



March 2020

# MARCH

# GAZETTE

Highlands Ridge



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**WHAT'S HAPPENING IN MARCH**

Sun	Mar	1	HRCF Meeting AR1 3 pm
Mon	Mar	2	MC HOA Annual Meeting
Tues	Mar	3	Ice Cream Truck FH 2:00pm - 3:30 pm
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 Junque Sale FH 8:00 am - 12:00 pm
Tues	Mar	17	Ice Cream Truck FH 2:00pm - 3:30 pm
Tues	Mar	17	Potluck Dinner FH 5:15 pm
Thurs	Mar	19	Movie & Ice Cream AR1 1:30 pm
Sat	Mar	21	Chorale Spring Concert FH 7:00 pm
Tues	Mar	24	Ice Cream Truck FH 2:00pm - 3:30 pm
Thurs	Mar	26	Coffee w/ Birdy AR1 9:30 am
Fri	Mar	27	Bulk Trash
Tues	Mar	31	Ice Cream Truck FH 2:00pm - 3:30 pm

**WHAT'S HAPPENING IN APRIL**

Sat	Apr	4	Going Away Dance FH 7 pm - 10 pm
Sun	Apr	5	HRCF Meeting AR1 3:00 pm
Tues	Apr	6	MC HOA Meeting AR1 10:00 am
Tues	Apr	7	Ice Cream Truck FH 2:00 pm - 3:30 pm
Fri	Apr	10	Bulk Trash
Sun	Apr	12	Easter Potluck Dinner FH 2:00 pm
Mon	Apr	13	HR HOA Meeting FH 4:00 pm
Tues	Apr	14	HR Residents Council Mtg AR1 10:15 am
Tues	Apr	14	Ice Cream Truck FH 2:00 pm - 3:30 pm
Thur	Apr	16	Coffee w/ Birdy AR1 9:30 am
Thur	Apr	16	Movie & Ice Cream AR1 1:30 pm
Tues	Apr	21	Ice Cream Truck FH 2:00 pm - 3:30 pm
Fri	Apr	24	Bulk Trash

**WHAT'S HAPPENING IN MAY**

Sun	May	3	HRCF Meeting AR1 3:00 pm
Tues	May	5	MC HOA Meeting AR1 10:00 am
Tues	May	5	Ice Cream Truck FH 2:00 pm - 3:30 pm
Fri	May	8	Bulk Trash
Mon	May	11	HR HOA Meeting FH 4:00 pm
Tues	May	12	HR Resident's Council Mtg AR1 10:15 am
Tues	May	12	Ice Cream Truck FH 2:00 pm - 3:30 pm
Tues	May	19	Pot Luck Dinner FH 5:00 pm
Tues	May	19	Ice Cream Truck FH 2:00 pm - 3:30 pm
Thur	May	21	Coffee w/ Birdy AR1 9:30 am
Thur	May	21	Movie & Ice Cream AR1 1:30 pm
Fri	May	22	Bulk Trash
Mon	May	25	Memorial Day/ Office Closed



**Movie & Ice Cream**  
 March 19, 2020 @ 1:30 pm  
 AR1

**Plot:** Spoiled Mexican heir Leonardo hires single mother Kate to clean his yacht but unjustly fires her. When he falls off his boat and wakes up with amnesia, Kate pretends to be Leonardo's wife to get payback by making him work for her. Based on the 1987 Rom-Com of the same name.



**Actors/Actresses:** Eugenio Derbez, Anna Farris, Eva Longoria, Omar Chaparro, Mel Rodriguez, Nils Hognestad, Cecilia Suarez, Swoosie Kurtz, Guy Christie, Hannah Nordberg



