Remember our Troops

December 2009

HIGHLAND HERALD

I float on my back
Relaxing in the pool
After a hard day of golf
And flea market shopping and
Watering my desert landscaped yard.
Awestruck eyes seeing palm trees
Reaching to the sky
Instead of firs and snowmen and icy roofs.
Tracing jet streams of white
Wondering who is flying where.
Is Grandma leaving her warm Arizona nest
To play with grandchildren in the snow?

Is Uncle Henry coming to visit,
Exchanging his winter coat for
Sunglasses and a drink on the patio?
Clouds gather as evening comes
Turning the sun's glare to rubies
And the palm trees to inky silhouettes.
Another winter day in paradise is ending.

HW, 2009

Happy Birthday

4th	Ed Gormley #48
4th	Al Berry #142
4th	Laurette Johnson #161
5th	Neil Stone #34
6th	Harold Berglund #53
6th	Shirley Proud #127
7th	Kay Caine #213
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
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

Happy Anniversary

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

HCC COPIER

The HCC copier is looking for a new home. If you are interested contact any board member. See

DECEMBER ACTIVITIES

2, 4	Geisen Cup Golf Tournament
3	History & Genealogy Club, 2PM
5	AAMHO meeting after coffee
	Red Hats Meeting, 8:30 AM
	Golf Banquet/Awards, 4:30PM
12	Pancake Breakfast 7:30 to 9AM
14	Red Hats Christmas Party
16	The Needham Twins -- 7:00 PM
20	Monthly birthday party
24	Christmas Dinner -- 3:00 PM
25	MERRY CHRISTMAS

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MEMORIES OF BRENTWOOD

Clarys Dembowski moved into Brentwood 32 years ago and left us last month to go live closer to her family. "It's time," the well preserved 90-something told us. She passes her mantle of "longest resident" on to Ralph Wilson. Her cousin Ronnie Jans, #116, asked her to share to share some memories with us.

So, here, between rounding up Christmas stuff to take with me and cleaning medicine cabinets, I'm sitting down to do a bit of remembering.

When we walked into # 49, we both knew it was the perfect winter escape for us. In fact, we borrowed the money locally because we didn't have much in checking and when the banker found out that the home was in Brentwood, he said, "Oh, that is a Premier Park. You can borrow on that for 1/2 a percent less than I first quoted." So, you see, Brentwood was First Class from the start.

When we used to go to Sky Harbor to meet guests, we headed, west by some southern route and stopped at one of the Japanese Flower garden stands to buy welcoming flowers. There were acres and acres of flowers in that day. Southern Ave. was still just a gravel road 'in stretches here and there---no through highway.

The golf course in Brentwood was just a weedy plot of ground more fit for a pasture than anything and then Fred Geisen and a group' of forward thinking 'men took it over. With the help of Fred's golf pro friend, they laid out the wonderful course we have today and with upkeep and maintenance eventually taken over by management, what you enjoy is what we've got.

If memory serves me right, the rent each month was about $89. But our retirement checks weren't very big either. There was always coffee brewing in the clubhouse kitchen. Management encouraged us to hose down our patios and carports every Friday. How clean we all were! Not many had two cars 'in their carport and-no one had a golf cart but there were a great many bicycles.

Potlucks were very different. We had long tables set up end to end and lists on the bulletin board. Each table brought food for just their group of about 20 and they planned their menus. That practice died out when it seemed that all the good cooks congregated at a few tables and the rest of us were stuck with the plain food we prepared. TGIF is much better, especially with Don in charge.

At that time the configuration of our kitchen and library was somewhat

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different. Our kitchen was narrower. So was the library, and a large hall ran between them, leading to the washrooms Here were our bulletin boards and there were shelves where we all left our cups from one day to the next. Germs and sanitation had not yet become so popular as they are today.

