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Message from Wally

Tell, it's that time again. Time to elect your Board of Directors for 2018. This year we have seven ambitious people looking to take over the 5 positions on the board.

Unlike the previous elections we all had to vote for the five lucky persons who will fill a particular position.

You have to have a copy of your title to qualify your vote, only one vote per household. So, please come to the

December HOA meeting Dec. 5, to cast your vote

Good Luck to all. Submitted by Wally Schultz.

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Activities Submitted by Vicki

The holidays are coming up fast!

From Thanksgiving to December 13th is our annual Food Drive. Please drop any donations off to Serena Libby Lot # 14. If prefer you can donate cash and Serena will do the shopping as she has done in the past. Please, this is for the Holidays, don't donate expired food items. These items will remain in the neighborhood by going to the UFO Food Bank around the corner.

In December we will have our Santa Parade on Sunday Dec.17th. Meet at the Clubhouse at 6 p.m. there will be

prizes for the most festive pooch. Bring your doggies in their best Christmas attire, they could win a prize! Following the parade and after you take the poochies home we will have Pizza for those who have participated in the parade and we will also announce the winners of out Home Decorating Contest so get out your lights and trims and trim your home!

We will have our Egg Nog Party on Christmas Eve and Dinner on Christmas Day. Please keep checking the bulletin board and sign up. Just like Thanksgiving you will need to sign up for your table and ALSO sign up for your choice of Turkey or Ham. We need to have enough seats set up as well as having enough food to feed everyone.

NEW YEARS EVE. We will start gathering at 8:30 for an informal Happy Hour and the music will start at 9:30 and end at 12:30. We will have out traditional Champagne toast at midnight and fancy snacks through out the night.

PLEASE remember to check the board for events and sign up

A Complete Listing of Resident Services can be found on the page before your calendar

A Note from Jenny

imy name is Jennifer Combs from lot 25. I am standing before you today as a Homeowner and not a board member.

When I moved into this park 2 years ago I was told that this was a 55 and up community with 20% 45 and over. If this is true why does it feel like this is Elementary school still? There are people here that are trying to cause trouble between neighbors and spreading untrue rumors about other people and even people tattle tailing on others. We have people here that are sick and have asked their neighbor to take down something because it made the medical condition worse. Instead of being nice and moving the object this neighbor decided instead to assault the other person and not remove the object. There are people here staring rumors about others and then blaming some one else because they are trying to stir things up! There is enough drama and bad things happening all around us why do you want to bring it here where we live? Stop walking around the park with a note pad and pencil so that you can write down what you think is wrong and then run and tell Marilyn. It is Marilyn's job to make sure the rules are enforced!!!

I have heard nothing but negative things about the some of the board members and other volunteers! These board members are not getting paid to do this work they have VOLUNTERRED their time to stand up for you to ELS. Bob Doty our HOA board president did a wonderful job as president. I was at the meetings with Marilyn and ELS and Bob didn't back down from them when he was fighting for the homeowners! He got the water turned back on, a new bingo board, the kitchen reopened, he got Marilyn to get DUKE out here over the power going out on the other side of the park whenever there was a storm. Bob Fought for this! It is not his fault or any board members fault that it was not done in a timely manner, that would be Marilyn and ELS for working so slowing and hoping that the HOA would give up! But Bob would not let that happen. Stan and Sondra have been yelled at for the pooling not opening at 8 am. They don't have to do this they could let it be and let Marilyn close the pool when she leaves here at 4 (if she even comes in! Serena and CC were planning all the parties and activities but they got such a hard time that they stopped doing it. (Thank you Vikki and Penny for VOLUNTERING your time). No one seems to want to help and do it their selves but you sure like to complain about it. Some of you have even volunteered your time at the meetings but before the activities people could get home you called and cancelled!

Without the HOA board members there would be no money from ELS for parties and other activities. The clubhouse would have not or be getting the needed improvements. Marilyn doesn't care about these things all she cares about is the money that goes in her pocket! With the volunteers to open and close the pool, the pool and clubhouse would close at 4 during the week and not even be opened on the weekends. Who would take care of the Shuffle board courts?