**Events in Highlands County—March 2020**

**2020 Backyard BBQ Bash** at Fireman's Field

Fri & Sat, Mar 6-7, 10:00 am – 5 :00 pm

**The Vet Jam 2020 Chili Cook Off** 109 E Main St, Avon Park, FL

Sat, Mar 7, 12:00 pm – 3:00 pm

**Westgate River Ranch Rodeo**

3200 River Ranch Blvd, River Ranch,

FL Sat, Mar 7, 7:30 – 11:30 pm

**2020 4-H Pinewood Derby Race at Fan Fest**

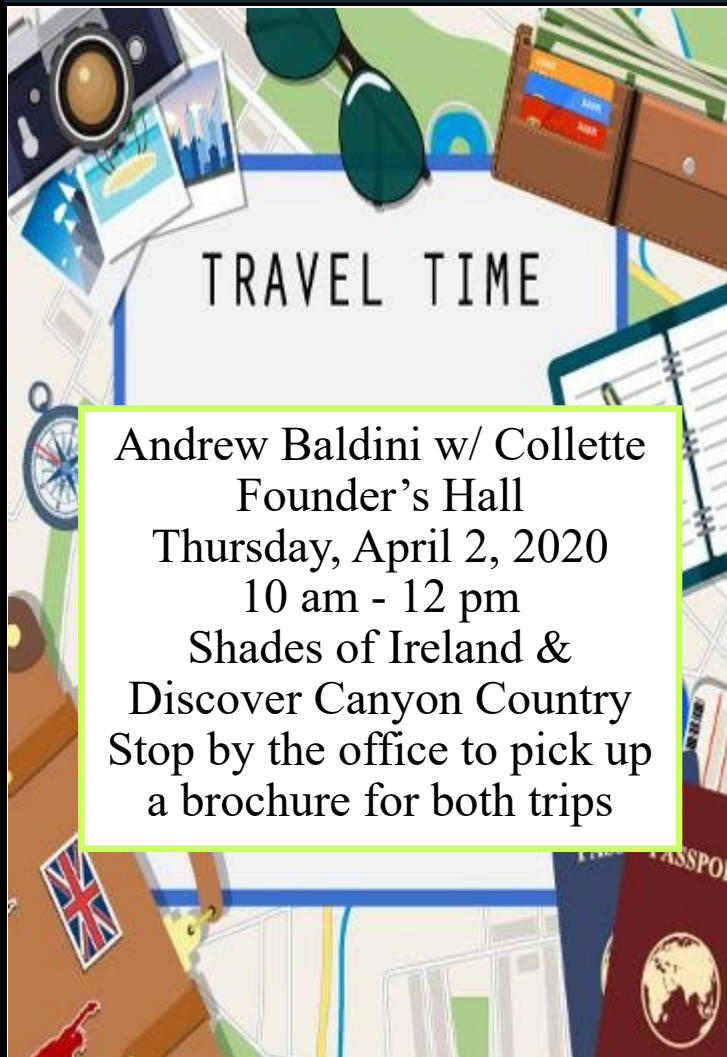
368 S Commerce Ave, Sebring, FL Tue, Mar 17, 4:45 – 8:00 PM

**Wet Dogs Brewing Great Grand Opening St. Patrick's Day**

231 N Main Ave, Lake Placid, FL Tue, Mar 17, 6:00 pm – 9:00 pm

**Mobil 1 Twelve Hours of Sebring**

113 Midway Dr, Sebring, FL Wed, Mar 18, 8 am – Sat, Mar 21, 11 pm



Andrew Baldini w/ Collette  
 Founder's Hall  
 Thursday, April 2, 2020  
 10 am - 12 pm  
 Shades of Ireland &  
 Discover Canyon Country  
 Stop by the office to pick up  
 a brochure for both trips

## St. Patrick's Dance



Saturday, March 7, 2020  
 Founder's Hall  
 7:00 pm—10:00 pm  
 "BYOB"  
 Tom McGannon  
 Stop by the office or  
 call to sign-up.  
 Cost is \$5 per person



Eastern Caribbean & Perfect Day  
 Royal Caribbean Cruise on the  
 Harmony of the Seas  
 February 28, 2021—March 7, 2021  
 Call or stop by the office for more  
 information and to sign up.



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

Sunseeker Incumbant Bike, Like new, safety lights front & rear \$1400 new. Sell for \$800  
**Terry Shelley 863.314.9326**

For Sale:40 inch Hisense Roku TV Full HD, Smart TV (Still in Box) \$150. Call Ferrigan 863-402-1257

HP Office Jet Pro 6968 printer for sale. Never been used. Still in original box never been unpacked. Wireless connect. Can print, scan, fax, copy.  
 Asking \$100.  
**Steve and Suzanne Safford 863-304-8489**

Brown leather hide-a-bed couch. Excellent condition. Square glass table with 4 chairs.

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

**Please contact David or Karen Coy 863-304-8783 [kdcov@comcast.net](mailto:kdcov@comcast.net)**

Custom cherry and pecan drop leaf table (counter height) with 4 swivel chairs. Perfect for small kitchen or enclosed Florida room!  
 Asking \$175.  
**Call Bob at 413-822-2320.**

**Carole Cardwell (765) 618 2342 4026 Carter Creek Drive**

Also for sale 4 chrome 10" golf cart hub caps \$20.00  
 Electric pressure washer - Green works 1500 psi \$50.00 contact

2019 "Like New" Ladies Callaway Epic Flash Driver 12\*. This is from a set of Demo Clubs I purchased. CALLAWAY preowned lists for \$429. Selling for \$280.00!!!!  
**Call Sue Schinderle 231-349-0065**

Wardrobe/TV Holder, off white distressed look \$350.00  
 Weber 2 Burner Gas Grill w/ cover \$50.00  
 2 Drawer File Cabinet \$25.00  
**Contact Ann Flores 863.471.0504**

**Ken or Shirley Faulk 863 382-9184 or Shirley 863 202-0936 if no answer.**

Bedroom, lanai, dining room, and living room furniture. Numerous pictures, several sitting chairs, lamps and many home décor items. 3253 E. Angler's Stream. Selling home & all must go. Please call

**TURBO POWER GOLF CLUBS**

10 IRONS INCL 61\* WEDGE  
 3 WOODS & 23\* HYBRED  
 2 PUTTERS  
 PRO STYLE GOLF BAG \$ 250

CARRY BAG \$ 25  
 Size 8 Golf Shoes \$ 20

**Call Richard Shelley 804-439-3846 [Richardshelley2383@gmail.com](mailto:Richardshelley2383@gmail.com)**

**Mary Hayden for more information at 989-430-6517**

**Exciting news!! Quarter Raffle results are in!!**

**Marina Cove would like to thank everyone who made this years Quarter Raffle a huge success.**

Many people worked very hard to bring a wide variety of baskets for everyone's enjoyment. Our charity this year was Samaritan's Touch. WE are happy to say that we sold 226 tickets, the most ever and raised \$4,870.

I want to thank our team for all the many hours of work and all who helped make this event the biggest one ever. If you see people who donated items either from in town or here at HR please thank them for their donations.