Another structural change came about when the new office was moved in on the end of the golf course. The former office became a craft area and the former pool room (3 tables) became a storage area for tables and chairs and a lounge area. The building at the end of the shuffle-board area was used for years as just another gathering place and as a room for the painting classes that were taught there twice a week. Now it is an exercise room. Long ago, the present pool and poker room was an art and meeting room. This just goes to show that there was CHANGE even before Obama.

Anywhere from 10 to 20 of us morning-walkers and others, biked to the clubhouse about 6 a.m. five days a week for 'show and tell' and discussions of weighty subjects. Jane Weiser had her special chair at the west end of the first table and usually had the funniest stuff to show. The owner of Brentwood, Glen Fry, and his maintenance assistant, Angel, were always at the table with us, wearing their jeans and ready for the hands-on work of keeping up the park.

Angel, a small Mexican man, had a little set of boxes and blankets hidden in the orange grove across the street and he lived there many years. It's just possible that the company did not provide him with health insurance or the promise of Social Security benefits.

There used to be a little gate at the entrance. It was manned every evening from about 6 to 10 by a man we referred to as 'Smiley'. As far as I know, he never smiled, but best of all, we never needed a clicker to get in.

Mr. Fry, who built the park, provided each home with 2 Phoenix palms in five-gal. buckets. The last space in the park had just been filled when we moved in, in March of 1977.

Saturday morning Kaffee Klatch has been since the beginning, it seems. The same three ladies just took care of it voluntarily, or out of the goodness of their hearts, those first years in the park. Watt Bair headed our meetings and we often had entertainment by our own people or their guests. To be sure that everyone was aware of this event, Ken LaSalle rode up and down each street about 6:30 a.m. on his bicycle, ringing a very loud bell that literally said, COME ONE, COME ALL, Horace Sutherland took over that job when Ken moved and performed that morning ritual faithfully for many years.

Everyone in the park had a saw or borrowed one and we trimmed our own palm trees but they finally grew too tall for aging residents to trim them from shaky step-ladders and the management took over the job.

The sights and sounds and smells were different then. Val Vista wasn't nearly as busy. In fact, there were times when traffic almost came to a standstill as ranchers herded their flocks of sheep to higher mountain pastures in the spring and home again in the fall.

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Houses and parks have replaced the beautiful and productive citrus groves of the eighties. In order to scare off coyotes that wanted to prey on new lambs; automatic shot-gun set-ups reverberated at times of the year in these orchards. If there happened to be a cold spell during the winter, we could smell the smudge-pots orchard owners maintained to save the fruit.

Dairy farms were not far away and their strong aroma floated through the park when the wind was right. The dairymen milked theft cows around the clock and we could take visitors to view their unique open air operations.

The list could go on for pages to include such things as The Great Rabbit Round-up, The wonderful musical productions our beloved Edna Miller put on. The new owner who raised our rent over $100 total during the space of one year. The lawn bowling tournaments. The shuffle-board tournaments and the Christmas caroling.

Clarys also took time out to write note to all of her many friends in the park:

Dear Highland Friends: You know who you are: The ones with the smiles and the hugs, the ones with 'encouraging words', the ones with the brilliant ideas, the artists, the musicians, the ones who share food, the ones who do favors, the ones who make me chuckle, the patient golfers, the ones who sympathize, the ones who remember me in prayer, the good cooks, the forgivers, the volunteers, and that about includes you all.

I've hiked the streets of this community, all the way from Brentwood to the Highlands, for more years than anyone (even one aged gentleman) and I hereby relinquish that standing to my long-time friend, Ralph Wilson.

One day, in a moment of recklessness, Don called me Mayor. I'd like to pass that honor on to Ralph. As with many political positions, the job requires no skill, affords no privileges, demands no education, and in this particular case, provides no pension. Love and Blessings to you all. LIVE WELL

Clarys Dembowski
701 Stearns Place, Room 702
Paynesville, Mn 56362

Recently another of our older residents moved to California. He is now in an assisted living facility near his daughter Margo. His new address is:

Em Zackoski, Phone: 408-528-1409

4463 San Felipe Rd. #342
San Jose, CA 95135

Margo writes: I know Dad will love to receive notes and phone calls. His new place is very nice and he hopes to play bridge in the next few days. We are really happy for him and so proud of his courage in making this big change.

