



### Jen's Corner

I want to express my gratitude to the staff here at HHR. Each of them have been incredibly supportive, always willing to offer guidance and answer my questions this year.

The board of directors have been equally gracious, providing me with valuable insights and perspectives on the work we do here at HHR. The residents, the heart and soul of HHR, inspire me with their stories of resilience and hope.

I am honored to be a part of this community and wish to thank you all for your warm welcome and your ongoing support. I look forward to continuing to serve you for years to come.

Have a blessed holiday season. -Jen

### RESIDENT SPOTLIGHT By: Joan Elliott

#### Pat & Rory Teich

Step into Pat and Rory Teich's home this time of year and you're immediately enveloped by a sense of holiday wonderment and joy – joy that will be shared this month with family and friends, near and far. Their home, to be sure, is a representation of the genius that has guided both of them in their careers and in many other innovative pursuits.



Both native St. Louisans, the two met at St. Louis University Grad School and were drawn to each other's creativity and positive perspectives on life.

Starting her career as a speech pathologist, Pat was one of the creative geniuses of the "Parents as Teachers" program in the Ferguson-Florissant School District. "Many people didn't understand child development and the need to work with kids before kindergarten," she said. "My team and I did home visits and educated parents on services that were available, especially to special needs children." She helped to secure federal grants for Early Childhood programs, then did similar training and brought special services to the Parkway School District.

A natural-born entrepreneur with a degree in business management, Rory wanted to start and manage his own business. Some attempts included United Rental and a vending machine company. He also had a full-time job with Pitney Bowes, specializing in shipping.

Pat and Rory have loved their 8 years at HHR. Pat is active with Care & Concern and enjoys book club. Both love cooking and philanthropic pursuits.

Rory, who learned how to use a lathe during a brief stint in Florida, has found a niche that he truly loves and which was on full display at the recent HHR Craft Fair. "I sometimes start with a piece of wood that looks like something that should go into the trash," he said, noting that it usually ends up as a beautiful bowl that elicits "wows" from spectators. "It's a wonderful way to spend my retirement."

Pat and Rory are self-proclaimed "home bodies." They've done a minimal amount of travel, preferring to be at home – cooking, doing projects and enjoying their dog "Murphy." And this time of year," said Pat, "we're looking forward to people coming by for the holidays."

## Upcoming Events & Activities

See the flyers for all of the details.

### ON-GOING WEEKLY ACTVIITES

<b>M</b>	<b>T</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>T</b>	<b>F</b>
9am Pickleball 10 Video Exercise 11am Exercise MP 1:00 Bible Study 1pm Low Roller Poker 1pm Page Turners (2nd) 6:30 Cribbage Beginners (2nd/4th) 6:30 Texas Hold 'Em 3rd	9am Pinochle 9am Tennis Doubles 10am Chess Club 1:30 Line Dance 2pm Billiards 3 Heritage Singers 3-5 Bridge 101 6pm Texas Hold 'Em 6:30 Men's Poker 6:30 Open Bridge	9am Pickleball 10 Video Exercise 11am Exercise MP 1-3:15 Tai Chi 1pm Mahjong 1pm Writers Group (4th) 4pm Pom Pom 6:30 Hand & Foot	9am Pinochle 9am Tennis Doubles 9am Bocce 11am Quilters (2nd) 12:30 Open Bridge 1PM Low Roller Poker 1pm Diamond Dot 2pm Ask a Geek (2nd) 4:30 Rosary (2nd) 6pm Mexican Train (1st & 3rd)	9am Pickleball 10am Video Exercise 11am Exercise MP 1pm Men's Pinochle 1pm Hand & Foot 6:30pm Pass the Trash
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				8:30 Dance Aerobics 9:30 Chair Yoga 9am Tennis 10am Billiards

# DECEMBER 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
26	27	28	29	30	1	2 Cup of Christmas Tea 10am
3	4	5	6	7 Pageant 6:30 	8	9
10 Cookies with Santa 1-3	11 Ladies Night 5pm	12	13 Annual Town Hall Meeting 5:30pm	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24 CR Rental Luminaries 4:30	25 Potluck Breakfast 10:30am	26 CR Rental	27	28	29	30
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## Upcoming Events

### Annual HHR Holiday Pageant

Thursday, 12/07, 6:30pm

Doors open at 6pm

It's a fun, low-key evening. No need to register. Come witness some of our very own neighborhood talent! Light Dessert & Coffee provided. Residents only



### COOKIES WITH SANTA - December 10, 1-3:00 pm

Join us for Pictures with Santa and a visit from Silly Jilly the Balloon Lady.

Please [REGISTER](#) by 12/05 so we know how many to expect. See the flyer for all the details.

Cookies are needed to fill all the little bellies while they visit Santa. If you are able to donate cookies for the event, please bring them to the clubhouse on 12/10 by 10am.

Thank you in advance for your help.



