn in the weather. A shout out to those of you who braved the cold to still go on the cart parade. Brave souls. Thank you so much for your spirit. Nothing could dampen the fun at Founder's Hall, though. We had music, punch, cupcakes, and of course a visit from Santa.

Pat Yirsa and her elves did a great job of putting out the cupcakes made by many talented bakers in Highlands Ridge. Everything was great.

As usual, the Highlands Ridge version of the Twelve Days of Christmas was a great success. Special thanks go to all who participated, especially our glamorous dancer, Frank. Good sport Frank. The evening was capped off by the Glad Batters from the Highlands Little Theater. They were fun entertainment.

Thanks go to the many who helped, and we are well on our way in planning for next year.

Have a safe and Happy New Year with many blessings for all of you.



The volunteers at Florida Hospital Heartland make a difference in the lives of patients and loved ones.

Whether it's visiting with patients, Answering phones, or giving hospital tours, Your time is invaluable.

With available positions open in all areas, We can find the perfect match for you.

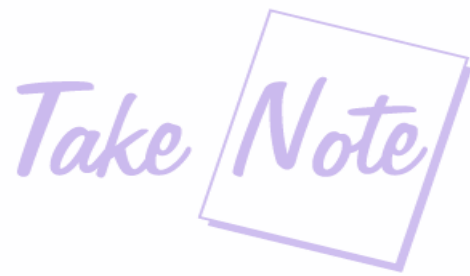
All it takes is a few hours a week, a warm Smile and a helpful spirit.

Please visit [FloridaHospital.com/Heartland](http://FloridaHospital.com/Heartland) or call 863.402.3368 to learn more.

### HR DANCE COMMITTEE

The Highlands Ridge Dance Committee is active and has planned two additional dances for the winter season. On January 20<sup>th</sup>, Two Smooth will play for us from 7 to 10. On February 3<sup>rd</sup>, the Lee Allcorn band will be here from 7 to 10 also. 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.





## New Residents

Haglund, Lanny & Pam  
2925 E Fairway Vista Dr  
Avon Park, FL 33825  
(616) 402-8330 Lanny  
(507) 884 -4413 Pam  
lphaglund@gmail.com



## Phone Numbers & Address

### Updates

Bittenbender, Brian  
(863) 368-1174

Cox, Howard  
2601 Arbor Glen #104  
Twinsbury, OH 44087

Ferrand, Randall & Karen (Northern Address)  
872 Ellis Park Dr  
Westfield, IN 46074

Morgan, Robert & Deborah (Northern Address)  
112 Meadowind Ct  
Waynesville, NC 28786  
(863) 273-2107

Sunlitis, Tony & Marie

### Email Updates

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mary\_powell@chs.net

Spence, Walker & Delores  
wdspence2@gmail.com  
deloresspence3@gmail.com

# JANUARY



Please remember all gazette submissions must be emailed to: [gazette@myhighlandsridge.net](mailto:gazette@myhighlandsridge.net) and are due by the 15th of the prior month to be in the next gazette.

**VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY**

Join the AARP Tax-Aide Team in Highlands County. AARP Tax-Aide is a program of the AARP Foundation, offered in conjunction with the IRS.



The local Highlands County AARP Tax Aide organization is seeking volunteers for its free tax preparation program. Participation as an AARP Tax-Aide volunteer provides opportunities to: meet new people; help them with their taxes; make a difference in their lives; and feel a sense of accomplishment!

Positions are needed as counselors and client facilitators. Counselors should have familiarity with tax forms and computer operations.

Training will be provided for both positions. Volunteers are asked to work a minimum of four hours per week at locations in Avon Park, Lake Placid, or Sebring beginning in February and continuing through April 15.

If interested, call Sam Cline at 317-523-9383.

## Annual Highlands Ridge

Elegant Junque Sale  
 Saturday, March 10, 2018  
 8am to noon at Founder's Hall



Tables are available for \$10 each (2 table limit per person)  
 Limited amount of tables available, come by the .  
 HRH Administrative office and sign up now!



### **Round Robin Match Play Tournament**



Mark your calendar now for the Round Robin Match Play Tournament, February 19, 21, & 23. LGA members will play all matches on the South course. Sign-up sheets will be in the Events book (inside the pro shop on the south course) starting January 15, and the cost is still projected to be \$20 per player. Please pay with a check made out to the MR LGA and put the check number beside your name when paying.

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.

LGA sends a big thanks to Marilyn Videbeck and Jo Johnson for running this tournament for the past several years. Karen Swan and Sharon Borrell have agreed to work this tournament with the help of Marilyn and other volunteers. We look forward to seeing you at this fun event.

**LGA NEWS**

By: Deborah Reimer, *Vice President* [HRLGA18@gmail.com](mailto:HRLGA18@gmail.com)

A cold morning prevented our LGA players from enjoying our Christmas Scramble but by noon we were warm and cozy seating in our seats for the Christmas luncheon. A feeling of Joy and Celebration was provided by the decorations from our talented Becky Hobbs and her wine pouring elves Willie Fay Myers and Cheryl Racicot. Carols were led by our own Rhoda Thiel and Cindy Becker.

After opening our meeting, president Ann Meyers explained our two charities; the Bethany Center, a grief counseling center for people that have lost loved ones to cancer and the Women's Shelter.

Keeping in the Holiday spirit, our ladies were generous in their donations with \$305 to the Bethany Center and \$315 to the Women's Shelter, which included the LGA proceeds from the next game day.

To thank Joe and Pam Pace for all of their time and effort spent keeping our golf courses open for us to play, the LGA ladies gave them a \$200 check to put underneath their tree.