You can go to the Online Herald to view some photos of Em in his new home.

Dan and Marion Hargreaves

PREZ SEZ

Although Marian and I have returned to the Northwest to spend Thanksgiving and Christmas with our family, we want to wish everyone at the Highlands a wonderful Holiday Season. We will be back in time to attend the New Years Eve party. See you there.

Dan Hargereaves,
HCC President, Pro Tem

HCC BOARD NEWS

The December meeting of the Board of Directors of the HCC has been postponed until Jan.4th 2010 at 5:00 PM because President Hargreaves will be away for the holidays.

Our annual general membership meeting of the HCC will be held at the clubhouse on Tuesday, Jan.5, 2010 at 7:00 PM. The agenda will cover introduction of board members and officers for 2010. We will also have a treasurer's report, AAHMO report and a golf report. Mark your calendars!

NOVEMBER ELECTIONS

We held our Board, Golf and AAMHO elections on November 14th. Mary Shaw and crew came in early and cooked breakfast for all the helpers that made voting so easy. And then they provided us with a great breakfast as an incentive to come down and vote. It worked! We had a great turnout.

Thanks to everyone who came down, paid their dues and voted. Results will be announced at the Annual Membership meeting on January 5th.

If anyone in the park, homeowner or renter still wants to join the HCC, you can contact any Area Representative. (They are listed on the cover of your Directory.)

If you still want to join the Golf Club, just show up for golf and someone will help you out.

If you are a homeowner, you should belong to AAMHO. If you haven't joined yet, contact Irene Helm, 248-7998.

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AAMHO AND YOU

On Saturday morning, December 5th, the Highlands at Brentwood chapter of the Arizona Association of Mobile Home Owners (AAMHO) will meet at 9 AM in the clubhouse. This will be both an informational and membership meeting. The gathering will follow the usual Saturday morning coffee session. This meeting is open to both AAMHO members and those who may wish further information about the organization.

Information will be shared concerning the change in the arbitration process as recently approved by the Arizona Supreme Court. This favors park residents who choose to proceed with such a process. An update of activities of AAMHO during the recent year, the concerns brought to the attention of park management and the current status of those concerns will be discussed. A park resident will share how AAMHO helped in the resolution of an issue dating back to the installation of those individual water meters and the resulting damage to the home due to faulty workmanship.

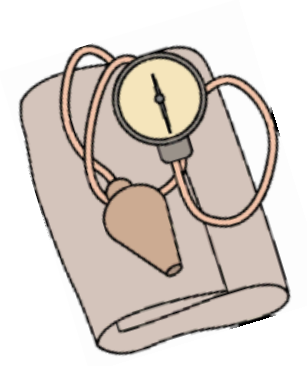
During the business portion of the meeting an election of officers for next year will be held.

We welcome the thirteen new members to AAMHO who joined during this recent membership drive. Our thanks to those renewing members for the support they have shown. There are almost one third of the park resident homeowners who are now members. We continue to grow. A big thanks to Irene Helm and Jan McDaniel who staffed the membership table.

If you have an idea or concern relating to our park, and would like to see it addressed, please fill out one of the yellow forms, located in a packet on the display case just outside of the front doors to our clubhouse. Give the form to any AAMHO officer, and you will be kept up-to-date concerning the progress. Many of the issues this past year were brought to the attention of park management through this process.

Thank you for the continued support of our Highlands at Brentwood AAMHO. See you Saturday, December 5th. See you Saturday, December 5th.

BLOOD PRESSURE READINGS



We are going to have set up a blood pressure reading service twice a month. We will have them at the Saturday morning coffee and the pancake breakfast. The first one is Nov. 28 at the coffee and the two in Dec. will be the 12th at the pancake breakfast and the 26th at the coffee. Come get your blood pressure read. You receive the reading on a sticky note to take with you to your doctor.