Join us for a night of silly good times with the Ladies of Hawk Ridge.

Soup / Salad / Fun Cocktails / Silly Games

\$10 per person, [REGISTER](#) by 12/04 to join in on the fun.

Monday, Dec 11

5pm

Bring a wrapped ornament for a gift exchange game!

### Christmas Morning

Potluck

10:30am

Please sign up on the bulletin board to attend.

Free, but please bring a breakfast dish to share. Residents only.

Volunteers are needed to briefly help with set-up and clean up.

No staff will be on hand during the breakfast.

# NYE

Sunday, 12/31

7-12:30 am

New Year's Eve—the ballroom is sold out, but there are seats available in the card room. \$40 per person Registration for a maximum of 8 people. Must choose your entrée at registration. More details on the flyer.

**Correction from flyer—Registration closes 12/14.**

## Good to Know

### Fitness Class Update—

No exercise classes on 12/02 due to the Christmas Tea. No classes on Christmas 12/25. Otherwise follow the calendar for class times.



**SOUPER MONDAYS** will begin on Monday, January 8 and will happen every Monday in January and February at noon. What is Souper Monday? Several residents sign up in advance to bring a pot of soup. Other residents often bring dessert. No need to sign up to attend. Just come on up and enjoy a yummy lunch and great conversation with your neighbors.



**HHR Text Message System:** Have you been receiving the occasional HHR text message? If not, text "join" to 1-636-200-2106 to receive urgent messages from the clubhouse.



### SNOW BIRDS . . .

Be sure to watch your emails and the HHR website to stay informed while you are away. You can always register for events via phone or online.



### Clubhouse Parking

The curb in front of the clubhouse is a NO PARKING ZONE. You may park in the area for a few minutes for loading and unloading, but please do not leave your car for more than a few minutes.

Please park in designated parking spaces.

Additionally, only golf carts are allowed to park in the spots by the flags.

Thank you for following these rules to help keep the clubhouse running smoothly.



## Holiday Happenings

### Holiday Luminaries

For the past 20 years, HHR residents have had beautiful luminaries in their front yards and on the common grounds on Christmas Eve.



The candles are available at the HHR clubhouse M-F 9-1pm for \$1 each. This is the one time we take **cash**. To be consistent, we use luminary candles only. Do not use votive candles. The candles remain lit until they burn out...approximately 8 to 12 hours. Homeowners set out luminaries on Christmas Eve, December 24. The luminaries are placed next to the street in front of the home, approximately 15-20 feet apart. Executive homes put out 3 to 4 luminaries and villa homes put out 1 to 2 luminaries depending on the size of the lot. Each homeowner lights their candles around 4:30 pm on Christmas Eve. Our container is a gallon milk jug or gallon water jug. Start saving your milk/water jugs or have someone save them for you. If you have extra jugs, please clean them and leave them in the foyer of the clubhouse for a neighbor to use. For residents who are unable to obtain one-gallon jugs or to cut them, there will be some available at the clubhouse.

You will have to put 1" sand/gravel/or kitty litter in the bottom of the jug to hold the jug and candle in place. There is a sample at the clubhouse office.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED** to help with the common areas. Please sign up on the bulletin board if you can help. Special thanks to Dick Faxon for being Captain of the Luminary Project this year!! If you have questions or need a couple of jugs, please contact 1) Dick Faxon 956-202-5453 [dfax77@gmail.com](mailto:dfax77@gmail.com) or 2) Bob Gray 636-699-2272 [bobgray01@charter.net](mailto:bobgray01@charter.net)

### Exterior Holiday Decorating

HHR will again be hosting a decorating contest. We will have a daytime decorations winner and a nighttime decorations winner. The contest will be judged on Monday, December 19. Please be sure your lights are on by 5pm that evening. Last years winners can not win again.



**Christmas Ornament**—It is HHR Tradition for each household to add an ornament to the clubhouse Christmas Tree. Please write the year you moved to HHR on the ornament. Put it on the tree anytime you like.



## NEWS

### LP Whiskey Club

An informational meeting was held on November 9 to discuss starting up a Whiskey Club here at HHR. There is definitely enough interest to start up this club. The club will meet on the third Thursday of each month at 7pm on the clubhouse ballroom, beginning in March 2024. Typically, 4-5 whiskeys will be tasted (3/4 ounce pours) with a knowledgeable presenter discussing information about each whiskey being tasted. Tastings will be \$10 per person. Guests of residents can attend as well. There will also most likely be an annual \$5-10 membership dues to cover the establishment of the club and general supplies.



If you were not able to attend the informational meeting and would like to get more information or become a member, please send an email to Gerry Callahan via the club email - [hhrwhiskeyclub@gmail.com](mailto:hhrwhiskeyclub@gmail.com). And stay tuned for more information about this new club. It's going to be a fun and informative group. And where else will you be able to taste 4 or more whiskeys for \$10. Again, send an email to [hhrwhiskeyclub@gmail.com](mailto:hhrwhiskeyclub@gmail.com) if you have any interest or questions.