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We need to stop complaining and start thanking the volunteers! Tell the rumor makers that you don't want to hear their gossip! We need to start being kind and courteous to our neighbors Keep you gardens weeded and your at ports cleaned up. This is our homes and I personal would like it to look nice!

Thanks

Note from Editor

Thile we do not want this newsletter to become a bitch fest anyone who would like to reply to this message from Jenny feel free to email me auntdi33770@hotmail.com Your comments will be in the January newsletter. If you have comments about anything feel free to submit them. As long as they are not slanderous or deemed inappropriate they will be published

Joke

submitted by Polly



oc," said the young man lying down on the couch, "You've got to help me! Every night I have the same horrible dream. I'm lying in bed when all of the sudden five women rush in and start tearing off my clothes." The psychiatrist nodded, "And what do you do?" "I push them away." "I see. What do you want me to do?" The patient implored, "PLEASE... Break my arms."

A Note from Sylvia

CALLING ALL EMPTY PILL BOTTLES

If you would be so kind to save your prescription pill bottles for me (of course after removing the prescription label as best you can) I am donating them to charity. Apparently in third world countries they do not give medicine in anything and these poor people have to carry the pills home in their hands. Needless to say some are dropped along the way so this charity is providing empty bottles for them to use. Any at all will be greatly appreciated. I live at # 97 and I will provide a box on my porch for you to put them in. I will try and gather them each day. Thanks a million everyone.

Sylvia Disotell

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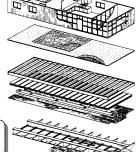


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A Note from Vince and Barb

FAREWELL TO SHANGRI-LA

My time at Shangri-La started April 1998 I purchased my home at Lot 142 and started paying rent as of May 1st. 1998. I came down on December 1st 1998 for the first time and stayed until April 1999. The first year I had my wife Ruth with me, but in October 1999, she passed away after a heart valve operation.

The first time I came into the clubhouse in December 1999 I saw a bunch of people decorating for Christmas, and they were talking a strange language. I said to them, Does anybody speak American. They said they were Canadians but they all spoke with thick Scottish, British and Irish accents, I could hardly understand them. We became good friends. and they were the ones who built up the Association Fund that we have today.

I came down alone in November 1999. But then Barbara came down in March 2000. For the first time and she hung around for 18 years. The time has come that I can no longer get health insurance, so we are unable to come down for 6 months.

Barbara and I have enjoyed our time here and have made many friends over the years. I was involved with the corporation since the first year I was here, and over the last 19 years I have been involved in the association in various positions as Director, President, Vice-President and treasurer for the past 8-9 years. Barbara and I have been involved in many social functions as organizers and chairpersons. It was work but we enjoyed doing it. We enjoyed shuffleboard Club and the competitive shuffling league, and I was pretty good at it, and now I have to pack all those plaques to take home, I think Barbara had a few too.

It was with pleasure to help the residents of this park to enjoy their stay here, and make sure they were treated well by management. I started the neighborhood crime watch program, the telephone directory, the Karaoke Nights, introduced the marble game and probably made 15-20 games for people in the park.(I left) I represented the park as a select member of the Networking for Progress Group, in helping to make sure ELS treated residents of their park properly.

I hope that everyone will make sure that we have a strong Board of Directors of our Association and continue to work for the welfare of the residents.

It is with a sad heart that we must say Goodbye but we have no choice as a Canadian with no insurance in the USA is not a wise choice.

We wish you all well in the future and that you will remember us as friends.

Barbara McGerrigle and Vince Malorni

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Recipe submitted by Polly

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Spread dough in cookie sheet (rubbed with Crisco first). Add toppings, starting with a mixture of:

1 lg. can of crushed tomatoes, mixed with

1 tsp. of basil, 1 Tbsp. of parsley, 1 tsp. granulated garlic.

Spread sauce over dough, add:

3 slices of American yellow cheese (broken in fourths)

l cup shredded mozzarella

olives, onions, peppers, pepperoni, etc (optional)

Last: sprinkle Romano Cheese over all

Bake 25 to 30 minutes at 350 degrees

Note: May use bought frozen dough for crust



Thank you from Carol and Larry

Te would like to thank all our friends and neighbors for their work everyone did in the recent hurricane Irma. We saw pictures of the park residents working together to help each other and clean up the park.

