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Highlands Ridge

January 2020



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WHAT'S HAPPENING IN 2020

Wed	Jan	1	New Year's Day / Office Close
Sat	Jan	4	Bulk Trash
Tues	Jan	7	MC HOA Meeting AR 1 10 am
Tues	Jan	7	Ice Cream Truck FH 2:00pm - 3:30 pm
Sun	Jan	12	HRCF AR 1 2:30 pm
Tues	Jan	14	HR Residents Council AR 1 10:15 am
Tues	Jan	14	Ice Cream Truck FH 2 pm - 3:30 pm
Thur	Jan	16	Coffee w/ Birdy AR 1 9:30 am
Thur	Jan	16	Ice Cream Truck FH 2:00pm - 3:30 pm
Fri	Jan	17	Bulk Trash
Mon	Jan	20	Martin Luther King Jr. Day
Mon	Jan	20	HR HOA Meeting FH 4 pm
Tues	Jan	21	Ice Cream Truck FH 2:00pm - 3:30 pm
Tues	Jan	21	Pot Luck Dinner FH 5:30 pm
Tues	Jan	21	Employee Appreciation FH 11 am
Thur	Jan	23	National Pie Day Contest FH 1 pm
Sat	Jan	25	Art's Craft Show FH 8 am
Mon	Jan	27	Seminole Hard Rock Immokalee FH 8am
Tues	Jan	28	Ice Cream Truck FH 2:00pm - 3:30 pm
Tues	Jan	28	Alzheimer Support Group AR1 2 - 3:30pm
Fri	Jan	31	Bulk Trash

WHAT'S HAPPENING

Sun	Feb	2	HRCF AR 1 2:30 pm
Mon	Feb	3	HRRC Annual Meeting FH 6 pm
Tues	Feb	4	Ice Cream Truck FH 2:00pm - 3:30 pm
Tues	Feb	4	MC HOA Meeting AR 1 10 am
Wed	Feb	5	Collette - Andrew Baldini FH 4pm
Sat	Feb	8	Snow Crow Tournament
Sun	Feb	9	MC Quarter Raffle HR 10 am
Mon	Feb	10	HR HOA Meeting FH 4 pm
Tues	Feb	11	HRRC Meeting AR1 10:15 am
Tues	Feb	11	Ice Cream Truck FH 2:00pm - 3:30 pm
Fri	Feb	14	Bulk Trash
Sun	Feb	16	Chorale Spaghetti Dinner
Mon	Feb	17	Diamond Tours Trip FH 8 am
Tues	Feb	18	Ice Cream Truck FH 2:00pm - 3:30 pm
Tues	Feb	18	HC Quilt Guild AR3 10 am - 3 pm
Tues	Feb	18	Potluck FH 5 pm - 6:30 pm
Thur	Feb	20	Coffee w/ Birdy FH 9:30 am
Thur	Feb	20	Movie & Ice Cream AR1 1:30 pm
Tues	Feb	21	Ice Cream Truck FH 2:00pm - 3:30 pm
Tues	Feb	25	Ice Cream Truck FH 2:00pm - 3:30 pm
Fri	Feb	28	Bulk Trash

Sun	Mar	1	HRCF Meeting AR1 3 pm
Tues	Mar	3	MC HOA Meeting AR1 10am
Tues	Mar	3	Ice Cream Truck FH 2:00pm - 3:30 pm
Fri	Mar	6	LGA-9 Hole Board Meeting
Sat	Mar	7	St. Patrick's Dance FH 7 pm - 10 pm
Mon	Mar	9	HR HOA Meeting FH 4 pm
Tues	Mar	10	Ice Cream Truck FH 2:00pm - 3:30 pm
Tues	Mar	10	HR Resident's Council AR1 10:15 am
Fri	Mar	13	Bulk Trash
Sat	Mar	14	Elegant Junk Sale FH 8 am - 12 pm
Tues	Mar	15	Ice Cream Truck FH 2:00pm - 3:30 pm
Tues	Mar	15	Pot Luck Dinner FH 5 pm - 6:30
Thurs	Mar	19	Coffee w/ Birdy FH 9:30 am
Thurs	Mar	19	Movie & Ice Cream AR1 1:30 pm
Sat	Mar	21	Chorale Spring Concert FH 7pm
Tues	Mar	24	Ice Cream Truck FH 2:00pm - 3:30 pm
Fri	Mar	27	Bulk Trash
Tues	Mar	31	Ice Cream Truck FH 2:00pm - 3:30 pm



Movie & Ice Cream List
January 16, 2020 @ 1:30 pm
AR1

Plot: High school basketball coach John Harrison and his team face an uncertain future when their town's largest manufacturing plant shuts down unexpectedly. As hundreds of people move away, John reluctantly agrees to coach cross-country, a sport he doesn't even like. His outlook soon changes when he meets Hannah Scott, an unlikely runner who pushes herself to the limit. Inspired by the words and prayers of a new friend, John starts to train Hannah for the biggest race of her young life.

