



Jen's Corner

I am excited to begin the year as your new Community Manager. Following in Kelly's footsteps will be a monumental task, and I am privileged to support your beautiful community. Prior to her departure, Kelly provided me with a lot of information, and I hope to continue to provide you with the excellent service she delivered in her tenure. Office hours have changed to 9am-4pm Monday through Thursday, and 9am-2pm on Friday; please stop by and say hi when you're at the clubhouse.

I want to extend my thanks Larian Johnson and Fred McGavran for their service on the board, and welcome Chuck Jackson and Iska Halliburton as your newly elected new board members. I look forward to working with all the directors to complete the long list of projects slated for the year.

Construction of the rock retaining wall in the lake will begin soon, and should be completed prior to the 2023 golf season.

My best wishes for a happy & healthy new year. - Jen

STAFF SPOTLIGHT

By: Joan Elliott

Bill and Donna Sparacino



It's January 1982; Bill and Donna have just begun dating and are heading to a party. But during the drive over rain changes to snow and after a few scary incidents on the road they decide to return to Donna's house. After snacking and watching TV Bill decides it's time to head home but, by then, the drifts are so high there's no way! Thus begins a "3-day-shut-in," Bill sleeping on the couch, visiting with Donna's dad while she fixes nice meals and gets to know her unplanned guest.

Every January Bill and Donna Sparacino remember that event as the start of serious dating that eventually, of course, ended in marriage with two children and three grandchildren. Their children – Gina and Nick (born when Donna was 47) are 12 years apart. Gina was so thrilled to finally have a sibling that she was present for her brother's birth and actually cut the umbilical cord.

Bill had a full career, starting as a journalist, then working for the Department of the Army, which brought him to St. Louis. Ultimately, he took on a civilian consulting position that included a great deal of travel. "I also worked in the COBRA helicopter office, getting parts and providing support for helicopters.

Donna worked as a first-grade teacher during the times that she wasn't home with each of their children. She loved working in the Parents as Teachers program and, later, as an English as a 2nd Language instructor. "I worked with adults from ages 20 to 80 who came here from around the world and spoke no English," Donna said. "Being the daughter of Albanian immigrants helped me relate to the students."

Donna and Bill love their lives here at HHR – playing mahjongg, horseshoes, cards, doing line dancing, poms and exercise and, during the summer, spending time at the pool, among other things.

Their resolution for 2023 is to stay fit, strong and healthy and do more traveling. "We'd love to plan a trip to Sicily where my grandparents are from," said Bill, "then do a Grecian Island Cruise." Bill

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Office Hours: M-Th 9-4 Friday 9-2pm

Upcoming Events & Activities

See the flyers for all of the details.

ON-GOING WEEKLY ACTVIITES

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9am Strength Training
9am Pickleball
9am Table Tennis
10 Cardio Chair
1pm Low Roller Poker
1pm Page Turners (2nd)
6:30 Cribbage (2nd/4th)

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9am Pinochle
10am Chess Club
1:30 Line Dance
2pm Billiards
3 Heritage Singers
6:30 Men's Poker
6:30 Open Bridge

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9am PIYO
9am Pickleball
10 Chair Strength
1pm Quilters (2nd)
1pm Mahjong
1pm Writers Group (4th)
4pm Pom Pom
6:30 Hand & Foot

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9am Pinochle
12:30 Open Bridge
1PM Low Roller Poker
1-3 Diamond Dotz
2pm Ask a Geek (2nd/4th)
4:30 Rosary (2nd)
6pm Mexican Train (1st & 3rd)


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9am Dance Aerobics
9am Pickleball
9am Table Tennis
10am Stretch Chair
1pm Men's Pinochle
1pm Hand & Foot
6:30pm Pass the Trash

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8:30am Pickleball
9:30am Billiards

JANUARY 2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16 Exercise class resumes	17	18 Poms resume	19	20	21 Blues vs Black-hawks 7pm
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31	Watch your email for more upcoming events!			

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SOUPER MONDAYS

Every Monday in January & February at noon in the ballroom. Sign up on the bulletin board to bring soup. No registration necessary to attend.



Saturday, January 21 Game Time: 7pm

Free, but registration is required on [Eventbrite](#) by 01/16.
Open to friends & family. Open seating.
Max registration is 8 per household.