Kathy Fenoff

**"Getting Acquainted with Watercolor" Saturday, March 21, 2020**



9:00am-12:00 pm AR 3

This experience is for those interested in learning more about working with the watercolor medium, using washes, moving paint with water, using the white of the paper, mixing colors on the paper, using wet-into-wet, and other techniques.  
 Please respond to Sue Purdy to register and reserve a place. Space is limited to 15. No fee.

Contact Sue at [sbpurdy1@gmail.com](mailto:sbpurdy1@gmail.com)  
 Supply list to follow

## Annual Elegant Junque Sale



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

Bring all your items that have been in your attic, closet, or garage.

Snacks Bar, fresh coffee, tea, donuts and more will be available.  
 Canteen sponsored by the Highlands Ridge Chorale

## COME TO THIS SPECIAL HRCF EVENT ON MARCH 1 A stunning scientific video: *GOD OF WONDERS*

*Through science we touch the face of God!*

**Incredible photography that will inspire you!**

**Sunday, March 1, 2:30-4 pm in AR1 -NOTE THE NEW TIME**

**Popcorn and cold drinks will be served**

Everybody is welcome to come and enjoy this special event

### LADIES HAPPY HOUR

EVERY TUESDAY 2:00-4:00  
 AT 3 GEN

TO ALL YOU LADIES, DRINK OR NOT.  
 STOP IN TO 3 GEN'S AND SAY HI  
 OR HANG OUT  
 WITH OLD FRIENDS, NEW FRIENDS,  
 NEIGHBORS, OR MEET THE  
 NEW KIDS ON YOUR BLOCK!!



### SAVE THIS DATE!

2020 Divorce Open  
 Nov. 19th & 20th, 2020



### Pickleball News

Submitted by: Suzanne Safford, *President*

The Highlands Ridge Pickleball team has played against Lake Ashton, Lake Wales, Sun 'N Lake and Buttonwood Bay. We have had some great times with these ladies' teams. Lots of challenges but we continue to improve. Our next match is Sunday February 16th against Tanglewood. Another challenging team but we are ready.

Arlene Taylor and Suzanne Harvey-Safford participated in the women's doubles Pickleball tournament at the Heartland Senior Games held at Tanglewood. They placed second against a very strong first place team.

Here is picture of continued fun being had after a recent late afternoon team practice.  
Come join us . You can have fun too.



### Animal News

Submitted by: Denise Beauparlant, *Resident*

## CRITTER CORNER

What is it about dogs, exactly, that make them so precious to us? Many times friends have guiltily confided to me that they grieved more desperately over the loss of a dog than over the loss of friends or relatives. Research has confirmed that for most people, the loss of a dog is in almost every way comparable to the loss of a human loved one. Unfortunately, we do not have the corresponding cultural grief rituals to help us get through the loss of a pet, which can make us feel more than a bit embarrassed to show too much public grief over our dead dogs.

Why Dogs Are Special? What is it about dogs, exactly, that make them so precious to us? For starters, dogs have had to adapt to living with humans over the past 10,000 years, and they have done it very well—they are the only animal to have evolved specifically to be our companions and friends. Anthropologist Brian Hare has developed the "Domestication Hypothesis" to explain how dogs morphed from their grey wolf ancestors into the socially-skilled animals with whom we now interact in very much the same way that we relate to other people.

In fact, our relationships with dogs can be even more satisfying than our human relationships, if for no other reason than dogs provide us with such unconditional, uncritical positive feedback. As the old saying goes, "May I become the kind of person that my dog thinks I already am." Interacting with dogs makes us feel good, and just looking at them can make us smile. Dog owners score higher on measures of well-being and, on average, they are happier than people who own cats and those who own no pets at all and dogs seem to feel the same way about us.

They have been selectively bred through generations to pay attention to us, and MRI scans show that dog brains respond to praise from their owners just as strongly as they do to food—for some dogs, praise is an even more effective incentive than food. Dogs recognize people from their faces and can learn to infer human emotional states from facial expression alone. Studies also indicate that dogs can understand human intentions, that they try to be helpful to us, and that they will even avoid people who do not cooperate with us or treat us well.

Dogs communicate with us as no other animal does. They are skilled at comprehending spoken words and using their own vocalizations to communicate with us in return. Our strong attachment to dogs was subtly revealed in a recent study of "misnaming." This is what happens when you call someone by the wrong name, such as when parents mistakenly call one of their kids by a sibling's name. It turns out that the name of the family dog frequently gets confused in the same mix as other human family members, indicating that the dog's name is being pulled out of the same cognitive pool in which the names of other family members are swimming around. Curiously, this rarely happens with cat names.

It is no wonder that we miss our dogs so much when they are gone. Psychologist Julie Axelrod pointed out, that the loss of a dog is so painful because we are not losing just one thing; we experience multiple losses at the same time. We may be losing our primary companion, a source of unconditional love, a "life witness" who provides security and comfort to us, and maybe even a protégé whom we mentor like a child. The loss of a dog seriously disrupts your daily routine, even more profoundly than the loss of most friends and relatives, and changes in lifestyle and routine are one of the primary building blocks of stress. They are truly the gift to our lives that God intended.