Actors/Actresses: Alex Kendrick, Ben Davies, Priscilla C. Shirer



The Seminole Hard Rock Casino
Immokalee



Immokalee Casino trip will be on
 Monday, January 27, 2020. Stop by the office
 or call to sign up for the trip. Checks should be
 made payable to HRH.

4th Annual Pie Contest

Thursday, January 23, 2020
 Founder's Hall at 1:00 pm
 Categories: Visual & Taste



Elegant Junque Sale



Saturday, March 14, 2020
 Founder's Hall
 8:00 am—12:00 pm

There are still tables available,
 stop by the office to sign-up.
 Cost is \$15 per table.

Highlands Ridge Chorale 2020 Spaghetti Dinner

February 16, 2020

Founder's Hall
 5pm & 7pm seating

More information to follow...



Grumpy Old Men - The Musical at
 the Broadway Palm Theatre in Ft.
 Myers, Florida is scheduled for
 February 2, 2020. There is a sign up
 list in the admin office. Cost is \$83,
 leave FH at 9:00 am and return to
 HR around 5:30 pm



Antique cabinet maker's chest—\$600 OBO
Please contact **Jim Kronyak** at
(863) 385-4131

6500 Watt Powerland Propane Fuel Generator
With (2) 40# fuel tanks
With fuel, like new
Total cost over \$1,000.00
Will sell for \$500.00
Call **Chuck Patrie**
(863) 449-0579

Looking for a used inversion table. **Jay Fischer** (423) 383-5531

Roadmaster Tow Bar, Complete accessories plus attachment for a Honda CRV \$250.00

Bicycles 4 Sale:

Tour Easy recumbent. Good shape, \$2400.00 new, \$300.00 now.

Trek Step thru, Large frame. Like new condition. \$600.00 new, 250.00 now.

Dahon Fold-up, Boardwalk model. 200.00 new. 75.00 now. (new tires)

Really Cool Hammock, Tan & Beige. \$20.00

Call **Ed**, (616) 550-1105 OR (863) 304-8711

Top load hot and cold Whirlpool
Water Dispenser with 2 bottles.

Asking \$50.00

Call **Loann** (586) 206-5055

ORECK: Graphite Bagged (bags included) upright vacuum \$90.00

ORECK: XL BB1200 Handheld Vacuum Canister w/tools & bags \$30.00 or both for \$100.00.

Call **Dawn Collins** (863) 657-2357

Item # 1 ---1 Leather Cream Sofa \$150

Item # 2 --- 2 Glass Top End Tables \$50/each

Item # 3 --- 1 Matching Glass Coffee Table \$ 100

Item # 4 --- 4 Patio Chairs with cushions \$ 50 for all

Item # 5 --- 1 Three - Drawer Dresser 30 X 18 X 31" \$ 40

Item # 6 ---1 Wicker Desk 42 x 18 X 30" \$100

Call **Anne Dillman** (765) 993-2553 Marina Cove
2802 S. Dockside Drive

High Top Bar with 2 swivel bar stools, Perfect for outdoor use! \$50 for bar & stools (40in x

5Ft & 30in depth) Please contact:

Phyllis Reeves (757) 291-2709

Full size brass bed frame w/ painted glass adornments \$250.00

Mizuno Cimarron O.S. Women's golf clubs (right handed, 4 thru 9, P, S irons/ 1, 3, Woods \$100.00

Please contact **David or Karen Coy** 863-304-8783

kdcov@comcast.net

Brown leather hide-a-bed

couch. Excellent condition.

Square glass table with 4 chairs.

Carole Cardwell

(765) 618 2342

4026 Carter Creek Drive

54 inch round glass dining table on brown wicker base with 4 beige chairs \$150.00, Brown metal matching dining room and entry fixtures \$100.00, Bar stools (2) with rattan seats, 30 in high by 16 in wide \$15.00 for the pair.

Tom and Janet Weidemann (863) 304-8030

6-Piece lanai Set: Loveseat, 2 Chairs, glass-top Coffee table, 2 glass-top bistro tables. Seating has thick dark aqua cushions with all having black metal frames. Excellent condition. Asking \$220.

Aqua fabric round (28" diameter) cushion lift-top storage ottoman. Excellent condition.

Would make a great coffee table by adding glass-top! Asking \$35. **Elke/AJ Davis** 859-200-8022



Canadian Snow Crow

Hello fellow Canadians,

Time to dress up in your best red & white for Golf & Pizza
We'll celebrate together our good fortune to be here in HR

Saturday February 8th, 2020

Step Aside Scramble at the South Course

12:30 Shotgun (Registration at 11:30)

Cost \$10/person

Green fee for non-member \$35 plus tax



Let us know if you will be joining for golf and pizza or just pizza.
Social time at Founders Hall immediately following golf ~ 5:45 (BYOB)
Before Feb 1st, please register
at mlkilloran@yahoo.ca

Halloween Party 2019

Marina Cove hosted a great Halloween Party on October 30, 2019! Here's some pics of the best costume prize winners! Hope you'll join us this year on Saturday, October 31, 2020!!!



This is Marc Steullet who won best male costume as "Dopey" of 7 Dwarfs

Food For Families

Wow, because of you, the residents of Highland Ridge Golf Community we have had another very successful year collecting food for families to donate to the Church Service Center of Avon Park. Every donation will be distributed to those in need.