After many years of \$18 Annual LGA Dues, it was decided to increase them to \$20. Give your checks to our secretary Georgia Trissell by March 31, 2018.

After much discussion about our game days, it was decided that everyone should enter their own scores. The price for the game will remain the same at \$3. The only change will be with the Closest to the Pin. It will be reduced from \$5 to \$3. Chip-ins will remain the same at \$3. This has the potential of providing more money for the winning players.

For our Monday game day on the South Course, the red tee boxes will be at the front of the tee box. Please move them up if they are not there when you reach the hole.

Starting on Wed Jan 3, our tee times start at 11:30 am. This should reduce the number of cancellations due to cold weather. Remember the 11:30 tee times are just for January and February as we go back to 8 am in March.

Happy New Years and may all your wishes and dreams come true.

**MGA News**

By: Phil Hunter, *Secretary*

Here's hoping that you had a wonderful Christmas and that Santa brought you all the golf equipment you asked for! We'd like to welcome our newest members to the MGA: Bill Callicoat, A.J. Davis and Tom Weidemann. And welcome back after a few years away to Mac Dundas! Anyone in HR can join the MGA by writing a check for \$20 to HRMGA. Please include on it the tees you play from and your e-mail address. Checks can be dropped off at the North Course. Membership begins at the Welcome Back Scramble in Nov. and is for one year. Anyone not receiving MGA e-mail reminders/updates should contact Kim Lathwell, MGA Pres. to add your name to the mailing list. Reminder to pay your GHIN Hdcp dues of \$30 for members and \$35 for non members before Jan 10. Payment can be made at the North Course. As always your MGA officers and fellow players continue to encourage you to post your adjusted scores every time you play and to maintain a fair and accurate hdcp. We are not using blended/combo tees at the South Course, but will use them for selected events at the North. They will NOT be used in the Member/Guest. (March 22-24)

Here are the upcoming events in Jan.:

Thurs., Jan. 11 - Play with a Pro - North Course 12:30 Shotgun Tues., Jan. 23 - 4 Man Scramble - South Course 12:30 Shotgun (make your own foursome, scores adjusted according to hdcps)

See any MGA Board member with questions/concerns: K. Lathwell, R.Swan, S.Cline, P. Hunter, B.Gray, G.Dobereiner, R. Sosely

**MGA BB RESULTS:**

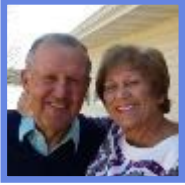
1st flight: Shine/Ebling 61, Dobereiner/Robinett 65 2nd flight: Lemler/Davis 61, Hunter/Quay 62 3rd flight: Hall/Moore 59, Gray/Olesek 61, Henderson/Griffin 61

4th fight: Best/Wade 60, Sosely/Kirkpatrick 60, VanderPyl/D.Jones 62

CTP: white tees: #7 O'Laughlin #15 Hunter gold tees: #7 Master #15 Lemler

Gold skins (\$20): Lemler, Weidemann, Dobie, Edmunds, Aschraft, L. Smith White skins (\$17.50): Hunter, Henderson





### 9-Hole LGA News

By: Janet Weidemann, Vice President



Our Christmas luncheon on Thursday, Dec. 14<sup>th</sup> was well attended and hopefully enjoyed by the Highlands Ridge 9 holers. Several new members were introduced, Dodie Suits, Ann Shearer, Judy Burmaster, Sue Schams and Phyllis Reeves (a former 18 holer) and also, Vicky Musch, who was a guest and is a new HR resident. Cheryl Shine raffled off numerous gift baskets, and as a result the club will be sending a \$475 check to the Boys and Girls Club of Sebring. A sincere thank you to all the ladies who donated the many beautiful and useful items that were used to make these special packages. The silent auction picture designed by Pat Yirsa was won by Rhoda Thiel.

Cindy Becker awarded the Christmas Tournament winners. Third, fourth and fifth place were tied at 61 and the tie-break resulted in : 5<sup>th</sup> place, Janet Weidemann, Susan Ingram, Sherry Baltzell, and Doris Morzoni. 4<sup>th</sup> place, Martha Killoran, Judy Kidd Michelle Eakin and Sue Hall. 3<sup>rd</sup> place, Terry Kalis, Kathy Nowicke, Jo Cline, and Laraine Valentine. The SECOND place team of Rita Beck, Carol Bailey, Sue Hitmar and Peggy Reichert scored a 59. The FIRST place team, with a score of 57 was Deb Hunter, Vivian Lamorte, Mary Jacobs and Mary Ann Beyer. Hope all those ladies like to cha-cha-cha. Our closest to the pin awards went to Susan Ingram and Sue Hall.

Just a reminder to our ladies. We will be entering our scores to the Ghin system as we have in the past. The first lady in the foursome will put the gross scores into the computer and we thank you for your time and effort. Be sure to look for the upcoming Sadie Hawkins golf tourney, dinner and dance on Jan 28<sup>th</sup>. It promises to be great fun and a very special event!

On behalf of all the officers and committee chairwomen, we hope you all had a very Merry Christmas and our wish to all of you.....a Happy, Healthy and Blessed New Year!

## Annual "Snow Crow" Canadian Tournament & Get-together

**Come & Join us for Golf & Pizza**

When: Saturday February 17<sup>th</sup>, 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](mailto: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.





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# “Southern Belles & Beaus”



## Going Away Dance

Saturday, April 7, 2018

7:00 p.m. ~ 10:00 p.m.

Founder's Hall

Dance Entertainment by:

**California Toe Jam**

\$15.00 per person

Ticket/Refund Deadline: Friday

March 30, 2018

Light Snacks Provided

B.Y.O.B

**TICKETS ON SALE NOW!**