### Chorale News

By: Karen O'Laughlin, *Secretary*



*Gonna take a sentimental journey. Gonna set my heart at ease.  
Gonna make a sentimental journey, to renew old memories!*

Yes, that is the plan! The HR Chorale is indeed taking a sentimental journey in that our next concert coming up on March 21 is taking a trip down memory lane with all songs the chorale has sung at least once in the past 20 years. It's been fun learning and relearning these beautiful pieces and I know you will all enjoy hearing them. So, we'll "Sing, Sing, Sing", and "Let the Music Soar".

There is a lot planned and, hopefully, some former members will be joining us for the last song we sing. Also, a DVD is being put together to highlight the last 20 years of concerts. We thank John Nelson for his skill and talent for putting this all together. We can't wait to see it!

With all this in mind, I want to reiterate the importance of our **Patron Program**. We cannot continue without your support. Please, if you haven't already; consider becoming a Patron with just a \$50 donation. We thank you in advance for your support.

And last, but not least, a huge thank you to all who attended our annual Spaghetti Dinner. It was another huge success with both seating's sold out! I think the new earlier times helped the larger attendance. It's a big undertaking feeding so many, but our cracker jack crew, headed by Kim Lathwell and Bruce Marten make it look easy! Thank you to Lucille Ferrigan and MaryAnn Wick for selling all the tickets and filling the tables. It truly does take a Village!

So, we shall look forward to seeing many of you at Founder's Hall on March 21, at 7pm for our 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Spring Concert. Don't forget, we have a second concert on Sunday, March 22 at 4pm at St. John United Methodist Church in Sebring. Hopefully, you'll leave smiling! And "when you're smiling, the whole world smiles with you"!!



### Chaplain's Chat

By: Rev. Bill Commons, *Resident*



## PRAYING FOR YOU To receive God's Greatest blessing

How blest we are to live in Highlands Ridge, surrounded by neighbors and friends who truly care about each other!

Some have chosen to receive God's free love gift of forgiveness and eternal life in Christ, many others are still thinking about it.

Since Heaven is a choice, not automatic, committed believers in Jesus **pray earnestly** for those who have not yet decided. Oh, how we yearn to know that we will be together with you forever in the magnificent eternal Home God is preparing for all who have received Christ (John 1:12; John 14:2-3).

God loves you with an everlasting love and invites you to become a child of his by repentance and faith. Jesus left heaven and died on the Cross for you personally. He loves you so much and wants you to spend eternity with Him in Heaven! He wants to forgive and cleanse you and live in you by His Holy Spirit, giving you forgiveness, peace and eternal joy! It is a personal decision you can make anytime, anywhere.

It is life's most urgent choice, and at our age we must not delay. The crucified and risen Christ is knocking on the door of your heart, will you let Him come in (Revelation 3:20)?

**We are praying for you! Call me if I can help you.**

Chaplain Bill Commons 717-770-0582

## Book Club News

By: Mary Harden, *Resident*



On February 13th, the book club met and discussed ***Summer Island***, by Kristin Hanna.

Years ago, Nora Bridge walked out on her marriage and left her daughters behind. She has since become a famous radio talk-show host and newspaper columnist beloved for her moral advice. Her youngest daughter, Ruby, is a struggling comedienne who uses her famous mother as fuel for her bitter, cynical humor. When the tabloids unearth a scandalous secret from Nora's past, their estrangement suddenly becomes dramatic: Nora is injured in an accident and a glossy magazine offers Ruby a fortune to write a tell-all about her mother. Under false pretenses, Ruby returns home to take care of the woman she hasn't spoken to for almost a decade.

Nora insists they retreat to Summer Island in the San Juans, to the lovely old house on the water where Ruby grew up, a place filled with childhood memories of love and joy and belonging. There Ruby is also reunited with her first love and his brother. Once, the three of them had been best friends, inseparable. Until the summer that Nora had left and everyone's hearts had been broken. . . .

What began as an expose evolves, as Ruby writes, into an exploration of her family's past. Nora is not the woman Ruby has hated all these years. Witty, wise, and vulnerable, she is desperate to reconcile with her daughter. As the magazine deadline draws near and Ruby finishes what has begun to seem to her an act of brutal betrayal, she is forced to grow up and at last to look at her mother—and herself—through the eyes of a woman. And she must, finally, allow herself to love.

***Summer Island*** is a beautiful novel, funny, tender, sad, and ultimately triumphant.

Book Club selection for March 12th: ***The Invention of Wings***, by Sue Monk Kidd. This exquisitely written novel is a triumph of storytelling that looks with unswerving eyes at a devastating wound in American history, through women whose struggles for liberation, empowerment, and expression will leave no reader unmoved.

Book Club selection for April 9th: ***The Dry Grass of August***, by Anna Jean Mayhew. In this beautifully written debut, Anna Jean Mayhew offers a riveting depiction of Southern life in the throes of segregation, what it will mean for a young girl on her way to adulthood—and for the woman who means the world to her . . .

Hope you can join us!!



## Library News

By: Mary Harden, *Resident*

A real page turner of a novel I recently discovered on our library shelves is David Baldacci's first international thriller ***The Whole Truth***. A powerful defense contractor and his "perception manager" are looking to increase their net worth while a reluctant intelligence agent working for a secret multinational intelligence agency and an ambitious journalist race to contain and control an international crisis and catastrophic threat that could change the world as we know it.

And for those rainy days when your outside plans are curtailed, we have lots and lots of games and puzzles!!! Stop by and see what else is new at your community library!

