

THE HIGHLANDS FLING

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JANUARY EVENTS

Mon.- Jan. 8th 10 am
Book Club

Wed.- Jan. 10
Men's Breakfast 8 am

Wed.-Jan. 17th
Open Board Meeting 10 am

Thurs.- Jan.25th
International Luncheon 11:15

JANUARY BOARD MEETING

Please submit agenda items to the office by Monday, Jan 8th.
Board meeting Jan. 17th at 10.00 am.

**PLEASE SIGN UP IN THE
POKER ROOM AT THE
CLUBHOUSE!**

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

1/3 Jan Pepperdine
1/3 Ron Pepperdine
1/7 John Osier
1/11 Sue Cook
1/11 Ken Kemerling
1/13 Sarah Yoakum
1/15 Mary Pasquini
1/15 Mike Pickar
1/17 Jamie Horst
1/17 Wendy Pickar
1/18 Judy Calkins
1/18 Kent Hinds
1/21 Louise Adams
1/31 Anita Lee
1/31 David Rivera

MENS BREAKFAST

The next Men's Breakfast will be on January 10th, 2024 at the Ole Mexican Grill located at 2080 W Orange Grove Rd. The Sign-up Sheet is located in the Clubhouse. Please sign up by January 8th so that we may give the restaurant an accurate headcount ... 22 men attended the December breakfast!! Looking forward to seeing you there in January!
As a reminder, the restaurant doesn't open until 8AM ...
Steve Horst

HIGHLANDS BOOK CLUB

Meet on the 2nd Monday of the month at 10 a.m. in the clubhouse. No sign up is necessary.

These gatherings are "a no-stress conversation about books." The format varies, sometimes choosing a specific author or book, other times a "theme" around which readers make their own selection. The outline for the next few months:

January 8: "Snow Flower and the Secret Fan," by Lisa See.
February 12: Love is in the Air ~ choose a romance.

March 11: Irish Eyes are Smiling ~ an Irish author or setting.

April 8: Author of the month: James Patterson

ARTS & CRAFTS

There will be two different projects coming up in January and two more in February. Come join in on the fun!
MANDALA (dot painting) on tile. Monday Jan 8th at 1:00pm in the Resource room.

Come learn a new skill!!! All supplies are included. A 4x4 tile becomes a coaster/trivet. Please sign up on the clipboard in the Clubhouse!! \$5.00 cost paid at the class. Taught by Sharon Dennis.

Beginning Jewelry Making Monday, January 22nd at 1:00pm on Jeanie Wehl's porch at 10701 N Kilimanjaro. Use metal stamps to put designs on metal blanks. Hammers and other jewelry tools will be used. Supplies included. You will complete a pair of earrings or two pendants. Then the same class will be offered on Monday, January 29th at 1:00pm. Find the day you like and sign up on the clipboard in the clubhouse. Class size will be limited to six in each class. Cost is \$10 for either class. Taught by Jeanie Wehl

And looking ahead to February mark your calendars for Monday, February 12th we will be making a Beaded Sun Catcher on Cholla. \$15 cost. Taught by Jeanie Wehl

Monday, February 26th we will have a Watercolor class. \$5 cost. Taught by Patti Triplett

More details to follow and watch for the clipboards in the clubhouse to sign up.

ATTENTION HIGHLANDS' BAKERS

Gather your recipes and ingredients to make your favorite recipes. White Elephant/Bake Sale Feb. 24th.

COMMUNITY YARD SALE AND WHITE ELEPHANT SALE

The annual Community Yard Sale is scheduled for February 17th and the White Elephant Sale is scheduled for February 24th. We have the Community Sale Sign-Up sheet already in the clubhouse, so please use it if you're planning to have items for sale. For those of you who are new to the community, we recommend displaying your unwanted items at the Yard Sale and donating any unsold items to the White Elephant Sale. We do not accept clothing or shoes for the White Elephant Sale, but most household items sell well. Just make sure the items are clean and suitable for sale. Proceeds of the sale help support activities of the Social Committee. There will be additional information for BOTH these events in the February Fling. If you have any questions or need clarification on either the Community or W.E. Sale, please call either of the co-chairs (Steve Horst at 309-781-5154 or Jamie Horst at 309-230-0233).

POTLUCKS

Social Committee needs help hosting Potlucks. There is a sign up in the clubhouse.

ALL FAITH DEVOTIONAL

Dear Friends in the Highlands, In memory of my beloved husband, Ray Johnson, I will be hosting an All Faiths Devotional on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month in the Resource Room, next to the office. The Theme will be Love, Unity, Peace, Health and Healing for our loved ones, our community, and our world. Everyone is welcome to join and share whatever might inspire you, prayers, poems, prose, quotes, music. We will begin gathering at 9:15 am and begin prayers at 9:30 and finish at 10:00. I look forward to seeing you to begin 2024 on an uplifting and positive note. LaNelma Johnson

RENTAL CAP INFO MEETING

Thursday, January 4th from 10-12:00 at the Clubhouse. Chuck Ardingo will be hosting the meeting.