As you can imagine MCHOA events such as these rely on many volunteers to get the job done. On behalf of Marina Cove HOA Board, I would like to recognize those volunteers involved for 2019. They are, Rick and Pattie Wilson, Bobbie Hutchinson, Marc Steullet, Bruce and Arlene Mann, Joe and Janie Sofie, Dave and Debbie Kendall, Cheri Recob, Jim Purcell, George Lawson, Dwight Griffin, Bill Rapp and David Redmon. I hope every one feels the warmth and blessed feelings of reaching out to others during this holiday season.



On behalf of the 2019 Divorce Open Committee members:

Ken & Deborah Reimer, Gary & Marian Nielson, Gary & Nancy Owens, Randy & Storme Odell, Phil & Deb Hunter, Larry & Lucille Ferrigan, Terry Gardner & Mary Ann Wick

Congratulations to this years 2019 DIVORCE OPEN WINNERS

Lynn & Joellyn Hufford, Rick & Sharon Piscitelli, John Marshall & Donna Landers Dan & Mitzi Norris, Ralph & Linda Sosely, Mike & Susan Beaudoin, Greg & Arlene Taylor



Pickleball NewsSubmitted by: Suzanne Safford, *President*

The Pickle Pals visited the Sweet Pickles at Tanglewood on Tuesday December 3rd. They are a fun loving group of women and we had a fantastic time playing with them. We home to enjoy the game of Pickleball with them again very soon.

Pictured next is our Christmas party at Julia August's house on Tuesday December 10th. A great time was had by all with a very gracious hostess. Starting in January the Highlands Ridge pb team will begin playing in tournaments with other communities in our area. We have begun practicing with drills in preparation. Looking forward to some challenging and fun Pickleball.

**Animal News**Submitted by: Denise Beauparlant, *Resident***CRITTER  CORNER**

Recently several wonderful events have been held in honor of the work of Sebring Angels Rescue, Inc. I always get similar questions, so thought to start the year off; I would answer some of the more common questions. The first is, no we are not affiliated with the Humane Society, in fact across the country most rescues and Humane societies are independent entities, unfortunately in many cases not overseen by anyone or any organization. There are some basic rules that are supposedly supervised by the department of agriculture, but we all know how bureaucracy works. The only exception is when an organization has affiliation with the ASPCA, which means they agree to certain standards and are inspected annually.

Now let me explain about the levels of care in dog and cat rescue. Presently the Highlands County Animal Services is run by the Sheriff's Dept., and the level of care has improved 100%. With that in mind, one must understand that they are an open admission shelter, in other words they cannot turn anyone away. Hence, why are they are often referred to as high kill shelters because they are often forced to euthanize for space, or lack thereof. The Highlands County Humane Society like most private shelters, are closed admission. They take in what they have space for, and what they feel they can successfully adopt. They are licensed to run a kennel facility, and are not affiliated with Animal Services. Sebring Angels is a foster based rescue. We do not have a kennel; instead house the majority of our dogs with foster families. Consequently, we can only save what we can house. The upside of that is, we do know the dogs well, and they've received home training and acclimation, thereby increasing the success rates of adoption. We also have working agreements with Just Like Home Pet Hotel and The Dawg House, where we can board up to 2 dogs at each facility. There they also receive very personal and loving attention.

So what is our focus? Well Sebring Angels was founded to attempt to assist with the ongoing problem of a constant flood of dogs to Animal Services. When I first moved here in 2001, the number of dogs euthanized that year in the county was 3,000. Last year that was down to 60. We still feel strongly that 60 was too many. Besides directly rescuing dogs ourselves, we assist with networking the dogs through social media across the country to other reputable rescues. Just this morning we sent 2 dogs to a Humane society with a stellar reputation in Dubuque Iowa. We accomplish this with all volunteers and an annual budget of just over \$56,000. We often take the challenging medical cases, or the seniors that are not considered highly adoptable, but with love and attention they spruce up and find those special people to love them!

If you'd like to join us we'd love to have you! In the coming year we would like to expand our senior to senior program. This is where we place a senior dog with a senior, and we help provide whatever resources they may need to make the match a successful one. Our rehab and nursing home program, matches fosters with a dog owner who may need hospitalization for several weeks, or months, and wants a safe place for their pet. Again we support with food and medical. We always need volunteers to make follow up phone calls to adoptions, or write thank you notes. To help one dog makes the world a much better place for that dog!



Chorale News

By: Karen O'Laughlin, *Secretary*

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

"Should old acquaintance be forgot and never brought to mind....We'll take a cup of kindness yet....For auld lang syne!"

Never have been sure just what that means, but we seem to always sing it on New Year's at the stroke of midnight (or 8pm HR time!) or whenever friends and family gather to celebrate the new year! But pretty sure it basically about old friends gathering together for the sake of old times and our love for each other.