**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](mailto:sbpurdy1@gmail.com) or  
by phone at 614-457-2855.

We look forward to meeting you on March 31, 2020 at 2:00-3:30 pm in AR2



**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.



The family of Lee Dixon  
 appreciates all the cards & letters  
 for her **99<sup>th</sup> Birthday!**



**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



# BirthDay

03/01 Rodney Bogart	03/06 Marie Faber	03/15 Linda Drabik	03/21 Tom Gorton
03/01 Morris Meyer	03/06 Marge Freeman	03/15 Nancy McCashen	03/21 Byron Stitzer
03/01 John Snyder	03/06 Sharon Friedmann	03/15 Marie Meyer	03/21 Tom Tirdil
03/01 Ron Swan	03/08 Pauline Broerman	03/15 Brenda Place	03/22 Mary Coates
03/01 Willard Welch	03/08 Bill Callicoat	03/15 Ellen Gregory	03/22 Ron Drabik
03/02 David Baaske	03/08 Marga Cutler	03/16 Edward Palmer	03/22 Jane Anne Dunham
03/02 Mike Hight	03/08 Rodney Erickson	03/16 Wally Winegardner	03/22 Melva Mauck
03/02 Robert Peterson	03/08 Larry Eddinger	03/17 Joan Eaton	03/22 Pattie Olchak
03/03 Phyllis Bailey	03/09 Sharon Commons	03/17 Pam Norris	03/23 Doris Morenzoni
03/03 Jo Cline	03/09 Marriane Fischer	03/17 Sondra Wade	03/23 Frank Palmer
03/03 JoAn Hannon	03/10 Jim Skaja	03/18 Amy Manierre	03/23 Roger Quay
03/04 Carla Hebert	03/11 Sue Schinderle	03/18 Mike Molishas	03/24 Carl Griffin
03/04 Jan Tucker	03/11 Thomas Weatherell	03/18 Bunny Skaja	03/24 Lynn Hufford
03/05 Shirley Boyd	03/12 Joseph Hallimen	03/19 Joan Bender	03/25 Andre Galella
03/05 Roger Brelinski	03/12 Chuck McDonald	03/19 Judy Gleason	03/25 Bobbi Goodman
03/05 Lucille Ferrigan	03/12 Aggie Morrison	03/19 Roger Massie	03/25 Brenda Johnston
03/05 Ron Tallman	03/13 Gwen Mischke	03/21 Donna Blesch	03/25 Richard Snyder
			03/26 Hank Beuparlant
			03/26 Frank Stoppa
			03/27 Burleigh Chatfield
			03/27 Barbara Johnson
			03/27 Paul Manierre
			03/27 Mimi Romer
			03/27 Bonnie Simmons
			03/27 Bob Olchak
			03/28 James Lagocki
			03/28 Dirk Meyer
			03/29 Barbara Jordan
			03/30 Leanne Ambis
			03/30 Lee Wynns
			03/31 Eric Bowman
			03/31 Deb Hunter
			03/31 Kathryn Luther



03/02 Ed & Jeanie Lynch
03/02 Ed & Martina Kopel
03/03 Edwin & Ann Evans
03/08 Joe & Bev Seely
03/08 Owen & Cathy Morris
03/16 Bill & Edi Reed
03/17 Al & Barb Depont
03/21 Charles & Judy Pfaffenberger
03/22 Bill & Rosemary West
03/23 Mike & Sondra Wade
03/24 Floyd & JoAn Hannon
03/24 Tom & Norma Heck
03/28 Norm & Nancy Adams
03/28 John & Nancy McCashen
03/29 Tom & Kathy Tirdil
03/31 Dale & Martha Spung
03/31 Bill & Bev Cureton



I just recently found out that the amazing residents of Highlands Ridge donated over \$31,000 to Samaritans Touch Care Center in 2019. Your generosity made a difference in that STCC was able to maintain 70% of the patient visits with 50% of the staff and 50% of the dollars. I want to thank all of you from the bottom of my heart for your support of this amazing charity. You are making a difference in the lives of the less fortunate in Highlands County.



God bless all of you  
Paul Scruton

PS.

The next time you purchase a package of toilet paper for yourself, how about purchasing an extra one for the homeless in Highlands County. Leave on the wheel chair in my garage or on our front porch.

# Food Drive Challenge



Highlands Ridge has challenged Harder Hall, Sun N Lakes and Golf Hammock to see which community can collect and deliver the most food to the Heartland Food Bank between February 1 and April 30.

As an incentive for Highlands Ridge participants, for every can/item you donate, you will have one entry into a raffle to win a \$100 gift certificate to 3 Gen's Grill.

You can drop off food between February 1 and April 29 at the following locations:

Pam Wick  
5064 Birkdale Drive  
510-205-1407

-OR-

Heartland Food Bank  
928 State Rd 17N  
863-385-7885

**If you drop off at Food Bank, be sure to tell them you're from Highlands Ridge, so we get credit.  
The Food Bank will not provide you with raffle tickets.**

Drawing for \$100 gift certificate will be held at 5:30pm on May 1, 2020 at 3 Gen's Grill. You don't need to be present to win, but will need to put name and phone number on ticket.

**Our goal is to collect 2 tons of food for the food bank between all 4 communities.**

From the Food Bank:

All shelf-stable, unexpired foods are welcome, however, below is a "wish list" from the warehouse manager:  
Cereal, Mac & Cheese, Canned Vegetables, Spaghetti Sauce, Peanut Butter, Jelly, Canned Meat: Spam, Ham, Chicken

We also accept laundry soap, shampoo, bar soap etc.