We would also like to thank Pat Vogel for all the work she did this summer to keep our property in tip top condition. It was a pleasant surprise to come back and find our gardens beautiful with new plants and statues.

Last but surely not least, Lou and Diane Desorchers, our good next door neighbors, also watched our property for us and called several times to let us know everything was okay.

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Notes from Serena

The will be having a home decorating contest for the holidays. We love to see all the homes in the park participate. So get your creative minds going and lets see what neighbor can out do the rest. We will have three prizes to award to the best decorated house. The judging will be done on December 15th and 16th. The awards will be given out at the Santa and pet parade. We will also have a pizza party for all that attend and participate in both activities we only have a couple rules you have to be in the Holiday spirt and no professionals decorators. The judges will be someone that does not live in the park.

The santa parade will start in front of the club house at 6;00 on December 17. Please decorate your bike walker, wheel chair, wagon, scooter, your self and of course your pet. And enjoy a stroll around the park. Then come back to the club house for pizza and prizes. Rain date will be December 18.

FOOD DRIVE

Te will having the food drive again. There are many people out in the world that will not have things for the holidays. So maybe we can help a little. So now until December 20th will be collecting non perishables or cash donations. If you would like to bring by donation to my home lot 14

Serena. If you would like to make a cash donation I will shop for the food bank. The donations will go to the local food bank UFO. We have donated to them for several years . I all ways get touch with them to see what are their needs are. So please help the needy. Once again Cash donations or food donations can come to lot 14 Serena . Call me foe any questions 727 325 3693

A Note from Linda Keenan

THANK YOU NEIGHBOR

Thanks to our year-round neighbors for putting our hurricane shutters down when Irma decided to visit.

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SHUFFLE NOTES

The Team played their first game at Embassy on Nov. 9, 2017. Embassy won 30-2. The courts at Embassy are beaded, which means the discs are fast and unpredictable. We had six of our new members played that day. They played well, being "newbies". We thank them for becoming members of the team. Our next game is at home with Bay Ranch.

Submitted by Linda Keenan

Editors note

his month neither the office manager nor the HOA president submitted anything for publication. I only mention this because in the past I have been accused of deliberately leaving out articles, which I do not do

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Book Recommendation:

Here Vultures Fly

by Rudy Rodrigues

This is the narration of the personal experiences of the author, Rudy Rodrigues, during his ten years of service with the United Nations in Afghanistan, where he was engaged in emergency relief and later rehabilitation programs in close collaboration with the Communist government, the mujahideen, the Taliban, and the post-Taliban government.

The author was responsible for opening the first UNICEF office in Kyrgyzstan soon after the collapse of the Soviet Union in a unique environment and culture. During this time, he was working with a government unfamiliar with the United Nations and its goals and objectives. In addition, the Kyrgyz population was traumatized by this sudden period of transition and uncertainty. A major focus of the author's work was gaining the



confidence of the government in Uzbekistan and to ensure the building of meaningful partnership programs for women and children.

This book also covers the adventures, romance, and thrill of being born and raised in Kenya; serving as an officer in the army; the challenges of working in Papua New Guinea; and having the glorious opportunity of working in the UN in different parts of the world with a multiethnic/multicultural community.

About the Author

Rudy Rodrigues was born and raised in Kenya. He graduated from the Royal Military Academy Sandhurst and the British Army Staff College. He was commissioned and served as an officer in the Kenya Army in both command and staff appointments. Resigning after sixteen years of active service, he then immigrated to Canada with his wife and three children.

Later, Rodrigues was appointed country director of a Canadian NGO in the Sudan, with a mandate to provide leadership, strategic planning and the delivery of UN (WFP) emergency relief supplies to the more than three million starving people displaced by the famine of 1985. He did so using a fleet of 350 cargo vehicles and a staff of over 3,000 people. This trucking operation was later taken over by the UN, and Rodrigues served as its Director.

In 2006 Rodrigues ended his career, and moved from Afghanistan, where he was last working with the United Nations. He retired to Winter Park, Florida where he lives today, and enjoys traveling, writing and spending time with his family, children and grandchildren.

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