



### Jen's Corner

I'm happy to begin my second year here at HHR. Beginning this year, I will be in the office 5 days per week, and I am always happy to visit with residents. If you have any questions about the community, please stop by the office any time.

I'd like to extend a welcome to our newest board member Larry Wilhelm, and our new board appointed recording secretary Sheila Hansen.

We thank Pat Venditti for his years of service as a director. We wish Ally Bane the best as she steps away from her role as recording secretary. Thank you Ally for your dedication to the board and our community for the last several years.

I wish you a happy and healthy new year!  
-Jen

### RESIDENT SPOTLIGHT By: Joan Elliott

## Ann and Fernand Chandonnet

From the time they met as teenagers until today, as octogenarians, Ann and Fernand Chandonnet have never lost their sense of curiosity. Their desire to explore and always be learning something new was clearly in their DNA, which then translated into writing, editing and photographing the world around them.

The two, both English majors, met at Lowell State College in Massachusetts and eloped in their 20s. Ann taught at Lowell State while Fernand went into the Army. They lived in California for four years, then spent 33 years in Alaska, primarily writing and editing.

During a long and storied career, Ann wrote two cookbooks, four food histories, a travel guide to Alaska, four children's books and a history of the Civil War, based on family correspondence, a copy of which is in the HHR library. She even covered a murder trial once that lasted more than two years, in which she helped uncover some crucial evidence. "I call that my greatest accomplishment," she said.

Fernand worked with a conference of scholars on a book about "Alaska during World War II." It was a collection of essays, some of which he wrote but most that he just edited. "That was a long project," he said, "and, after that, I never wanted to edit anything again!"

Fernand sometimes took photographs to accompany Ann's books and, while living in North Carolina, built an authentic log cabin on their property. "It was a 'learn as you go' project," he said, and laughed.

The Chandonnets have two married sons, one with two daughters, living five minutes away; the other with one daughter, living in Costa Rica. "Raising them was my greatest joy," Ann said. "They're both very successful men."

Ann and Fernand think of themselves as "private people," so they haven't participated in many activities at HHR. Fernand, however, can be seen daily walking the neighborhood with Rosie, their dog, while Ann sometimes enjoys the pool during the summer.

Before bed they read out loud to each other, taking 30-minute turns. "We share each other's passions," Fernand said, "always looking for the true meaning of things."



## 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>
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 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	10 Video Exercise 11am Exercise MP 1pm Mahjong 1pm Writers Group (4th) 4pm Pom Pom 6:30 Hand & Foot	9am Pinochle 9am Bocce 11am Quilters (2nd) 12:30 Open Bridge 1PM Low Roller Poker 1pm Diamond Dot (2nd) 4:30 Rosary (2nd) 6pm Mexican Train (1st & 3rd)	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 10am Billiards

# JANUARY 2024

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
31	1	2	3	4 Monarch Jewelry Party 6pm	5	6
7	8 Souper Monday Starts @ Noon	9	10	11	12	13 Illusionist 6pm
14	15	16	17 Poms Resumes Chick Flick at 5:30	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26 Country Dance 6pm	27
28	29	30	31	1	2	3

## Upcoming Events



**Thursday, January 4 @ 6pm.**

**Monarch Jewelry will be here to visit us. You may remember them from the Vendor Fair.**

- Bring your unwanted jewelry to donate.
- Enjoy a brief presentation about their programs.
- Shop their gorgeous products and take them home that night.

Free—but please [register](#) by 01/02 at noon. Open to family and friends.

**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.



**Saturday, January 13**

**6-8pm (doors open at 5:30)**

Don't miss out on this Incredible Show.

Keith has been here before and left us all amazed.

Appetizers and Set-Ups provided. [REGISTER](#) and pay \$8 by 01/15.



**When COUNTRY was COUNTRY**

Friday, 01/26 6-8pm (doors open at 5:30)

Join us for another fun 'video dance party'. Open to friends and family—Bring a snack to share with your table. Free—but please [REGISTER](#) by 01/23



**Scott Laytham & Karl "Trickee" Holmes**

Friday, February 2—6-9pm

Light snacks provided.

\$7 per person. [REGISTER](#) by 01/29



## More Happenings



SAVE THE DATE—Valentine's Dance 02/09. More details coming soon.