Food Bank hours: Monday – Friday 9am -1pm



### Highlands Ridge HOA

By: Willie Faye Myers, *Secretary*



At our February 10th Board meeting the Board reviewed the Agenda for March 9, 2020 Annual Meeting. The March Board meeting is not a normal business meeting - it is the annual meeting and where new board members are voted in and a "State of the Union" is reviewed.

With that in mind Pat Shine suggested the following people be invited as guest speakers. George Apostolicas (Sebring Land), Lori Englert (Highlands Ridge Holdings representative), Birdy Whitehouse, Joe Pace (J&P Properties), Bonnie Devantoy (3 Gen's Gill) Brad Millsap, and Tommy James (Builder). Nancy Owens will also give a tutorial on the [www.highlandsridge.com](http://www.highlandsridge.com) website.

Ballots for election have been sent out to the community. The HOA Board consists of 7 members; 4 members are elected in the even years and 3 are elected in the odd years. The four positions that are open this March are Willie Faye's and Dale Huffman's, both have served maximum of 2 terms. Nancy Owens - who will run for re-election since she has only served one term and the fourth position, is Dave Smith's which Pam Wick has been graciously filling. We have been fortunate that five individuals have stepped up to serve. Each homeowner should vote for 4. The five Candidates are Jerry Bennett (Hidden Creek), Rose Fabiszak (North Course), Linda Hathorn (Arbor Green), John Ingram (Carter Creek) and Nancy Owens (Scottish Links) - Re Election. Ballots can be either, mailed back to self addressed envelopes that are included, dropped off in the HRH mailbox at Founder's Hall or brought to the Annual Meeting in March.

The HOA board has one additional position open, which was Walt Chevillet's, Ron Robinett has stepped in and filled thru the end of the year. The Board thanked Ron for all his service, not only now but also throughout his tenure here at Highlands Ridge. Dan Ostapowicz has been elected to fill out the remaining term for Walt Chevillet's Position. Dan served in the Marine Corp and spent 30 years with Grand Rapids Police department in Michigan and retired as Deputy Chief of Police. Upon retiring and moving to Spring Lake he sat on the HOA board for 6 years, last five of which as president before moving to Highlands Ridge.

#### Additional information to remember:

1. 2020 HRHOA assessments will remain unchanged at \$25.00 per lot. The notices have been mailed out and due upon receipt.
2. Obey the speed limit in your car, cart, and bike.
3. Keep your garbage receptacles 100% out of sight, either in the garage or a HRHOA ACC approved enclosure.
4. Don't put your garbage receptacles out at the street until the morning of pick up.
5. If you intend to make improvements and/or changes to your property, ACC approval is required. For an application, go to [www.highlandsridge.com](http://www.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 applications(s).
6. Support our community, restaurants and golf courses. Welcome visitors, and invite friends to visit our Paradise.

If you are a member of the HRHOA and are not receiving our email notifications of meetings, minutes of meetings, etc. Please notify [nowens2010@gmail.com](mailto:nowens2010@gmail.com) if you would like to receive.

Our next Board meeting is scheduled for Monday March 9th, at 4pm in Founder's Hall. We hope to see you there.



### Marina Cove HOA

By: Bobbie Hutchinson, *Secretary*



Our annual Quarter Raffle held on Sunday, February 9, 2020 was a really fun day! We sold 226 tickets (MOST EVER !!!) and raised \$4,901.65; the charity we chose to support this year is Samaritan's Touch, a local group committed to:

"providing free primary and specialized medical, dental, and vision care to uninsured, financially struggling families in Highlands County as an expression of God's love through Jesus Christ."

The Canteen at weekly Bingo has been a great addition to our Thursday evenings in Founder's Hall! Join the fun with your neighbors, have your supper & win some \$\$\$\$! Canteen opens @ 6:00 p.m., Early Bird game is called @ 6:45 pm; regular games start @ 7:00 p.m. and we're usually out by 9:00 p.m.

Our next MCHOA board meeting is Tuesday, April 7, 2020 @ 10:00 a.m. in Activities Room I. Join us and meet your new board members, elected @ the Annual Meeting on Monday, March 2, 2020. All dues paying MC residents are welcome! We'll be sending out via email the updated contact information for MC Board Members. If you would like an item placed on the agenda for a board meeting, please contact our President or Secretary 5 days prior to a meeting.

**HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY !!!**



### The Ridge Report

By: Birdy Whitehouse, *Property Manager* ~ [birdy@highlandsridge.com](mailto:birdy@highlandsridge.com)



Hello everyone! Welcome to all the new residents in Highlands Ridge!

Check out Activities Room 2...There are several pictures from around here in Highlands Ridge hanging up on the wall in frames. If you have a beautiful picture that you have taken around Paradise, please email me your picture. I hope to fill this wall up with unique and beautiful pictures from our community.

### Reminders

1. Summer forms will be available in the administrative office starting Monday March 2, 2020.
2. Keep your garbage receptacles 100% out of sight, either in your garage or a Marina Cove management approved enclosure.
3. Don't put your garbage receptacles out at the end of your driveway until the morning of pick up. Please put out by 7:00am for guarantee of a pick-up. Waste Connections has informed the office that they can't guarantee a pick-up if your receptacle is not out by 7:00am.
4. Appointments are necessary for notary services and if you wish to meet with me for any reason.
5. Submit your article by the 15th of the month prior to its publication to [gazette@highlandsridge.com](mailto:gazette@highlandsridge.com).
6. If you can't wait till bulk trash day, please take your garbage to the landfill located at 12700 Arbuckle Creek Road Sebring, 33870.
7. 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.
8. 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.
9. Pets are not allowed at any recreational facilities, including the clubhouse and the administrative office.