### Snow Events

HHR board members serve as neighborhood snow captains and help determine when/if the roads are treated and driveways shoveled. If you've opted out, make sure the orange ribbon is visible on your mailbox. When snow or ice is forecasted, please make sure to park cars in your driveway, not in the street. When streets are clear, the plows and salt trucks can maneuver easier and do a better job, benefitting us all.



The Board of Directors wishes to invite you to attend the **ANNUAL MEETING on Wednesday, December 13 at 5:30pm** where we will review the 2024 budget, and introduce our newest board member.

The 2024 Budget has been approved by the Board and will be ratified at the Annual Meeting on 12/13. It is available in the Financials section of the website.



## GOOD TO KNOW

### From the Pro Shop & Hawkeye Grill...

December hours are Wednesday-Sunday 9am-4:30pm.  
(hours are subject to change based on weather conditions)

Happy Hour every Wednesday in December from 3-5pm. We will have two theme nights:

December 13<sup>th</sup>...Holiday Trivia

December 20<sup>th</sup>...Ugly Sweater (or outfit)

Starting Saturday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> we will have all the lost & found displayed on the right side of the pro shop. It will be quite a display! Maybe you left a club, a hat, a water bottle, a **sock?**

**Any donations will be given to the Care & Concern committee.**

**Happy Holidays to all! Ellen & Staff**



**Progressive Dinner Committee**—Several years ago, HHR had a Progressive Dinner group. In the fall, different homes would host part of a meal and residents would travel from home to home for the evening meal. The group has disbanded, but we wanted to reach out and see if anyone is interested in taking over this group. If so, please contact Maggie by 12/15 to discuss.



**Reminders About HHR Rules:** as stated in the Rules & Regulation on the website

**Garage Doors**— “Garage doors are to be maintained and shall remain closed at all times except when necessary for ingress and egress.”

**Garbage Cans-** “Garbage pails, barrels, gardening equipment and supplies, lumber, and other miscellaneous items shall not be stored or left outdoors.”

**Golf Cart Paths**—“Due to insurance policies and potential liabilities, walking on the golf course cart path is not allowed.”

### CBC Tech Helpers—

They are beginning to be here more regularly now. They let us know a week in advance of when they are coming. Watch your emails for upcoming dates!



## **HHR Golf Committee Corner – December 2023**

Since the HHR Golf Course is a big part of our community, your HHR Golf Committee is always looking for feedback and suggestions. If you have a suggestion or comment, please pass on your thoughts to one of the Committee Members: Steve Becherer (Chairman), Elvira Johnson, Connie Talmadge, Sally Paland, Barb Rogers, Gary Dyrek, Glenn Schiller, and Steve Schauer.

### **New Golf Committee Members for 2024**

The Golf Committee announces that Beth Beckfeld and Mike Feldewerth will be new committee members in 2024. They will join current members Elvira Johnson, Sally Paland, Barb Rogers, and Gary Dyrek. Steve Schauer will continue as an alternate member. The committee thanks Steve Becherer, Connie Talmadge, and Glenn Schiller who will be stepping down at the end of 2023 for their work and contributions during their tenure on the golf committee.

**2024 Golf Membership** information and registration forms are now available. Stop by the pro shop for a membership package. Information can also be found on the [HHR Golf](#) web page.

### **Tournament Results**

The first annual HHR Lady Hawkes Solheim Cup was held on Monday morning October 23rd and Tuesday morning October 24th. 28 Lady Hawkes participated. The White team captained by Sandy Wirtz defeated the Green team captained by Judy Poropat by a score of 14-7. Thanks to Ellen and her staff for making our first Solheim Cup a huge success!!

### **Season Wrap-up**

The 2023 golf season was a great success. Below are some highlights to mention:

- This year there were twelve tournaments/events participated by 462 golfers. All tournaments were well received with positive comments.

- All tournament/event flyers, and results were made available on the HHR Golf web page and announced in the Putterings.

- Consistent email communications to tournament participants were adopted to provide pertinent information and reducing calls to the pro-shop.

- There was good attendance in our Lady Hawkes, Men's Wednesday Night Golf League, Men's Monday and Saturday Play, and Friday Night Resident Golf.

- Continuous positive on-line reviews received on the great condition of the course and the helpful and friendly pro-shop staff.

- HHR is growing the game for young golfers by hosting organizations such as the CYC, Gateway Junior PGA, and Wentzville Junior League.

- New green-side sprinkler heads were installed and a new rock retention wall was installed in front of #7 green.

- The Golf Committee worked with the HHR Board on identifying phases for the Hawk Eye Grill expansion project and golf course projects for the HHR Five Year Reserve Study.

The Golf Committee thanks all who participated in these events and to Ellen, Tammy, and their staffs for making our golf club a big part of the community. We look forward to a fun and exciting season in 2024.