EXERCISES AND HEALTH

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

Chair Exercises: MWF, 8 AM 773-7489

Ladies Pool Exercises: MWF, 9 AM with Ann Baxter, 807-5313. Come on down and join the fun!

Dancing with the Oldies. Tuesday and Thursday, 8 AM. Mary Shaw.

TOPS. Tuesdays. Weigh-ins 10:45 AM and program at 11. Contact: Mary Lou Sim, 993-3137 .

Shuffle Board. On hold until we find a leader.

Wii Bowling. Thursdays, 10 and 11 AM and 12PM. No Cost. In the Billards Building on Juniper. Sign up in the club house. Spaces still open. Barb Peters 218-5924, Loretta Poe, 325-9297 or Peggy McNaney, 306-6216.

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

Ladies Golf: Thursday, 9 AM

TOPS

Meetings of the Highland's chapter of TOPS have resumed each Tuesday at 10:45. Weigh-in is held in the Exercise Room, and the meeting in the north room of the clubhouse. The purpose of the TOPS organization is providing incentives to lose weight and to focus on a healthy life style. Membership is open to residents of the Highland's as well as participants from other parks. We encourage you to visit a meeting, and see if this group would be good for you. Both men and women are welcome.

CRAFTS

Ceramics: Tuesday, 1 PM in the craft room. "A fun way to be creative." Visitors are always welcome. Come see what we've been doing. Sue Rhodes, 924-1516.

Carving: Thursdays, 10 AM. Barb Peters donated some attractive wood so we have a good supply. Anyone welcome. Jack Sim, 993 3137 .

Quilting: Monday, 7 PM and Wednesday, 1 PM. "Not just quilts!" Bring your quilting, knitting, crocheting or sewing project.—or just come and visit! Joyce Krzystofiak, 832-6530.

Genealogy Club: First Thursday of month (3rd) from 2-4 PM. Come share your family stories.

Chorus: Tuesdays at 7 PM in the clubhouse. New singers and wannabe singers welcome. Barb Peters, 218-5924

CARDS CORNER

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. Signup to come.

Bunko: First and Third Wednesdays. (2nd and 16th) at 6:30 PM. Cost: $2 and a snack, all $ returned in prizes. Contact: Barry Wood, 218-7478).

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

REGULAR EVENTS

Saturday Coffee: Saturdays, 7:30 AM. Free coffee, donuts $1. Catch up on the news of the week.

TGIF: Fridays, 4:30 PM social hour, 5:30 PM, dinner. $2 plus a side dish for 8. Bring your own table service. Contact: Don Richer, # 22, 807-4133.

Pancake Breakfast: Saturday, the 12th, 7:30 - 9 AM. Table service provided $4.00.

Ladies Luncheon: Monday, the 28th at 12:30. Bring salad or dessert and $1.

Red Hats: Saturday, the 5th at 8:30 AM, after coffee.

Sign up so we will know how many to plan for. Bring your own table service unless otherwise noted.

RED HATS

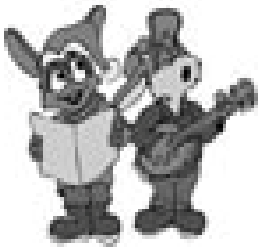
On Oct 8th the Classy Lassies went out to lunch at Joe's Farm and Grill in Gilbert and had a great time eating and walking around the grounds. On Nov 7th we had our monthly meeting and decided to go to see the new 3d version of A Christmas Carol starring Jim Carrey. There were nine of us that went and the movie got mixed reviews however we went to lunch at Chicago Pizza and everyone enjoyed their lunch. Our next meeting will be on December 5th after the morning coffee.

THE CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

Sisters Lois, Kathy and Pat are in charge of this year's Christmas Raffle. In the past we have raised a goodly amount of money for our HCC treasury to help pay for entertainment. Posters are up now, asking for your help in accumulating donations for the raffle.

