



HIGHLAND HERALD



CHRISTMAS TIME AGAIN

DECEMBER IS THE MONTH
WE CELEBRATE WITH ZEST
CHRISTMAS IS THE HOLIDAY
WE SHOW OUR VERY BEST.

THIS IS THE TIME OF YEAR
WHEN WISHES DO UNFOLD
NOT ONLY FOR THE YOUNG
BUT ALSO FOR THE OLD. HAHA

FAMILY'S COME TOGETHER
TO SHARE THIS WONDERFUL DAY
GATHER ROUND THE CHRISTMAS TREE
TO WATCH THE CHILDREN PLAY.

BUT LET US ALL REMEMBER
THE TRUE MEANING OF THIS DAY
THE BIRTH OF OUR LORD
IN A MANGER WHERE HE LAY.

PEACE, LOVE AND HAPPINESS TO ALL!

BY: ROSE SAUNDERS
11/08



DECEMBER ACTIVITIES

- Dec 1, 3, 5: Geisen Cup Handicap Golf Tournament
- Dec. 6 Geisen Cup Banquet & Awards, 4:30 PM
- Dec. 7 Ice Cream Social, 3 PM
- Dec. 9 HCC Board Meeting, 5:30 PM
- Dec. 13 Pancake Breakfast, 7:30 AM
- Dec. 13 Christmas Entertainment
Heartbeats and Rhythm, 7 PM
- Dec. 18 Christmas Fun Golf
Tournament, 1 PM
- Dec. 20 Red Hat Christmas Party
- Dec. 21 Monthly Birthday Party, 4 PM
- Dec. 22 Ladies Luncheon, 12:30 PM
- Dec. 24 Christmas Dinner, catered,
3 PM
- Dec. 31 New Year's Eve Party



NOTES FROM ELS

WALKING AFTER DARK

We see many resident out walking during evening hours, either to or from an activity, or just out to get some fresh air and exercise. Last week it was reported that some of you were walking in the middle of the street. This is dangerous, especially at dusk when it is hard for a driver to see you. We want you all to be safe so here are some suggestions:

- 1: Please stay as close to the side walks as possible. **DO NOT WALK IN THE MIDDLE OF THE STREET!**
- 2: Try to wear something reflective on a piece of clothing, ie: reflective tape on the heel of shoes, back of clothing.
- 3: Be aware of motorists, especially if you are near a corner of a street.

Last month, a resident was leaving the community at dusk. As they turned a corner, they saw someone walking right in the middle of the street. Because this driver was going the speed limit, they were able to stop. Even so, they didn't see the walker until they were very close. **So stop and look!**

EVERYONE NEEDS TO SLOW DOWN. Our speed limit is 15 MPH. I want to say that again. The speed limit is 15 MPH. We have many residents who like to walk or drive golf carts in our community. **DRIVE 15 MPH OR LESS!**

Suzanna Span, Manager

FROM ELS ACTIVITY DIRECTOR

Hello To All,

II hope all of you had a wonderful Thanksgiving and I wish all of you a blessed and merry Christmas and happy holidays!

Very briefly, I would like to remind everyone that I adopted 5 families from one of our sister communities. Seyenna Vistas. The residents there are less financial secure and I hope you'll join The Meadows and Hacienda de Valencia in collecting food, clothes and toys. I should have a list by next week and will put it up on the bulletin board.

It's been a pleasure to working with some of you (I still need to meet all of you) and I hope we all have a fun year ahead of us.

Be kind to one another and stay healthy!

Regards,

Barbara DeMith



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THE INSIDE FRONT PAGE



FRED AND THE GEISEN CUP

Even those of us who don't golf have heard of Fred Geisen. His name is on this plaque between the putting green and the office. And the golf club holds a Geisen Cup Golf Tournament each year in his honor.

Fred, a retired turkey farmer from the Midwest, was small in size and large in character. He was well liked in the growing community that was Brentwood in the 80's. He never met a stranger and he made everyone feel at home.

As you read last month, Fred was the catalyst for getting our golf course built. But Fred had other interests too. He and his wife, Jean, were avid bridge players, for instance. And Fred was good with his hands. He liked to do fun craft projects. One of his projects was toy soldiers that he made out of the worst of those golf balls he dredged from the pond every year.