Our Chorale had another successful Christmas Concert! We had SRO again in Founder's Hall! We so appreciate your support. Thank you for all the positive accolades we heard. We so enjoy singing for you. The Halleluiah was especially beautiful, if I do say so myself! Hopefully, we'll sing that again! (hint, hint)

With the new year, marks another year of our **Patron Program** to bring funds into our choral group so we can continue to do what we love to do. For any new resident there will be forms in the HR office to fill out with your information. You can make your check out to HR Chorale and either leave it at the office or give to any chorale member. The cost is \$50.00. This helps us purchase new music, and pay our musicians. We have also helped purchase the new sound board in Founder's Hall that many HR clubs use, and there are other items. So those of you who have been a Patron in the past we thank you and hope you will continue to do so. And for those that enjoy our music and haven't become a Patron as yet, now is the time to consider it. We thank you in advance.

This new year, 2020, marks our Chorale's 20th year of singing together. There have been many changes in voices over the years and in the way we bring our music to you. We hope to continue for many years. One member, **Erma Morgan**, who has been a member since its onset, has graciously written a history of the chorale that can be read elsewhere in the Gazette. I know you'll enjoy it. Thank you, Erma.

I must apologize to our member, **Pam Smart**. Somehow her name was omitted on the program (again). Pam was also an original member, albeit she did take a few years off before returning last year. We are so glad you did! We love having you!

So, if there is any one in HR that is also considering joining our family, please contact one of our directors, Sue Shellhammer or Cindy Becker for a quick audition. You won't be sorry. **HAPPY NEW YEAR EVERYONE!!**



Chaplain's Chat

By: Rev. Bill Commons, *Resident*

A L O N E

Many HR residents have lost a spouse, or never had one, and are living alone. Some enjoy the solitude, but for others the LONELINESS IS DEPRESSING. Many of them tell me they miss their departed beloved desperately. For some, the loneliness leads them to remarry or move to live with their children, but many do not have those options. At least half of us remaining will lose our spouse eventually and will join those LIVING ALONE. For me, the idea of life some day without my Sharon is overwhelming!

Sixty years ago, a young woman wrote this poem when pondering her missionary husband's dangerous plan to reach a violent primitive tribe in South America with the love of Christ. She knew the risk was real:

*Perhaps some future day, Lord, thy strong hand
Will lead me to the place where I must stand*

Utterly alone.

Alone, O blessed Savior, but for Thee.

I shall be satisfied if I can see

Jesus only.

I do not know Thy plan for years to come,

My spirit finds in Thee

its perfect home,

Sufficiency.

Lead on, no matter where, no matter how,

I Trust in Thee.

Eventually her husband's speared body was found where the tribe had massacred him and his pioneer missionary colleagues who had tried to establish friendly contact. She (Elizabeth Elliot) later lived with her husband's killers in the jungle until she saw many of them transformed through faith in Christ. Like thousands of other believers around the world, her vibrant relationship with Jesus transformed heartache and loneliness into a life of inner peace and joy that blessed many others. When we turn to the risen Christ with all our heart, He fills our loneliness with Himself so we are

NEVER ALONE.

For Jesus said to His disciples, "I am with you always..." (Matthew 28:20)
Are you one of His disciples, enjoying the inner peace and joy that only Jesus can give?

Book Club News

By: Mary Harden, *Resident*

On December 5th, the book club held its monthly meeting at the South Course Restaurant, had a lovely lunch and enjoyed a discussion of ***The Stranger in the Woods***, by Michael Finkel. Many people dream of escaping modern life. Most will never act on it—but in 1986, twenty-year-old Christopher Knight did just that when he left his home in Massachusetts, drove to Maine (by way of Florida), and disappeared into the woods. He would not have a conversation with another person for the next twenty-seven years!

Drawing on extensive interviews with Knight himself, journalist Michael Finkel shows how Knight lived in a tent in a secluded encampment, developing ingenious ways to store provisions and stave off frost-bite during the winters. A former alarm technician, he stealthily broke into nearby cottages for food, books, and supplies, taking only what he needed but sowing unease in a community plagued by his mysterious burglaries. Since returning to the world, he has faced unique challenges—and compelled us to reexamine our assumptions about what makes a good life. By turns riveting and thought-provoking, ***The Stranger in the Woods*** gives us a deeply moving portrait of a man determined to live his own way.

In January, we will meet on Thursday the 12th at 1:30 in the library and will be talking about ***The Day the World Came to Town, 9/11 in Gander Newfoundland***, by Jim Defede, ***The True Story Behind the Events on 9/11 that Inspired Broadway's Smash Hit Musical Come from Away***. This book recounts the inspiring story of the residents of Gander, Canada, whose acts of kindness have touched the lives of thousands of people and been an example of humanity and goodwill. I hope to see you there!!