The sisters are looking for new or "looks new" items. If you have contacts for restaurants or any businesses that might donate, they would appreciate your help. They will be selling tickets at Saturday Coffee and other functions. Tickets will be $1.00 each or 6 for $5.00. Winners will be picked at the last coffee before Christmas. Please join in to make this year's raffle a success for the HCC. If you have a donation, you can give it to any of the sisters:

Lois, #98, 275-5120
Pat, #1, 634-4425
Kathy, # 44, 924-0949



HIGHLANDS CHORUS

The Highlands Chorus has started again, just in time for Christmas singing. They can always use new voices. Barb and the rest of the group invites you to join them in song and fun. They practice on Tuesdays at 7 PM. Just show up or call Barb at 218-5924.

NOV. 4 BUNKO WINNERS:

Most bunkos: Gordon Will, Barb Peters
Most wins: Gordon Will, Sharon Eckert
2nd most wins: Marge Jankowski, Dan Hargraves
Least wins: Pat Maki

We had 24 players—the biggest turnout of the year. Barry Wood

2010 DIRECTORY

We will soon start gathering information that will enable us to put out a new directory. Forms will be distributed on our clips to be filled out and then picked up soon. Please fill out and return.

LOOKING FOR A RENTAL

Our friends from Minnesota who will be here for all of February and maybe two weeks in March. They are looking for a place in the park to rent. If you know of something available for this period, please contact me at 924-0949.

Thanks, Kathy Klawitter.

FROM FRED TOWNLEY-SMITH

I am continuing to recover from my hip replacement. I've stopped using a walker and moved up to a cane. My surgeon says that I should not drive until Christmas so I guess that will prevent us from coming to Mesa until January.

Carolyn has a compression fracture in her back which is very slow to heal. She has medical appointments will into December. If she is able to travel in the new year, we will come to the Highlands for a few months.

LADIES LUNCHEON

The November Ladies Luncheon was sponsored by Betty Olson. Thank you, Betty for providing the program about Thanksgiving. The December meeting will be on December 28th. I'm still hoping to have someone from Sign Chi Do come—no promises! The meeting will be on Monday, December 28th at 12:30 PM. Bring a salad or desert for six and a dollar and be prepared to enjoy yourselves.

Jan McDaniel and husband Jim

SAFETY EVENTS

We now have a volunteer Safety Director, Jan McDaniel. Already she has scheduled a couple of events.

The first was a visit from the Mesa Police Department. Attendants received a free car club for locking their steering wheel. "Even if you don't use it to lock up your car, it makes a great weapon," the lecturer told us.

The second was a presentation by the fire department, given by a pretty young woman in a form-fitting red dress and very high heels. Expect to see fire prevention pamphlets—she is giving us enough for everyone. You can get a free inspection of your home for fire prevention and a new smoke detector and batteries, a fire extinguisher until they run out and a bag of "goodies" when the volunteer inspector comes out. You just sign up at the clubhouse and they will call you.

Mesa was the only area in AZ. that had this free program until lately. Now Peoria has one too. The speaker was in DC two weeks ago for a national fire convention. She said the national organizations were amazed that "little" Mesa had such a program.

THE NEEDHAM TWINS

On December 16th at 7:00 PM the Needham Twins will be here to help us celebrate the holidays.

They play variety of music including traditional country, new country, the rock & roll of the 60's, line dancing, waltzes, polkas, and two steps. With Larry on piano, harmonica, bongos and trumpet and Jerry on guitar, fiddle and banjo and their drums and bass programmed for a full band sound this duo's music is good for dancing and great for just listening.

We've had this duo here before and they are always appreciated. There will be refreshments too. So sign up and show up for a fun time on December 16th at 7 PM.

HIGHLAND REMINDER

Sandi Wilson has taken over our weekly email reminder and is doing a great job. If you aren't receiving her "Highland Reminders" every week, you are missing a lot of info. To get on her email list just call her at 656-5793 or email her at sswilson@iupui.edu.