### Saint Louis Metropolitan Brass Band

**Sunday, February 4 from 3-4pm**

Once again we are honored and grateful to welcome this amazing ensemble to our clubhouse for an incredible concert.

No registration necessary. Light snacks provided. Open to friends and family.



### HHR Event Registration

Although Eventbrite has made registration more efficient, it has proven too expensive for our purposes. Additionally, they are now charging a monthly \$80 fee. In an effort to keep the costs of our events minimal we are going to return to using the square system. It is a learning process for all of us so please be patient.



The best way to register continues to be through the flyers page on our [hhrlifestyle.org](http://hhrlifestyle.org) website. Thank you to everyone for your patience as we figure out how to best process registrations for HHR events. Always check the flyers for registration details.



### Holiday Luminaries

A thank you to all neighbors for placing their luminaries on Christmas Eve and, in many cases, placing their neighbor's luminaries. It is a wonderful tradition here at Heritage of Hawk Ridge that makes for a beautiful neighborhood on Christmas Eve. A special thanks to the following people who helped place luminaries on common ground areas: Kathleen Johnson, Barb and Larry Rogers, Tom Gill, Rory Teich, Mike Rhine, Bob Gray and family. Sally and Bill Paland, Tom Franz, Steve Strubel, Don Skitt, Paula and Chuck Jackson, Dave Wanhatalo and family, John Fairhurst, Bob Wudel, Dan Dolan, John Lucas, Steve Haitich, Al Hansen, Steve Schauer and anyone else who helped whose name has skipped my mind. Dick and Cheryl Faxon



## NEWS

### HHR Whiskey Club



I moved to Tennessee from the St. Louis area about 7 years ago and found out that whiskey was a favorite topic of conversation in pretty much any social setting. Until that time, my knowledge and understanding of the world of whiskey was limited to a few well-known brands. To learn more about bourbon whiskey and whiskey in general, I went on a journey to the Kentucky Bourbon Trail in 2017 along with a friend of mine. It was on the Bourbon Trail journey that the idea of starting a whiskey club at the over 55 community in which I lived was born. My friend and I felt we could have some fun with a little different approach by focusing more on the educational and tasting aspects while still maintaining some of the social fun.

We put together our ideas and started the process of forming a whiskey club. The intent was to offer tastings of a variety of whiskeys at each meeting while providing a discussion of the distilling process, the distillery, the history, the tasting profile, etc. of each whiskey. Our agendas have included several great topics, such as Bourbon Whiskey, Rye Whiskey, Scotch Whisky, Irish Whiskey, and Canadian Whiskey. We also had meetings where members chose a whiskey to present. The club was a huge success, starting with 40 plus members in 2019 to over 120 members in 2023. My wife and I moved back to be closer to family and I wanted to start a similar club here at HHR.

An informational meeting was held on November 9, 2023, to discuss starting up a Whiskey Club here at HHR. Based on that meeting and some follow-up emails, there is enough interest to start up this club. It is open to all residents and their guests. The club will meet on the third Thursday of each month at 7pm in 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 is going to be a fun and informative group. Where else will you be able to taste 4 or more whiskeys for \$10. If you are on the fence about joining the club, give the club a try without an obligation to join. We are about whiskey education, sampling and tasting something new, and member socialization. And without spending a lot of money to try something new. You get to better understand what you like, and what you do not like. Feel free to suggest your neighbors and friends to check out the club. Hope to see you in March.



## GOOD TO KNOW

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

**From the Pro Shop...**

**Welcome to 2024!**

**Hours for January will be Wednesday – Friday, 9am-4:30pm;  
Grill will be serving 11am-4:30pm.**

**(Hours are dependent on weather)**

**Happy Hour will continue to be Wednesdays, 3-5pm.**

**Ellen & Staff**



### **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. Depending on the amount of snow the front gates may be left open to avoid damage from the snow and plows.



### **Exterior Holiday Decorating**

Congratulations to the Holiday Decorating Contest Winners for 2023! Be sure to drive by and check out these beautiful displays! And special thanks to our judges for making these tough decisions.

Evan & Janette Connell 357 Myna

Shirley Barnes 2188 Hawks Landing Dr

Larry & Susan Neske 414 Barn Swallow

Jan Worley 430 Barn Swallow (daytime winner)

Thank you for making HHR so beautiful this holiday season.

