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BOARD NOTES

Christmas is over and now we pack up notes and records of 2015, break out the new calendar and celebrate the arrival of a New Year. 2015 was a positive and memorable year for Highlands HOA. As final thoughts, we reflect on the following highlights ...

- Implemented Clubhouse exterior upgrades
- Replaced unsecured exterior doors
- Completed a comprehensive Reserve Study
- Installed automated Clubhouse secure entry system
- Remodeled Clubhouse office
- Rebuilt walking path bridge
- Numerous community activities, most often including wonderful food

Looking forward to the New Year, the HOA will see renewed activity toward resolving the long-term common-area drainage issue, as well as planned replacement of the oldest marginal trees throughout the common grounds and repairs to our beautiful perimeter walls.

During this past year, Elsa Mann established a well-organized Memorial Committee and we commend her for her efforts. Elsa has now decided it is time to step aside and has turned the committee over to Hermine Valley who will carry on as Chairperson.

Bill Rinehart has decided to retire from coordinating the twice monthly Movie Night. Thank you BILL for your years of service! Nancy Crandell (organizer of the Arts & Crafts Faire) will chair the Movie Night Committee and **we are searching for a Co-Chair to work with her.**

Joyce Biglione has graciously coordinated the activities of the Hospitality Committee including the display of our community artwork throughout the Clubhouse and refreshments for Town Hall meetings and the Annual Meeting. **We are looking for a volunteer to take over as Chair of the Hospitality Committee** as Joyce has stepped down.

At 11 a.m. on Tuesday, January 19, we will have a Special Events Planning Meeting following the Tuesday morning Coffee Hour. You will want to be there to help decide the schedule of events for 2016. To continue the quality of events we have enjoyed we need a volunteer to provide overall co-ordination of the various events. If you would be interested in becoming **Chairperson of Special Events** or if you have a friend who is a 'likely suspect' to fit this role, please let us know.

In summary we are looking forward to another positive year of growth and development in Highlands Community and a calendar filled with many opportunities for FOOD, FUN, & FELLOWSHIP with old and new friends.

With everyone collaborating in 2016, we are expecting a Very Happy New Year!

Dave Platt, President

CONDO NOTES

Happy New Year, everyone. Have you all been enjoying our recordng rainfall? As this is being written there are still two weeks left in December and it looks like we really will set a new December rainfall record. Because of this weather it's been a while since Wilamette Landscape has visited. Rest assured they will get our campus all cleaned up whenever weather permits. Winter landscaping schedules are very weather dependent.

Have you noticed the new street lights? Aren't they a huge improvement, especially on the dark, rainy and gloomy nights we've had since they were installed?

Last month many of the volunteers who keep our property running smoothly were mentioned in the Highlands Highlights but a few were missed: How could Gerry Whitten, the chair of both the Maintenance and Finance Committees be forgotten? Judy Sutton is the hardworking Chair of the Replacement Reserve Committee, and of course we have five members on our Board of Directors. Somehow Sharon Wilfong was forgotten. There are countless other volunteers who serve on committees and all are appreciated. Homeowners should be grateful for the hard work of all your generous neighbors. Without them, Highlands wouldn't be the well-run operation that it is.

Speaking of volunteers, it's that time of year once again. Our Annual Meeting will be held on February 11, 2016. There will be two openings on the Condo Board of Directors. If you are interested in being a candidate for the Board of Directors please contact a current Board member for more information.

Please be aware that Pride Disposal will not pick up Christmas trees. You will have to arrange for disposal on your own. There are locations where they can be taken. Watch for information in the newspaper or check the internet.

Our next regular Board Meeting will be at 3 p.m. on Thursday January, 14, 2016 at the Clubhouse. Why don't you join us? All homeowners are always welcome.

Zoe Allen, Board Secretary

ALC

The Architecture and Landscape Committee kept busy in 2015. It is evident that Highlands residents are proud of their houses and property by the number of improvement applications the Committee received. A priority for 2016 is addressing drainage problems that affect some of the HOA property. This is no small project and will require more than one year to complete. Another important project for the ALC will be to perform maintenance and repairs on the brick wall surrounding the Highlands perimeter.

The Committee makes it a priority to make decisions on applications quickly. In addition to the monthly meeting, a weekly committee meeting is being held to review new applications. Unless there are additional questions about the project, applications will be approved and the applicant will be notified within 24 hours after the meeting.

Emergency repairs to the exterior of houses or landscaping: We have had some questions as to why emergency projects must be reported to the ALC. This allows the Committee to ensure all approved products, colors, landscape designs, etc., are used. In the event of an emergency repair, once you have the emergency under control and you have a repair plan established, please contact Judy Baese at 503-598-0289, who is in charge of new applications. Judy will discuss the repairs with you. An application explaining the work needs be filled out.