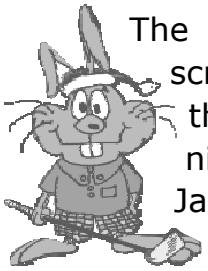
WILD HORSE CASINO TRIP

Just got back from the casino trip. It is so new that there were men walking around with hard hats on. Everything sparkles and the lighting fixture in the lobby of their hotel is magnificent. I heard that Phil Henault and Harriet Hurrish went home winners. Must have been the day for folks with names starting with H.

We had a full bus so that means big money for our treasury so we can spend more on parties.....Barry & Judy do an outstanding job on setting up these trips.

Barb Peters

GOLF NEWS



The November Homecoming scramble had a field of thirty golfers. The winning team was Dudley Jans, Joan Will, and Jim McDaniel. Good golfing!

- The Geisen Cup Handicap Tournament will be held on November 30, December 2, & 4.
- The Christmas Fun Tournament will be on December17th. The sign up for both tournaments will be on the bulletin board on the east side of the office.
- General golf meeting and introduction of new officers will be on January 10, 2010 at 4:00pm.

Marion Hargreaves

GEISEN CUP AWARDS BANQUET

The Geisen Cup Awards and Banquet will be held Saturday, December 5th. Social hour will stat at 4:30 and dinner will be served at 5:30.

The cost is $6.00 per person for Golf Club members and Golf Social members. Guest will be $8.00 per person. The signup sheet will be posted the week before the tournament at the back of the office on the patio.

You can pay me, Sharon Eckert, #255 or Loretta Poe, #70. Deadline to sign up and pay will be Wednesday, December 2nd.

HISTORY AND GENEALOGY CLUB

We now have a History and Genealogy Club in our community that meets every first Thursday of the month. The December meeting will be on the 3rd from 2 to 4 PM. Sandi Wilson is an experienced genealogist herself and she's rounded up some interesting speakers.

To make it even more interesting, the club includes history. After all, every family has great historical stories to share. The first part of the meeting will be on history and after a break, the second part will be on genealogy.

The guest history speaker for December is Mr. Wayne Whipple, Survivor of 9/11. (See Highland Reminder for more info.) Come and listen to his story of survival and his witness of what he saw that terrible day as he made his way down some 40 flights of stairs before the building fell.

During the short break, people interested only in the history segment are welcome to leave. During the genealogy hour, Millard Copas will present The Use of Cemetery Records in Genealogy Research. Bring any cemetery records you have that you would like to share. 1st Thursday of every Month, 2-4 PM. Contact: Sandi Wilson 656-5793.

EDITORS NOTE

Thanksgiving is over and Christmas is just around the corner. Many of us are either flying back home or having company here. And in between, our community is having lots of activities—parties, entertainment, and all kinds of events for us to attend. Who ever said retirement was easy? Of course, some of you aren't even retired—or like us, have taken on a post-retirement job and so even more to do. Nevertheless, let's take time to enjoy the season. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year everyone!

We are still trying to limit the time we spend on the Herald. Our book is coming along but has a long ways to go. Thanks for your patience.

Helen and Jim Whitworth

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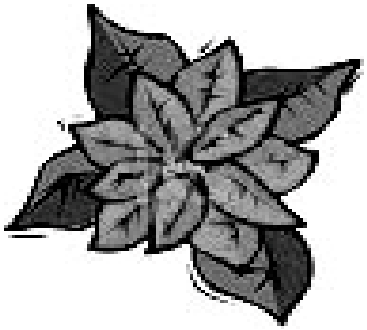

NOTES FROM ELS

COMMUNITY MANAGER

Open Door Policy. I would like to invite anyone a concern or issue or problem they would like to discuss, to just come into the Office or call and I would be more than happy to sit down with you and try to work something out. My door is always open (business hours).

Happy Holidays! Tis the Season For Giving! During this holiday time, many of us are quite busy with many different tasks, weather it's shopping for family and friends far and near, rushing to buy that special gift, or just spending time with loved ones. Let's not forget our neighbors who might not be so fortunate to have family close by - stop in and spread some seasonal cheer. Let them know that you care.