BACK AGAIN!!

Pizza and Karaoke is back. Join us Sunday, January 21st, at 5:00 pm for Pizza and Karaoke/Sing-Along. Join your friends and neighbors for a tasty meal, then stick around to help entertain or be entertained by those same friends and neighbors. Only \$5.00 each

will get you Dominos pizza, salad, and coffee (or bring your own beverage). Please sign up and mark your choice of pizza so we know how much to buy. We'll provide the table service (plates & plastic ware). And we'll give you 4 chances to win back your \$5.00 with a few trivia questions. Limit of 70 people. See ya all there.

H.O.R.A.C UPDATE

The "Tuesday Tans and Tunes" Concert series will begin on January 16, with Corey Spector performing. Tickets will be \$6. A second concert with meal is planned for March 26 featuring the Cochise County All-Stars. A removable shade cover will be designed to attach to the front of the gazebo for concert performers. We will be organizing an event for February dubbed "The Highlands Olympics". The idea is to field teams of residents to compete in a series of games available in the recreation area (shuffleboard, horseshoes, bocce ball, mini golf or cornhole). No details have been determined as of yet, and we are looking for help with this event. HORAC has purchased an LP "fire pit" that will be placed under the overhang on the east side of the Clubhouse. It will be available on a first come-first served basis. A pool key will be required to access the LP tank valve and igniter. We are hoping this will

be another way to bring people together.....outdoors. Pickleball is now taking place on Mondays and Thursdays at 9 a.m. at Riverfront Park. Come join in this fun form of exercise. The "cactus identification" project will begin in January. We will be making engraved signs to place in front of the many unique cacti (like Tohono Chul) in our garden near the Clubhouse. Do you know your cacti? Let one of our committee members know. We would like to organize a group to play Disc Golf. We will put a sign-up sheet in the Clubhouse to gauge interest. We would likely start out by setting up a temporary course at Riverfront Park. We are looking to add more members to our committee. If you are interested in joining, please contact Ron Wehl. As you can see, we have a lot of fun activities and projects to plan and do. Our next regular meeting will be held Thursday, January 11, 2024 at 3 p.m. in the Resource Room. Committee members: Chris Ardingo, Brian Tomac, John Pangburn, Tom Clark, Cheryl Haggard and Ron Wehl.

WELCOME BACK HAPPY QUILTERS

The Highlands' quilting group will meet again on Thursday afternoons beginning January 11th at 1:00 p.m. in the Clubhouse. Anyone who is interested in coming to check out the group is welcome. For

winter renters we do have a few sewing machines available for quilting in the Clubhouse. We are continuing our service project from last year, quilts for kids going into foster care. If anyone has cotton quilting fabric looking for a new home, we will gladly take donations. Questions should be directed to Sheila Tomac at (920) 619-8074 or Lori Tendler at (605)323-8009

CARDS SENT

Bernie Lee - Sympathy. loss of his sister
Joan Clow - Thinking of You
Jan Pepperdine - Get Well
Barbara Scantlan - Get well
Kathy Ahlberg - Get Well
Barbara Scantlan - Thinking of You
Barbara Scantlan - Sympathy Loss of her sister
Bill Franklin - Thinking of You
John Sand - Sympathy loss of his sister

CULINARY GUIDE

The social committee is looking for volunteers to meet on January 25, 11:00 am at the clubhouse to put ideas together for a Highlands Cookbook. Thank you Cindy Bennett

HOLIDAY DONATIONS

The Gospel Rescue Mission appreciates the generous holiday donations from our community. Again, thanks to all of you gave.

MATEO?

Community members have found greeting cards that apparently were lost. The name on the envelope is Mateo, does anyone in the community know anyone by the name of Mateo that may have done work in the community? If so, please contact the office.

HIGHLAND'S DERBY

It's a horse race complete with horses, jockeys, and a pot roast dinner. Six horses will be up for adoption at the **Coffee Chat on January 13**. We are looking for a person or group willing to "care" for them and get them ready to race. Owners will 'hire' a jockey to "ride" the horse. The jockey can also wear the horse's colors, if desired. Betting windows will be open before dinner the night of the race. All the ladies & men will be encouraged to decorate and wear hats in similar fashion to those seen at the Kentucky Derby. Tickets will go on sale in January.

INTERNATIONAL LUNCHEON

Thursday, Jan. 25th Asian Fusion 12985 N Oracle Rd., #125 Rancho Vistoso Shopping Center. It is under new management and has great food. Meet at the clubhouse at 11:15 am. Both men and women are welcome. Sign up in the clubhouse.