Library News

By: Mary Harden, *Resident*

We are so lucky to have such a fabulous library here at Highland's Ridge. The donations keep arriving and we are never at a loss for interesting reading material. Thanks to all of you that donate, sharing your love of books with your neighbors and friends!! My latest finds include ***The Double Bind***, By Chris Bohjalian. When Laurel Estabrook is attacked while riding her bicycle through Vermont's back roads, her life is forever changed. Formerly outgoing, Laurel withdraws into her photography, spending all her free time at a homeless shelter. There she meets Bobbie Crocker, a man with a history of mental illness and a box of photographs that he won't let anyone see. When Bobbie dies, Laurel discovers a deeply hidden secret—a story that leads her far from her old life, and into a cat-and-mouse game with pursuers who claim they want to save her. In a tale that travels between the Roaring Twenties and the twenty-first century, between Jay Gatsby's Long Island and rural New England, this extraordinary novel from the bestselling author of ***The Flight Attendant***, is a gripping psychological story of obsession and consequence. I can't wait to read another new arrival by one of my new favorite authors! Iraq war veteran Peter

Ash is restless in the home he shares with June Cassidy in Washington State. Peter needs to be on the move, so June sends him to Memphis to help her friend Wanda Wyatt, a photographer and war correspondent who has been receiving peculiar threats. But when Peter arrives in Memphis, he finds the situation has gone downhill fast, someone has just driven a dump truck into Wanda's living room. But neither Wanda nor Peter can figure out why. In ***Tear it Down***, the new edge-of-your-seat adventure from bestselling author Nick Petrie, Peter Ash pursues one case and stumbles into a deadlier one in the City of the Blues.

**Alzheimer's Caregiver
Support Group
Meeting**

Our support group meets monthly in Highlands Ridge and is open to residents of Crystal Lake and Highlands Ridge who are living with a family member who has been diagnosed with Dementia and/or Alzheimer's. This group will be a place to network and to share ongoing concerns with others as well as to connect caregivers with resources available in Highlands County. Caretakers often feel isolated and need a place to express feelings, share information and get emotional support. If you are interested in participating in the support group, please respond to

**Sue Purdy at sbpurdy1@gmail.com or
by phone at 614-457-2855.**

We look forward to meeting you on January 28, 2020 at 2:00-3:30 pm in AR1

Progressive Rummy

12:00 pm Thursday AR2

All are welcome!

Easy game to learn!

If you have any questions feel free to contact the office.



Bunco is going strong on Tuesdays at 6:30 pm in Founder's Hall.

All Welcome!

Few rules, just have to know your numbers! Bring a dollar.



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 Georgia Trissell for details.



Sneaky Card Game

Play some sneaky & have some fun!

It's easy to learn & fast to play

Bring some nickels & dimes

Founder's Hall

Thursday's at 1:30 pm

If you have any questions please call

Ronnie Dail at (863) 273-3945

Sheepshead

PLAY EVERY TUESDAY EVENING AT 7:00PM SHARP IN FOUNDER'S HALL.

WE ALWAYS HAVE ROOM FOR PLAYERS, MALE AND FEMALE.

CONTACT BILL RAPP 863-402-1982,

OR TOM MISCHKE AT

720-220-7503



WAM/BAM

(Weight Accountability Motivation / Behavior Accountability Maintained)

You may have seen the acronym WAM/BAM and wondered what that means. We are a weight loss management group that provides accountability, motivation and behavior modification in order to achieve and maintain your weight loss goals. We meet weekly on Thursday mornings in Activities Room 2 at Founder's Hall. Private weigh-in is from 7:30 – 8:00. Meetings are from 8:00 – 8:30. Join us for diet tips, motivation, support on your weight loss journey and fun. Questions? Contact Deb Martens at 863-385-5031 or email:dhmartens41@gmail.com.



Attention Cribbage Players

Recruiting cribbage players for Monday nights at 6:30 in Founder's Hall. Lessons available and we are willing to teach for a lifetime enjoyment.

All are welcome!

Please call John & Pat Yirsa at 517-899-8195

HIGHLANDS RIDGE CHORALE: 20 YEARS

By Erma Morgan

Twenty years ago, two HR residents, Ann Marie Eckleman and Karen Bohn, were in the restaurant at the South Course enjoying a cocktail after 9-holes and were discussing ways to expand the activities offered here in HR. Both had an extensive music background and thought a singing group would be fun and entertaining and offer another choice here beyond golf. They decided to ask around and see who might be interested.

Karen was also a member of "Stitch & Bitch" (remember that?) She asked those members if anyone would like to start a singing group. Several of us were very excited about the idea. She also knew (sneaky gal) that Beverly McIlvain's husband, Linden, was a very experienced choral director. Beverly said she'd ask him if he would be interested in directing this new choral. And lo and behold he said yes! He never thought he'd be doing that again after over 50 years in the profession. Lucky us!

Word spread and the first meeting was held with about 10 people attending. The first order of business was to decide what we would be called. Should it be a choral group or a chorale? We thought chorale sounded more sophisticated. When management was approached with our idea, we had to clarify what a chorale was. (definitely not a corral!) They really didn't think it would fly as others had tried to no avail.

As a fledgling group, we had nothing, so we decided to each pay a \$20 monthly fee. This would go toward purchasing music and other expenses. We decided white tops and black slacks or long skirts for performances. Ann Marie agreed to be our accompanist.