Fred passed away in 1998 at the age of 83, but Jean still lives in Mesa.

This year the Geisen Cup will be held on December 1, 3 and 5. An Awards Banquet will be on Saturday, the 6th at 4:30 PM in the clubhouse.

MORE GOLF NEWS

The November Golf Scramble had a field of 27 golfers. First place winners were Marion Hargreaves, Dudley Jans and Jim Whitworth. Marion also got a hole in one. Seve Severson, Jim Wenbourne and Sharon Eckert came in second. The team of Bill Johnson, Loretta Poe and Hank Strickland tied for third with the team of Barry Wood, Polly Wenbourne and Joan Will.

At annual Golf Club elections in November, Sharon Eckert, Loretta Poe and Barry Wood were chosen to serve 3 year terms as Board Members.

On December 18th, there will be a Christmas Fun Tournament, an 18 hole scramble.

We are always looking for more golfers, so if you are interested in playing, come on out. We golf every Monday, Wednesday and Friday starting at 9 AM. Ladies play on Thursdays at 9 AM. Come out and play.



HCC NEWS

The Prez Sez: This will be my final article as your Pres. I want to tell everybody that helped me so much "Thank You." A lot of things I wanted to get done didn't happen but then, some good things did.

We had a very successful Election and H.C.C membership drive. The new board members are as follows

Area 1: Norma Johnson—2 Yrs, Betty Anderson—1 Yr, Eric Shaw, Alt.—1 Yr.

Area 2: Jan McDaniels—2 Yrs, Kyla Jackson—1 Yr, Mary O'Conner, Alt. 1 Yr.

Area 3: Laurette Johnson—2 Yrs, Bob Johnson—1 Yr, Bruce Williams, Alt.—1 Yr.

Area 4: Irene Helm—2 Years, Barb Peters—1 Year, Connie Tusa, Alt.—1 Yr.

Area 5: Don Eckert—2 Yrs, Sue Rhodes— 1 Yr, Adelle Genow, Alt.— 1 Yr.

These new directors will choose the next officers and Activities Director for H.C.C.

Just wanted to say thanks to everyone for their participation in the Bake Sale, and our Community Yard Sale. It was very successful and we raised over \$500.00. And thanks to my helpers for all their hard work.

I have to say one more thing before I close:

We as a community have lost one of our own, a most valuable treasure in Pete Peters. When I took this job, somewhat reluctantly, Pete took me under his wing and did everything he could do to make me successful. So all of the great things we got done are a direct result of his help.

Pete, we will all miss you very much because as time goes by we will realize just how important you were to all of us. God Bless You, and Barb you are in all our prayers.

Chuck Heit, Outgoing HCC President

AAMHO Updates:

Our AAMHO (Arizona Assn. of Manufactured Homes and RV Owners) representatives are Thom Feit, Jim McDaniels, Don Richer and Irene Helm. You can contact any of these people if you have a question or want to join. Dues are \$24 per household per year.

There were several informational fliers on the AAMHO table, during our HCC elections. You can still get them by calling one of the reps.



The Amazing Claude is providing the entertainment at the senior center. "Unlike most hypnotists who put only two or three people into a trance at a time, I am going to hypnotize all of you."

"I want you to keep your eye on this watch," Claude tells the seniors as he swings a silver watch on its chain. "Don't look away."

The crowd stares at the watch as it swings gently back and forth. "Watch the watch, watch the watch, watch the watch..."

Suddenly, the timepiece slips from the hypnotist's fingers and falls to the floor, breaking into a hundred pieces.

"S--T!" says the hypnotist.

It took three days to clean up the senior center.



EDITOR'S NOTES

The Herald has changed! Our new look comes thanks to Barbara DeMith, ELS Activities Director. ELS wants some continuity with the newsletters in their many communities so although your editors will still be doing the newsletter, Barb will be completing it....and adding a few pages including a colorful cover. Also Betty Olsen, the leader of our hard-working delivery team, will no longer need to staple every newsletter—it now comes folded and stapled in booklet style. Thanks, Barbara!

You will still be able to access the Herald and the calendar online, although you may not be able to get the pages that Barbara adds.