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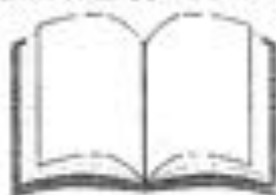
Dean Packard has resigned as Chairperson of the ALC. He will co-chair with Judy Austin, the new Chairperson, until spring. At that time Mark Perkins will be the new co-chair. The Board approved ALC members for 2016 are: Judy Baese, Ed Benberg, Mary Anne Miles, Mary Mills, Dean Packard, Mary Ann Packard, Jane Paulson, Mark Perkins and Judy Austin. Bill McKee will continue to attend the ALC as an associate member. Dean Packard will become an associate member when Mark assumes the Co-Chair position. Rick Wilson will become a regular voting member of the committee at that time.

The Committee thanks everyone for their cooperation throughout 2015 and wishes all of you a happy and healthy new year.

LIBRARY WHISPERINGS

2015 was a great year for the Highlands Library. The Committee handled over 2700 books during the past year and many, many other items. We'd like to thank our community for all the donations were made.

Speaking of donations, we would like to improve our movie, DVD and audio books on CD collections. If you have movies, DVDs or audio books on CD to donate please bring them to the Library and place them on the cabinet next to the desk. No movies on VHS or books on tape, please.



I would like to thank our volunteers that work to keep our community library looking good all year round! They are Janet Veronda, Bobbi Siegel, Bobee Rinehart, Pat Iverson, Shirley Fisher, Pepper White, Linda Lucero, Judy Brown, Joanne Findtner, Dorothy Fishel, Bill Rinehart, Shel Siegel and Jan Whitaker. Great job everybody. Happy New Year.

Leslie Watson, Highlands Librarian

BIBLE STUDY

We are privileged to have Pastor Dave McEheran with us on January 5. He is a gifted teacher of the Bible, and is an accomplished guitarist and vocalist who will also lead us in singing. A retired pastor, he serves as Chaplain for a snior living Center in Beaverton.

Pastor Joel Slater joins the Highlands Bible study on January 19. He teaches Scripture with exceptional and meaningful clarity, and we are blessed to have Pastor Joel with us. He is an Adult Education /Congregational Life Pastor for his large Portland church.

Each of these presentations start at 7 p.m. They are non-denominational and the messages and music are one hour in length, followed by coffee, refreshments, and fellowship. All Highlanders are encouraged and invited to attend.

CLUBHOUSE INTERIORS



This committee will be traveling to other senior clubhouses in our area to view their facilities in preparation for painting Clubhouse interior. We hope to bring some color on the walls and viewing other facilities will help us in this endeavor. In addition, we will be seeking the expertise of a colorist to assist us in coordinating choices.

Happy New Year from the CI committee. We wish everyone a new year filled with happiness, good health and lots of laughter.

Jo Hendrickson, Chair

SPECIAL EVENTS

My sincere thanks go to seven hard workers for all their help with the holiday dinner. Gary Melott, LaWanda Hallam, Marguerite Burns, Jo Hendrickson, Judy Baese, Bev McCauley, Ed Benberg.

Gary, you did a super job as our MC and did the decision-making for the relish trays; LaWanda and Marguerite selected the pies and cut them for us. Jo prepared the holiday poster and created the dinner tickets, as well as purchased the party supplies; Judy selected the poinsettias and delivered them to the Clubhouse; Bev added the personal touch to each of our table decorations and sold tickets; Gary and Ed got the table and chairs set up (with the able crew from Friday Night Happy Hour) and kept us on the straight and narrow with their years of experience in putting a dinner together.

Thanks again to all the chairmen of our HOA committees who donate their time and effort to keep us running smoothly. Each one received a poinsettia in appreciation of jobs well done!

Huge thanks go to Krs Simpson of Passages Realty. She does a good job selling homes here in Highlands, and donated four lovely door prize baskets.

The high spot of the evening was the kiss bestowed to Ruth Sherman under the mistletoe of the singers. They could not have chosen a more deserving lady. Thanks to each of you who made the evening unique.

Sue Anderson, Chair

SPECIAL EVENTS FOR JANUARY

It's time for our Annual Chili Feed. This famous event has been going on for a number of years, led by unsurpassed Chef Ed Benberg! Plan on it this very moment! Saturday, January 16 with service beginning at 6 p.m.

For those of you who might be new to our community, this is a looked-forward-to event, at a huge bargain of just \$7 per person! The chili is accompanied by garlic bread, green salad, and added on treats for the top of the chili. AND, on top of all that goodness, there is our special apple crisp and ice cream for dessert! You'll have to agree that this is a cost-rich meal!