Our first rehearsal was February 13, 2000 with just 19 singers! Linden chose Andrew Lloyd Weber's music for our first concert. I remember thinking we had bitten off more than we could chew. As we rehearsed, people would stop by and soon our members grew to 31! After just 8 rehearsals we presented our first concert April 7 at the "Grand Ball Room" now known as Founder's Hall. We were overwhelmed at the size of the audience. Over 300 were there and we had printed only 100 programs. Oh, ye of little faith!

In the meantime, Judy Vekasy and her husband were talking with a sales person at HR. Judy mentioned she was looking for something to do and that she played piano for various venues. She was told about the chorale and that they might be interested. Well, of course we were!!

That summer, Judy accompanied us for a summer show. We had only a few members who did not go north for the summer and we enjoyed it so much we decided to put on a show for fun. We wore crazy costumes and sang about the beach and summer fun and put on a show for July 4th. We continued this tradition for several years. And luck us, Judy is still playing for us!

When the snowbirds returned we put together our first Christmas program: "Sounds of the Season". My favorite was "Still, Still, Still" which we sang in a circle surrounding the audience while holding candles. Once again we had SRO attendance. The community support was incredible and our membership continued to grow. Ann Marie became our assistant director.

Because our community was so proud of us we wanted to look more professional. So, we finally chose a lovely dark green gown which seemed to shimmer as we moved. I would be willing to bet many of us still have it! The men would wear black slacks, white shirts, vests and bow ties, similar to what they wear today. We had no money, so we each purchased our own dress, agreeing we would donate them if we left the group. We debuted our new look at the spring concert in March, 2001. There were lots of oohs & aahs when we walked in.

There were many needs for our new chorale. Among them were risers, sound panels, microphones, and a moving rack for the piano and reflector screens. These items don't come cheap! So, we made it known that donations would be welcomed at our concerts. It didn't take long for the money to add up. HR management began to see that this little group was going to stick around so they began supporting us as well! We were scheduled to sing during Christmas season at the mall and our PR person arranged for a bus to take us and for refreshments when we returned. Hey, we were an asset!!

We then started our annual fund raiser, The Spaghetti Dinner! We used to plan entertainment for those eating. The show would feature members in specialty numbers. Ann Marie wrote and directed several of these. They were quite the productions! Her husband, Al, began videotaping our performances. These tapes are so valuable to us in keeping a record of our history.

During the early years, we made a lot of short appearances throughout the community to publicize our chorale. Sometimes we only sang one song. Other times we sang several. We had to stop as we had so many requests we couldn't fill them all!

Twenty years have now passed and we continue to be the heartbeat of our community. There are still six members of our current family that have been with the Chorale the entire time. They are: Doris Morenzoni, Mary Ann Wick, Martha Spung, Pam Smart, Lucille Ferrigan and I. We have been fortunate to have had exceptional directors: Linden McIlvain, our first, of course. Followed by Connie Carter, the late, great Bob Theil, and our wonderful current directors, Sue Shellhammer and Cindy Becker. They all helped us to be the best we can be!

We've changed a lot. We now have over 50 members. We have a beautiful new grand piano, provided by a generous benefactor and the HR management! We've got a new sound board and microphones, lights, platform. Much of this provided because of our Patron Program that we initiated a few years ago. We changed our attire three times but I won't mention the black dresses with those faulty zippers that tended to fall apart as we dressed for a concert!!! Ha! We have the support of HR management and our wonderful community never fails to fill the house when we sing! I would say we are here to stay!

Thanks for the memories!

Chorale: 20 Years Pictures





Highlands Ridge HOA

By: Willie Faye Myers, *Secretary*



It's a New Year in Highlands Ridge. Time to stick to your resolutions, and please include the following ones:

1. Obey the speed limit in your car, cart, and bike.
2. Keep your garbage receptacles 100% out of sight, either in the garage or a HRHOA ACC approved enclosure.
3. Don't put your garbage receptacle) out at the street until the morning of pick up.
4. If you intend to make improvements and/or changes to your property, ACC approval is required. For an application, go to highlandsridge.com and click the top right corner "Resident info". In the Architectural Control Committee section, a link will direct you to information, contact numbers, and application (s).
5. Support our community, restaurants and golf courses. Welcome visitors, and invite friends to visit our Paradise. At our December meeting, the proposed budget was approved. 2020 HRHOA assessments will remain unchanged, at \$25.00 per lot. You should receive your notice in the mail soon.

If you are a member of the HRHOA and are not receiving our email notifications of meetings, minutes of meetings, etc....please notify wfdmyers5539@gmail.com if you would like to receive.

Our next Board meeting is scheduled for Monday, January 20, at 4pm in Founder's Hall. We hope to see you there.



Marina Cove HOA

By: Bobbie Hutchinson, *Secretary*



WISHING YOU A HAPPY & HEALTHY NEW YEAR!!!

The results of the survey are in! In regards to replacement of signage @ SR17 & Powerline Road, 66% of MC residents who responded are interested in having the sign/billboard replaced; only 43% of those folks are willing to help fund the project. HRHOA's survey results showed that almost 70% of their respondents would like to see the sign replaced. We will update you as we learn what the next steps are in this process.