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Please contact your editors by the **15th of the month** for all submissions to the Herald. Ideas for articles and people to interview or honor are welcome.

THE 2009 DIRECTORY

Look for a form on your clips around the 15th of the month asking you about any new information or changes to your directory listing. Please fill it out as directed and replace it on your clip so our delivery crew can pick it up and get it back to Lorrie Johnson. Lorrie is doing the directory for the HCC again this year. She says she hopes to have the completed directory ready to distribute by the middle of January.

It is up to each of us to make sure our own information is correct so we can have as accurate a directory as possible. The directory will show the name and address of everyone who lives in our community. If you prefer not to have the directory show anything else, or to show only certain information, just say so on your form.



A man was telling his neighbor, "I just bought a new hearing aid. It cost me four thousand dollars, but it's state of the art. It's perfect."

"Really," answered the neighbor. "What kind is it?"

"Twelve thirty."

HCC COPIER

The HCC copier now lives with Peg and Millard Copas, #184. Please call them at 768-0785 first to make arrangements to make copies. They are in and out, but they will return messages.

Get the Highland Herald Online:
hugs.helen.com/herald.html

EXERCISES AND HEALTH

Weights: Monday, Wednesday, Friday.
7:45 - 8 AM with Mary O'Connor

Chair Exercises: Monday, Wednesday,
Friday, 8 - 8:30 AM.

Ladies Pool Exercises:
Weekdays, 9 AM with Martha
Nicholson. Come on down and
join the fun! Contact:
Martha, 854-0110.



TOPS. Tuesdays. Weigh-ins 10:45 AM
and program at 11. Contact: Mary Lou
Sim, 264-7792.

Shuffle Board. Tuesday and Thursday
at 10 AM. Trying to get a group to-
gether. Sign up in the clubhouse.

Golf: Monday, Wednesday, Friday, 9 AM
Contact: Marion Hargreaves, 641-0338.

Ladies Golf: Thursday, 9 AM

Partners Golf: Begins in January



CRAFTS

Ceramics: Tuesday, 1 PM in the craft
room. "A fun way to be creative." Visi-
tors are always welcome. Contact:
Marge Jankowski, 654-2151.

Carving: Thursdays, 1 PM. Bob John-
son donated a lot of wood and anyone is
welcome to use it. Contact: Jack Sim,
264-7792.

Quilting: Monday, 7 PM and Wednes-
day, 1 PM. "Not just quilts!" Bring your
quilting, sewing, knitting, or crocheting
project. Contact: Joyce Krzystofiak,
832-6530.

Chorus: Tuesday, 7 PM. New singers -
and wannabe singers—always welcome!
Contact: Barb Peters, 218-5924.



Sign up ahead of time and come play.
All activities are in the clubhouse unless
otherwise noted:

Men's Bridge: Monday, Wednesday &
Friday, 12:30 PM.

500: Wednesdays at 7 PM

Women's Bridge: Friday at 12:30 PM.
Everyone welcome.

Bunko: First and Third Wednesdays
(December 3 and 17) at 6:30 PM. Cost:
\$2, all returned in prizes and a snack.
Contact: Bill Johnson, #1 (807-1845).

Bingo: Thursday at 6:30 PM. An eve-
ning of fun with friends and neighbors,
treats and CASH—"You can make more
playing Bingo than golf."

OTHER REGULAR EVENTS

You must now sign up **and pay**
for most activities beforehand!
Directions for who to pay will be
on the signup sheets.

Saturday Coffee: Saturdays, 7:30 AM.
Free coffee, donuts 75¢. Catch up on
the news of the week.

TGIF: Fridays, 4:30 PM cocktails, 5:30
PM, dinner. \$2 plus a side dish for 8.
Bring your own silver and service. Con-
tact: Don Richer, # 22, 807-4133.

Ladies Luncheon: Monday, Dec. 22nd
at 12:30 PM. Bring a dollar and a salad
or dessert for 6.

Red Hats: Christmas Party, Dec. 20th.

Birthday Party: Sunday, Dec. 21st at
4 PM. Free meat and dessert, but bring
a side dish. Contact: Mary Shaw, #86,
773-7489.

Ice Cream Social: Dec. 7 at 3 PM.