**Attention Marina Cove residents:** Please remind your vendors who perform any outside work, that our policy is they can't start working till 8:00am.

Thank you to the residents who support the 8:00am fitness class in Founder's Hall. While we were absent for a few weeks without an instructor, you were still there exercising!! (great for you) Management has hired a new instructor by the name of Robin Terraciano. Robin was born and raised in West Palm Beach Florida. She has been married to her husband for over 30 years. Robin has had a variety of jobs in the past because she was unsure of what she wanted to become. Robin has owned a deli at one point then she started working for "Curves for Women" and she loved it. At this point Robin decided that she wanted to become a personal trainer. So she started school with the International Sports Science Association. Robin received her personal trainer certificate and went on to get her Fitness Therapy and Fitness Nutrition certifications as well. Robin also specializes in working with the special needs populations in which she enjoys helping people feel stronger and become healthier. So, let's give a warm Highlands Ridge welcome to Robin!



Let's Keep Highlands Ridge Beautiful!

**LGA NEWS**

By: Pam Wick, *Vice-President* [HRLGA18@gmail.com](mailto:HRLGA18@gmail.com)



Thanks to our Round Robin Team of Karen Swan, Sharon Borrell and Monique Murdock for organizing yet again, the perfect event. Congratulations to the winners....

**First Flight:**

Ann Meyer/Joellyn Hufford  
Tie Deborah Reimer/Georgia Trissell  
Becky Hobbs/Pat Olesek

**Second Flight:**

Shirley Anthony/Joan White  
Nancy Owens/Terry Kalis  
Cindy Becker/Sue Schinderle

**Third Flight:**

Donna Landers/JoEllen Lathwell (playoff)  
Sue Thompson/Rhoda Thiel  
Arlene Taylor/Jo Sienkiewicz



To quote Joan White's brother, after hearing she Shirley won their flight...  
to get it home?"

and  
"That's a very large trophy. How are you going

**Closest to the Pin:**

#4 Arlene Taylor  
#15 Joan White  
#4 Sue Thompson  
#7 Marianne Fischer  
#15 Vernie Baker  
#4 Cindy Becker  
#7 Shirley Anthony

Remember if you would like to change tees, let me know (email: [pwick01@gmail.com](mailto:pwick01@gmail.com) or text: 510-205-1407) to ensure we have your handicaps and scorecards completed correctly. The next time to change will be prior to the summer season - May 1st - October 31st.

Once you move forward or back, you will not be able to change again until designated intervals

**COMING UP:**

**Choose up Tournament MARCH 2** Play on South Course at 8 am shotgun 2 Best Balls of 4 Team: 4 players. D Players will pick teams. Cost: \$20 Includes play, prizes, lunch, tea and tip. Lunch following at 3 Gens. Sign up and pay at the North Course (NON-MEMBERS NEED TO PLAY GREEN FEES) Sign Up Deadline: February 24th. (No refunds for food if you cancel after Feb. 24)

**Member Guest Tournament Monday MARCH 30** 9am Shotgun, South Course 8:15am Registration, 8:50am be in carts for announcements, Breakfast – pastries/fruit/coffee/juice Lunch/Awards following at 3 Gens. Sign up and pay by March 20 at North Course. Deadline if you need a partner is March 13.

If you or your group are making a basket for the raffle, or are contributing a craft, please deliver to Pam Wick 5064 Birkdale Drive by March 20.

**Divorce Open NOVEMBER 19-20, 2020** with the banquet on Saturday November 21, 2020.

**Food Drive Challenge February 1 – April 29** – Let's beat Harder Hall, Sun N Lakes and Golf Hammock!!

Drop off your items at

Pam Wick 5064 Birkdale Drive

It's a perfect time to clean out your pantry to donate to the Heartland Food Bank. Each item you donate equals 1 ticket for the raffle for \$100 gift certificate to 3 Gens. (Gift certificate generously donated by Ann Meyer)



## MGA News

By: Phil Hunter, *Secretary*



The MGA Board would like to welcome our NEWEST MEMBERS: Dennis and John Ouillette and returning member, Roy Hathorn.

Gary Dobereiner will be leaving the Board after many years of service and many years of organizing our most popular event, the Member/Guest. Next time you see, "Dobie", be sure to thank him for all he's done for the MGA! Anyone interested in becoming a Board member can contact one of the officers: R.Swan, C.Dillman, J.Freeman, S.Cline, P. Hunter. Be sure to sign up and pay early at the N. Course Pro Shop for the MEMBER/GUEST. Let's make Dobie's last one the biggest Member/Guest ever! It's 3 days starting on Thurs., March 26th at 12:30 at the N. Course. Price includes a choice of 7 great tee gifts for each player, all food and beer, prizes and your guest's green fees. We'll be looking for volunteers to help organize next year's M/G.

Reminder that if you want to change the tees you're playing from, please contact President Ron Swan. Some MGA members are going back to the W/G combos now that the courses have been re-rated and the gold tees are so much farther back.