KUDOS CORNER

Kudos to Kent Hinds. The spa light has been replaced and is fixed and operational now. Thank you, Kent!

Kudos to Jerry Dennis for building a ramp for the office front door. Thank you, Jerry!

MARKETPLACE

Residents can buy/sell/items or services to other residents of the Highlands.

This section is for bartering or marketing from neighbor to neighbor in the Highlands.

We are starting off 2024 with a clean slate. Your item will be listed for one month, and if you want it continued or changed you must email me before our end-of-month production.

ITEM/SERVICE TO BE OFFERED, SOLD, TRADED OR GIVEN AWAY

Brief description (about 3 or 4 lines) of that item or service will go in the space below.

Your contact number (indicate phone or text) or email:

Email CROSEHIGHLANDS23@GMAIL.COM and *put Marketplace in subject line.*

BIG THANK YOU to all the people that helped this Christmas season, from the decorations, to coordinating the dinner and the donations and the Christmas Craft Sale. You all did a super job. The decorations inside and out of the Clubhouse were beautiful this year. A lot of work went into this - it was obvious. What a nice representation of our community.

PHOTOS IN OUR DIRECTORY:

If you want to participate you can email a photo to Connie (include your name and put "DIRECTORY PHOTO" in subject line) before the February '24 printing. Connie - crosehIGHLANDS23@gmail.com.

Don't have a digital photo? Connie can scan one. Don't know how to email it? Contact me.

Also - Connie and Sara will take photos after the next board meeting, Wed. Jan. 17th.

LAST PAGE

This section is a communication between the board and our residents, plus a Marketplace to list sale/rent/trade/services in the neighborhood.

A REMINDER: When using the hot tub, please cover it when done. We're trying everything to lower the gas bills and with our cold nights, we need to keep it covered to maintain some of that heat. Thank you.

BATHROOM REMODEL UPDATE: The board unanimously approved hiring *The Workman Company* to remodel the men's restroom, which includes making it handicapped accessible.

TREE PROJECT UPDATE: The Tree account is established and we have 4 donations to date, totally about \$1200. I planted 3 trees, and plan on a spring planting of large shade trees when the nursery has the new stock. Fan Tex, a native Ash tree has been decided. Those who have indicated a desire to contribute, now is the time. The money will be needed to purchase and plant larger trees. Contact Connie for further details.

The Board wishes one and all
a very
Happy New Year.

Feliz año nuevo
Frohes neues Jahr
Hau'oli makahiki hou
Gott nytt år
Ευτυχισμένο το νέο έτος
Hyvää uutta vuotta

(English, Spanish, German, Hawaiian,
Swedish/Norwegian, Greek and Finnish)

January 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 New Year's Day	2 Coffee 8 am Riverfront Yoga 9:30 am Texas Hold'em 12 pm	3 Chair Yoga 11 am Hand & Foot 1 pm Poker & Games 5:30 pm Gourds 1 pm	4 Riverfront Yoga 9:30 am Info Meeting Rental cap 10:00-12:00 Poker & Games 5:30 pm	5 Social Hour 4 pm Games 5 pm	6 Clubhouse Rented 11 am
7 Bingo 2:00	8 Pickleball 9 am Arts & Crafts 1 pm Chemo Caps 1 pm Ping Pong 6:30 pm	9 Coffee 8 am Riverfront Yoga 9:30 am Texas Hold'em 12 pm Poluck 5 pm ????	10 Men's Breakfast 8am All Faiths 9:15 am Chair Yoga 11 am Hand & Foot 1 pm Gourds 1 pm Poker & Games 5:30 pm	11 Riverfront Yoga 9:30 am Quilters 1 pm HORAC Meeting 3 pm Poker & Games 5:30 pm	12 Social Hour 4 pm Games 5 pm	13 Coffee Chat 9 am Clubhouse Rented 3 pm
14 Bingo 2:00	15 ML King Day Pickleball 9 am Arts & Crafts 1 pm Chemo Caps 1 pm Ping Pong 6:30 pm	16 Coffee 8 am Riverfront Yoga 9:30 am Texas Hold'em 12 pm Clubhouse Rented 4 pm	17 Board Meeting 10 am Hand & Foot 1 pm Gourds 1 pm Poker & Games 5:30 pm	18 Riverfront Yoga 9:30 am Quilters 1 pm Poker & Games 5:30 pm	19 Social Meeting 9 am Social Hour 4 pm Games 5 pm	20 Texas Hold'em 2:15 pm
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		Notes			All Activities Held in the Clubhouse/Pool EXCEPT: Green= Resource Room Red= Off Site Activity	