HEART BEATS & RHYTHMS

Don't miss Heat Beats & Rhythm when they come to entertain us on December 13th at 7 PM. This cabaret style musical review includes a unique blend of song, dance and beautiful costumes. Their fast paced Christmas show will have the wonderful sounds of the Season along with the group's usual toe tapping music, clogging and great singing. Throw in a lot of comedy and you are in for a fun evening.

Look for the sign up sheet which will show the cost. **As with most activities now, you must pay ahead.**



Bumper Stickers:

- * *If You Can Read This, I've Lost My Trailer.*
- * *He Who Hesitates Is Not Only Lost But Miles From The Next Exit*
- * *Don't Be Sexist - Broads Hate That*
- * *Money Isn't Everything, But It Sure Keeps The Kids In Touch*



HAVE A GREEN CHRISTMAS!

Start your "Green Christmas" this year by saving paper and postage by using email to those who have computers. Or you can create an online slideshow using a site like photobucket.com or jalbum.net.

Replace your old lights with LEDs. They cost more initially but use 80-90% less power than conventional mini bulbs.

Consider "green" gifts. Skip the store bought items the folks on your list may not need or want and give a home cooked meal, an hour or more of your special talent, or an experience such as tickets to a play. Or donate to a charity in their name. Even groups can get into the act and donate money to the less fortunate instead of having a gift exchange.

Wrap your gifts in recyclable paper like the Sunday funnies and use old VHS or cassette tape, both of which curl nicely on a sharp scissor's edge, for ties. Or a pretty scarf wrapping can be part of your gift. For packing, use unshelled peanuts or dry pasta.



Message to someone who drinks Michelob ULTRA:

Thank you for putting your cans in the recycle bins instead of the trash. **But you can support our Community Assistance Program instead of the city** by putting them in the green bins **behind** the big dumpsters. It's just a few extra steps.

Happy Anniversary



Happy Birthday

- 3rd Carl & Bonnie Rozelle #118
- 6th Bill & Lorrie Johnson #1
- 10th Bill & Elena Theisen #60
- 24th John & Marlene Edwards #134
- 28th Fred & Carolyn Townley-Smith #172
- 30th John & Bev Browning #136
- 31st Polly & Randy Britto #240
- 31st Seve & Marion Severson #135

- 4th Ed Gormley #48
- 4th Al Berry #142
- 4th Lorette Johnson #161
- 5th Neil Stone #34
- 6th Harold Berglund #53
- 6th Shirley Proud #127
- 7th Connie Tusa #221
- 8th Arlen Sloop #97
- 8th Don Eckert #255
- 9th Jay Robertson #3
- 9th Donna Jones #48
- 9th Connie Gordon #106
- 14th Gail Anshutz #18
- 16th Jennifer Saleh #5
- 16th Don Richer #22
- 16th Kyla Jackson #106
- 16th Roberta Porter #157
- 17th Ricki Hornstein #155
- 20th Jim Wenbourne #8
- 20th Bonnie Rozelle #118
- 20th Kirk Baden #76
- 20th Solange Baron # 203
- 20th Art Nixon # 208
- 23rd Carl Schweitzer #263
- 24th Donna McKenzie #33
- 24th Marilyn Lindner #232
- 25th Wanda Martin #110
- 25th Del Birmingham #162
- 25th Ray Mills #238
- 26th Marion Severson #135
- 26th Butch Partlow #140
- 27th Terry Spaulding #100



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Sue Rhodes/Mickey Wilson (returned to CA)

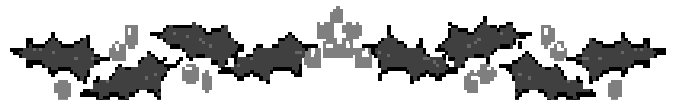
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You can submit corrections, changes and additions to the directory at any time. These will be noted in the next Herald and in the new directory that comes out in January.



In Fond Memory

- Ken Moen, #166, October 21
- Vern Johnson, #153, November 6
- Gerri Studer, #07, November 8
- Pete Peters, #224, November 21



If you have a birthday this month, don't forget your birthday party on the 21st. If it isn't your birthday, come anyway. Everyone is welcome.