Information regarding our **ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING** will be mailed out to all MC residents in January, 2020. The meeting will be on Monday, March 2, 2020; this includes election of MC board members, updates on what's new in Marina Cove, and a potluck supper. Your **MC HOMEOWNER'S DUES INVOICE** will be included in this mailing. **PLEASE** remit your dues no later than February 1, 2020.

Don't forget to buy tickets for MC Quarter Raffle **prior to** Sunday, February 9, 2020; info re: same is elsewhere in this issue!

Next MC board meeting is Tuesday, January 7, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. in Activities Room I. All dues paying MC residents are welcome to attend. Please joins uswe welcome **your input!**



The Ridge Report

By: Birdy Whitehouse, *Property Manager* ~ birdy@highlandsridge.com



Hello everyone and a Happy New Year! Welcome to all the new residents in Highlands Ridge!

The RV/boat storage lot rents were due by 12/31/2019. If you are not renewing your storage lot, please notify the office! Remember, the **annual** storage lot rents will be: a small - \$400.00 plus sales tax, and a large will be \$550.00 plus sales tax. Also, all storage will be invoiced for the whole year. We will no longer be leasing out monthly.

Attention Marina Cove residents: Your new lot rent amount starts January 1, 2020. If you are on ACH, the amount will change automatically. Don't forget the real estate taxes pass thru charge of \$129.00 is due by January 1, 2020. Make check payable to Mink Marina Cove, LLC and please pay on time to avoid the \$45.00 late fee. Don't ask to waive this fee! It is not fair for those residents who do pay on time! Please remind your vendors who perform any outside work, that our policy is they can't start working till 8:00am.

Reminders: Appointments are necessary for notary services and if you wish to meet with me for any reason. Please don't meet me in the parking lot when I am getting out of my car and expect to discuss an issue. So, please call the office at 863-471-1115 to schedule an appointment. Also, please remember to submit your article by the 15th of the month prior to its publication to gazette@highlandsridge.com only. If you can't wait till bulk trash day, please take your garbage to the landfill located at 12700 Arbuckle Creek Road Sebring, 33870. The speed limit throughout the community is 20 mph. We have many residents, guests, and vendors walking, cycling, etc. It is important for everyone's safety to abide by the posted speed limit.

Please remember if you want to make any kind of exterior change to the outside of your home, you must go through a process of paperwork. ACC forms are in the office for those residents who live in all other villages except for Marina Cove. If you live in Marina Cove, a management request form must be completed and no work is to be done until that form has a signed approval from management.

The staff of HRH would like to say thank you to everyone for the homemade goodies, card with surprises in them, boxes of chocolates, lunch for the staff, and much more food to mention that was brought to the office during the month of December. We do appreciate you thinking of us! I hope everyone has a fun and safe 2020!!

Let's Keep Highlands Ridge Beautiful!



The Quarter Raffle is in the kick off stages. Exciting news! This year our raffle will be supporting Samaritan's Touch, which will allow many people of all ages to receive some medical, dental and personal care that wouldn't otherwise. Tickets will be on sale starting January 9th. They are \$5.00 each and only sold in advance. We will be in several places for

your convenience with the tickets such as bingo, the S. course on Fridays and at my house.

WE are asking any of our previous artists and crafters to think about donating to this worthy cause again if you can. Please let me know if this is something you are interested in doing so we can plan for the baskets.

WE are also looking for gift cards to places like the grocery store, restaurants, movies, auto supplies. We can shop for you if you would like to give us some cash. So save the date Feb. 9th, Founders Hall from 1 - 3. Doors will open at noon so you can view all donations.

Please call or e-mail me if you have any questions. corvette@myfairpoint.net or 863-314-6306 for Kathy Fenoff. There will be an additional option this year of buying a paddle for \$50.00 which allows you to take a chance on every item. It's also a great way to support the raffle. This paddle will be paid for in advance only of the raffle.

Kathy Fenoff



LGA NEWS

By: Pam Wick, *Vice-President* HRLGA18@gmail.com



Happy New Year! I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday with family and friends. We had a busy December and oh what fun we had...

December 4th, we held our Choose Up event at the South Course followed by lunch. The "C" Flight players picked the teams and we had a very close field. A big shout out to Cheryl Racicot for organizing this event, she had every "I" dotted and "T" crossed.

Choose Up Winners

1st Rhoda Thiel, Joellyn Hufford, Bobbie Morgan, Donna Landers
 2nd Connie Carter, Brenda Dorman, Terri Griffin, Bobbie Pinckney
 3rd Nancy Guillemette, Georgia Trissell, Sue Thompson, Jo Sienkiewicz
 4th Terri Kalis, Evelyn Seeley, Shirley Anthony, Martha Spung
 5th Sue Hover, Ann Meyer, Linda Hathorn, Marian Nielson

The spirit award was graciously accepted by the team of Lucille Ferrigan, Nancy Owens, Vicki Edwards, Patti Haas.