To avoid duplication, please do not register other residents. Light snacks, set-ups provided.

Exercise Class Updates: Exercise classes will resume on 01/16.
We are able to show videos of Kathleens classes on the big screen while she is away. If interested in helping coordinate this, please see Maggie.



Care and Concern/Sunshine Committee

We ask your help so we don't miss someone! Sending a card to show we care or providing a meal, may mean alot to one of our neighbors. If you know anyone who would benefit from the sunshine and casserole committee please call one of the following below:

Sally Paland 518-545-6195 spaland36@gmail.com

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For the Casserole Committee: Deb Rine - Text: 314-239-3517

Cheryl Gray - Text: 636-734-2698 Cheryl Faxon - Text: 956-244-2862



HHR Writing Group

Come learn your neighbors' stories.

Wednesday, January 25th 1:00

Our story group is low stress, high fun. We hope you join us in 2023

More Events



Chick Flick Movie Nights are back for the winter.

Wednesday 1/18 @5:30pm Movie: TBD

The 3rd Wednesday of each winter month we will have a movie night in the ballroom. Movie Starts @ 5:30pm No registration needed. Bring your own snacks & drinks. Or even a brown bag dinner.

HOLIDAY LUMINARIES: A big thank you to all who helped with the placing of the luminaries here at Hawk Ridge. And thank you to all neighbors for placing their own luminaries, and in many cases, placing their neighbor's luminaries. The weather was very cold with strong winds resulting in dangerous wind chill factors. The following folks braved the weather to either place luminaries on all Hawk Ridge common properties Christmas eve or to pick them up on Christmas Day: Jim Biglin, Kathleen Johnson, Larry and Barb Rogers, Jerry Smelik, Chris and Larry Ford, Tom Gill, Rory Teich, Larry Wilhelm, Wayne Erter, Mike Rine, Bill Paland, Tom Franz, Don Skitt, Pam Freed, Dave Wanhatalo and family, John Fairhurst and crew, Paula and Chuck Jackson, Gary Reich, Steve Strubel, and Bob Gray and family. I apologize if I missed someone who helped. Dick and Cheryl Faxon

To Dick & Carol: Thanks for all you do make this magical experience happen every year for HHR. It's a lot of work to coordinate, store, un-pack and re-pack all the luminaries. Thank you!!

Congratulations to our **Holiday Decorating Contest Winners!**

Thank you for helping to make HHR such a beautiful place.

Steve & Sandy Aubuchon – 327 Seahawk

Chuck & Paula Jackson – 530 Owls Perch

John & Irene Lucas – 2209 HLD

Gary & Pat Turner – 2186 HLD



SNOW BIRDS . . .

Be sure to watch your emails and the HHR website to stay informed while you are away.



NEWS

ReCap of Surveys

Thanks to all who completed a survey regarding events. As you would expect, there is a wide range of opinion. Some like the parking lot parties, while others do not. Some like bigger bands, some think they are too loud. So, we need to offer variety so that everyone gets a bit of what they want.

Other take-a-ways from the surveys:

-Dances continue to be our most requested events. But, residents indicate they are open to more variety in the types of music.

-Facebook – There seems concern that some events are only listed on Facebook. That is **NEVER** the case. We use Facebook for reminders and to share photos. We would never use it as our only source to share information. We realize some residents are not on Facebook.

-We are going to continue to work with Eventbrite for registration. Please continue to send Maggie feedback so we can make this app work for us and meet our needs.

HUGE SUCCESS!! Thanks to the generosity of this wonderful community.

\$4250 was raised to buy gift cards for the soilders passing through Lambert Airport on their way home for the holidays. Thanks to all who donated. Thanks to the 12 home owners who opened up their beautiful home to make this event such a success. Thanks to the committee who organized the basket raffle for all of your hard work too.

Congratulations to the raffle basket winners: Jane Baudreau, Patty Bolland, Rosemary Reid, Sandy Aubuchon, Diana Almy, Christie Castagna, Gloria Ebert, Trisha Parr, Terry Biglin and Keri Parisi.



Snow Events

Snow removal occurs if we have 2 inches of snow or more. We have board member neighborhood snow captains who help determine when/if to have the roads treated and driveways shoveled. If you've opted out, make sure your orange ribbon is visibly on your mailbox.