Mark your calendar now!!! And sign up on the bulletin board at the Clubhouse!



MOVIE NIGHTS

A huge "thank you" goes to Bill Rinehart for the years he has spent putting together movies for our viewing pleasure. There is a new chair person for our Movie Nights in the person of Nancy Crandell, who is best known for her successful putting-together of our Arts and Crafts Faire last month.

We will kick off our 2016 Movie Nights on Friday January 8, with a presentation of the long-running musical "Billy Elliot" courtesy of Elsa Mann. This is a live presentation of the Tony award-winning musical currently on Broadway. It takes place in industrial England during the miners strike of 1984-85 and centers on an 11-year-old boy, Billy Elliott, pursuing an unusual talent despite community and parental expectations.

On January 22, we will show the Alfred Hitchcock classic thriller "North by Northwest" starring Cary Grant and Eva Maria Saint.

There will be a movie suggestion sheet on the bulletin board for special movie requests. Let me know what you would like to see. I'm still looking for someone to help me and fill in when I can't be here for the showing. Please let me know if you enjoy movies and would like to help.

Nancy Crandell 503-746-6701

DIRECTORY COMMITTEE

New Members

Day, Lavelle & Marie	16098 SW 130th Terrace
Juskowiak, Robert & Kathleen	16443 SW 129th Terrace
Larson, Larry & Marsha	16363 SW 130th Terrace, #99
Rau, Peter and Anne	12661 SW Dickson Street

Phone Numbers – New or Corrected

Davis, Judy	971-371-2149
Sjordal, Tom	503-758-2259
Walker, Jeff & Sharon	1-541-990-0830
Whitaker, Bruce & Jan	503-620-4192 (cell)

BOOK CLUB

"Senioritus Book Group" - (our book club title) - is meeting this month on Saturday, January 16, at 10 a.m. in the Clubhouse. Come on, there must be more readers in our community than are showing up for our interesting discussions about literature. I can't believe there aren't more imaginative minds out there who want to explore the wonderful world of books. We're reading a delightful tale this month called "A Man Called Ove: A Novel." Now, doesn't that draw your interest? It is a wonderful tale of a curmudgeon of a man named Ove, of course! We're reading a translation from the original Swedish, and it's really a good little story. Come join us over a cup of coffee and learn something new!

COLORING GROUP



Lisa Kaus (Jo and Bill Hendrickson's daughter) will be joining the Coloring Group on Friday, January 8, at 10:30 a.m. She brings 20 years art/teaching experience with her and is enthusiastic to share some of her creative techniques and tips using current coloring books. Lisa will also be bringing some of her favorite art supplies for all to sample and play with too.

If you haven't attended before, please feel free to come and join us. We will have some supplies to use to get you started. Hope to see you there!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

There will be no Happy Hour on New Year's Day, Friday, January 1. See you next week!

There will be no Bingo played during the winter months. Contact Sue Anderson if you're interested in joining the happy group of Bingo players when they resume.

Wrapsody WILL meet on January 1, by unanimous vote! Too much football

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We had a call from a resident the other day regarding the finding of a mother cat and kittens on her property. She wasn't sure if the cat was feral, and wondered who to call. In all cases like this, the first call should be to an animal shelter. Close by in Hillsboro is the Bonnie L. Hays Animal Shelter at 503-846-7041. In any situation with wild or feral animals, that should be the first call for help, and they are usually very responsive.

A note about the addition to our calendar: The Coloring Group meets every Friday morning at the Clubhouse – to do what? Why, color, of course. An interesting note in Sunday's Oregonian about it. "Then there is the strange popularity of coloring books for adults. The phenomenon sneaked up on people" a writer had in The Atlantic said recently. "I found the trend most baffling and maybe a little dumb. But I saw some in a bookstore the other day and I immediately said to my friend, 'well, I'm not leaving here without one of these'." The trend's appeal: we live in a stressful, go-go-go society where we're always plugged in and hurried. There's something about filling in the complex, ornate patterns that is calming and restorative. Three of the books on Amazon's 2015 Top 10 bestselling list are coloring books!

Come, take an hour or so to join us. We have lots of books and pages to share, and lots of different color pencils. Try it, you might like it!

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**BEST WISHES TO ALL MY NEIGHBORS IN
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NEW YEAR!**

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Clubhouse Office Hours: Monday, Wednesday, 9 to 12; Thursday, 1 to 4
 Calendar items are accurate as of the 1st of the month. For updates, please check the Master Calendar in the
 Clubhouse lobby or on the front door of the Clubhouse