December 9th, we held our Christmas Scramble at the South Course with a dinner provided by 3 Gens. The weather was our friend and we had a great time. Many thanks to Jo Ellen Lathwell and Pat Olesek for organizing the game and ensuring everything ran smoothly. What a marvelous setting for dinner, presented by Becky Hobbs, Willie Faye Myers, Ann Meyer, Marge Freeman and Terri Griffin. Well done and the candy apples were spectacular! After dinner, ladies from the HR Chorale, entertained us with their rendition of "All I Want for Christmas" – thanks to Cindy Becker, Rhoda Thiel, Karen Swan, Marge Freeman, Marian Nielson and Deb Martens. They also led us in group caroling before we departed.

The Winners:

First: Sharron Borrell, Mitzi Norris, Marge Freeman and Jo Sienkiewicz
 Second: Pam Wick, Linda Hathorn, Barb Edwards and Donna Landers
 Third: Georgia Trissell, Lou Henrich, Deb Martens and Sue Hover
 Fourth: Deb Reimer, Shirley Olnhausien and Phyllis Reeves
 Fifth: Marianne Fischer, Evelyn Seely, Nancy Ostapowicz and Marian Nielson

We recognized our soon to be nonagenarians... Martha Spung and MaryAnn Wick... that's a LOT of golf!

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a person who is from 90 to 99 years old.

Thank you to all for the generosity that you showed to those in need this holiday season.. We collected \$300 in gift cards for the Women's Shelter, and delivered 51 purses filled with necessities to the Women's Shelter. Thank you to Sue Hover for collecting the gift cards and to Barb Edwards and Sharon Borrell for coordinating and delivering the Purses with a Purpose.

Our next event is the 2 X 4, January 13 and 15th. Lunch and a meeting will follow on the 15th. Watch for signup sheets and details at the north course.

LGA play times

South Course:

8am March – December

10am January – February

North Course:

8am March - December

Noon January – February

Watch your email for updates on the new handicap system that starts in January.

Pictures from the Christmas Scramble dinner:





MGA News

By: Phil Hunter, *Secretary*



We'd like to welcome our newest MGA members: Jay Fischer, Jerry Hurless, Claude Jackson, Jim LaPlante and Pat (Mike) Ouillette. Anyone who'd like more information about any aspect of the MGA can contact Phil Hunter (phunter1@twcny.rr.com)

Congratulations to Pat Shine and Ben Hobbs who both had holes-in-one on #15 at the South Course. Fortunately both were playing with another MGA member so were awarded \$50 each. Pat was playing with Bob Walker and Ben was with Gary Thompson during Friday Couples.

You can pick your own partners for our January events:
 Four Man Scramble - Tuesday, Jan. 7 (12:30 shotgun at the South Course)
 Play with a Pro/Skins - Tuesday, Jan. 21 (12:30 shotgun at the North Course)

Here are the results for our latest events:

2 MAN SCRAMBLE:

1st Flight: 1) Tirdil/ Hubinek 2) Barney/Taylor 3) Hobbs/Stouder 4) Walker/O'Laughlin
 2nd Flight: 1) Gray/Steullet 2) Epling/Reimer 3) Lynch/Piscitelli 4) Freeman/Lathwell
 3rd Flight: 1) Thompson G./Ostapowicz 2) Quay/Blesch 3) Hall/Olesek 4) Master/Racicot

2 MAN BEST BALL:

1st Flight: 1) McDonnall/Jerome 2) Swan/Lathwell 3) Huffman/Gregory
 2nd Flight: 1) Reimer/Epling 2) Ebeling/Beyer 3) Martens/Murphy
 3rd Flight: 1) Blesch/Quay 2) Steullet/Olesek 3) Cline/Gardner



LGA 9-Hole News

By: Mary Ann Beyer, *President*



Happy New Year LGA HR-9 Ladies!

I hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas season. I hear our Christmas Luncheon on Dec. 12th was a **HUGE** success, I was sad I had to miss it! Our Events Committee headed by Susan Beaudoin did an incredible job once again. Chicanes did a great job with the venue. The Raffle Basket was a hit with a total of \$946 raised for our charity this year, the Boys and Girls Club. The Christmas Golf Tournament held on Dec. 11th results are as follows:

1st Place - Cindy Becker, Pat Yirsa, Susan Beaudoin, Sally Currie
2nd Place - Ann Evans, Phyllis Reeves, Rhoda Thiel, Glenna Foreman
3rd Place - Janet Weidemann, Susan Ingram, Brenda Scruton, Jenny Bilyeau
4th Place - Deb Hunter, Theresa Master, Carol Bailey, Carolann Smith
Closest to the Pin on #13 - Ann Evans and on Hole #16 - Annie Ulery
Chip Ins - Susan Beaudoin on #10 and Sally Currie on #14

Our next Event is on Sunday, January 26 for a Sadie Hawkins Golf, Dinner and Dance to be at 3 Gen's Grill. The theme is "Roaring into the 20's". I hear rumors there may be some great costumes! Be sure to check the Screen Room for more information as we get closer. Keep Swinging Ladies!



Highlands Ridge Holdings

Happy New Year
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3 Gen's Grill
863-201-7135

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North: 863-453-9991
South: 863-471-2299

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Recycling
863-655-6400

Animal Control
863-402-6730

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800-228-8485
Outages
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City of Sebring
Utilities Department
863-471-5112 /
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Century Link
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