And for our all our Soldiers serving our country, let's not forget about them. Many will spend this holiday time without their families. Send a prayer for their safe return.

We would like to wish everyone a healthy and happy holiday!

Suzanna, Elizabeth, Rod and Gary

ACTIVITIES DIRECTOR

Merry Christmas with health and happiness for the coming year to you all. I want to send thanks to all the volunteers, but especially to Barb Peters for coordinating, arranging and booking the entertainment you enjoyed throughout 2009. Thanks Barb! And a special thanks to the Whitworths for a great newsletter too.

This has been a very busy year and it looks like 2010 will be even busier. I'm planning a three community Casino night for February. What I need is VOLUNTEERS. To do this we'll need five each from The Highlands, Hacienda de Valencia and the Meadows. Any proceeds will be divided between the communities by the number of volunteers each community provides. For example, if the Highlands provides 5 of 15 volunteers, then 1/3 of the proceeds will go into the HCC treasury and you, not ELS, can decide what to do with it. We will have some outstanding prizes and hopefully lots of door prizes. If you are interested in volunteering some time and talent, please call me (861-7391) or Barb Peters.

Again, thanks to all of you, for making the Highlands a really fun place to live.

Barbara DeMith

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THE HIGHLANDS at BRENTWOOD

Regularly Scheduled Activities

MONDAY
7:45 AM Weights
8:00 AM Chair Exercises
9:00 AM Golf
9:00 AM Water Aerobics
12:30 PM Men's Bridge
7:00 PM Cribbage
7:00 PM Quilting

TUESDAY
8:00 AM Aerobic Dance
1:00 PM Ceramics

WEDNESDAY
7:45 AM Weights
8:00 AM Chair Exercises
9:00 AM Golf
9:00 AM Water Aerobics
12:30 PM Men's Bridge
1:00 PM Quilting
7:00 PM Cribbage
7:00 PM 500

THURSDAY
8:00 AM Aerobic Dance
9:00 AM Ladies Golf
10:00 AM Shuffleboard
10:00 AM Wood Carving
6:30 PM Bingo

FRIDAY
7:45 AM Weights
8:00 AM Chair Exercises
9:00 AM Golf
9:00 AM Water Aerobics
12:30 PM Men's Bridge
1:00 PM Women's Bridge
4:30 PM TGIF Happy Hour
5:30 PM TGIF Dinner

SATURDAY
7:30 AM Coffee

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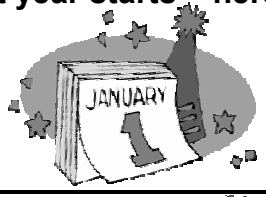
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Noon Lunch 	2 Geisen Cup Golf 9 AM Bunko 6:30 pm	3 Ladies Golf 9 am Genealogy 2-4 pm Bingo 6:30 pm	4 Geisen Cup Golf 9 AM TGIF 4:30 pm	5 Coffee 7:30 am AAMHO & Red Hats 8:30 Golf Banquet & Awards 4:30 pm
6 	7 Golf 9 am	8 Noon Lunch	9 Golf 9 am 	10 Ladies Golf 9 am Bingo 6:30 pm	11 Golf 9 am TGIF 4:30 pm	12 **Pancake Breakfast 7:30—9 am**
13	14 Golf 9 am Red Hat Christmas Party	15 Noon Lunch 	16 Golf 9 am **Needham Twins 7 pm**	17 Ladies Golf 9 am Bingo 6:30 pm	18 Golf 9 am TGIF 4:30 pm	19 Coffee 7:30 am
20 **Birthday Party 3 pm**	21 Golf 9 am	22 Noon Lunch	23 Golf 9 am 	24 **Christmas Dinner 3 pm**	25 **Christmas Day**	26 Coffee 7:30 am
27 	28 Golf 9 am **Ladies Luncheon 12:30 pm**	29 Noon Lunch	30 Golf 9 am	31 **New Years Eve Party**	**Ready or not—- Next year starts here**