### Here are the results for the January PLAY WITH A PRO:

1ST Flight: Morrill/Hunter 64, Brown/O'Laughlin 67, Barney/Taylor 68, Ashcraft/Beaudoin 69  
 2nd Flight: Dillman/Freeman 64, McDonnall/D.Stewart 66, Ostapo/Walker 67, Bennett/Wade 69  
 3rd Flight: Winters/Baker 67 4th Flight: Blesch/Quay 56, Olesek/Sharpe 63  
 Flight winners with their Pros: Hunter, Dillman, Robinett, Blesch

### Here are the results for the February PLAY WITH A PRO:

1ST Flight: Hunter/Morrill 62, Moore/Flaherty 63, Ferrigan/Dobie 65, Hobbs/Shine 65  
 2nd Flight: Steullet/Gray 62, O'dell/Baltzell 65, Marshall/Flotow 66, Dillman/Freeman 66  
 3rd Flight: Lynch/Tirdil 62, Master/Hurless 64, Shearer/Mauck 66, Reimer/Epling 68  
 4th Flight: Quay/Blesch 57, Olesek/Sharpe 61, Lahr/Sosely 64  
 Flight winners with their Pros: Flaherty, Gray, Baker, Haas

The 3rd PLAY WITH A PRO will be Tues., March 10 at the N. Course at 8 a.m. Sign up at the South Course. All of our handicaps have dropped with the World Handicap System now in effect since January, so don't be surprised. Happy Golfing!



## LGA 9-Hole News

By: Mary Ann Beyer, *President*



How did March get here so fast!?! And how can retired ladies be SO busy?! Our January Sadie Hawkins "Roaring Into The 20's" event was a huge success. Dinner was delicious, dancing was stupendous and the costumes were just wonderful. The results of the golf tournament were:

**1st Place** - Weidemann/Hall & Beck  
**2nd Place** - Nielson/Ullery & Wilson  
**3rd Place** - Chiarot/Cline  
**4th Place** - Klauk/Currie & Jones  
**5th Place** - Kalis & Foreman/Beaudoin  
 CTP - #4 - Sam Cline, 24'1"; #6 - Roger Quay, 15'10"  
 Chip In - #2 - Susan Beaudoin

We had our Valentines Golf Tournament on Feb. 12 on the NC, with the Red Ball challenge. Results:

**1st Place** - Cindy Becker  
**2nd Place** - Janet Weidemann  
**3rd Place** - Carla Hebert  
**4th Place** - Elaine Weiner  
 CTP - #13 - Rhoda Thiel, 4'11"; #16 - Sally Currie, 22'8"

The Valentines Luncheon was held on Feb.13 at Founder's Hall. We enjoyed soup and salad catered by Olive Garden and the Events Committee provided a wonderful desert. Since no one lost their red ball, each golfer received a bottle of wine (compliments of the Tournaments Committee) Randy Odell joined us to explain the new handicap system in more depth. It was decided at the meeting that we will all post our own scores rather than the 1st person on the card. Most people have the App on their Smart Phones and it will simplify it for everyone. If you are unable to do so, ask someone in your group to help you.

Our St Patrick's Day event will be on Sunday, March 15 with a golf tournament on the South Course and dinner and dancing to Two Smooth at 3 Gen's Grill. Watch the screen room for more information. This will be the last couples event for this season.



Highlands Ridge Holdings

**IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS**

Administration  
Phone: 863-471-1115  
Fax: 863-471-3398

The Tavern  
863-453-7600

3 Gen's Grill  
863-201-7135

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

Highlands County  
Sheriffs Dept.  
**EMERGENCY 911**  
Non-emergency  
863-402-7200

Highlands County  
Recycling  
863-655-6400

Animal Control  
863-402-6730

Duke Energy  
800-228-8485  
Outages  
800-700-8744 Service

City of Sebring  
Utilities Department  
863-471-5112 /  
471-0166

Century Link  
1-800-788-3600

Comcast Cable  
1-800-934-6489

Tax Collector  
863-402-6685

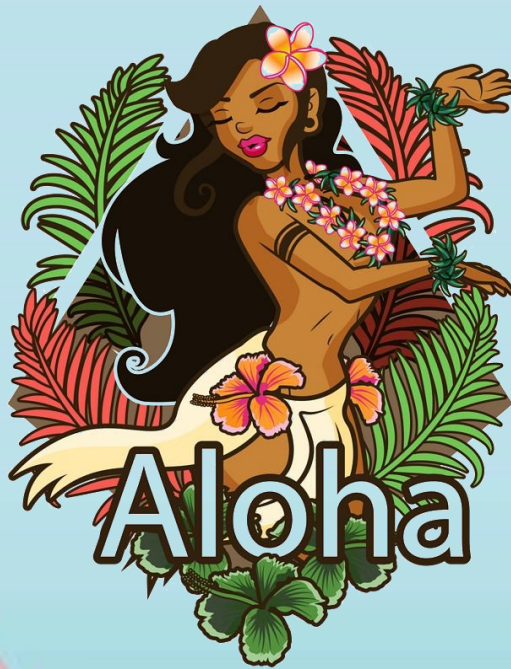
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Garbage Collection  
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Recycle Me

## Going Away Dance



Saturday, April 4, 2020

Founder's Hall

7:00 pm—10:00 pm

“BYOB”

Two Smooth

Stop by the office or call to sign-up

Cost is \$10 per person



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