



Resident Spotlight by Stacy Flint

Gary & Diane Mays

"The joy of our lives!" Are Gary and Diane Mays speaking about their children, grandchildren or the time in their life when they lived on their DeFever Trawler? The answer is "all of the above!"



Gary and Diane, native St. Louisans who recently celebrated 40 years of marriage, have smiles on their faces when they talk about their big family, which includes 5 children, their spouses, and 7 grandchildren. "Nana and Papa" have 3 more grandbabies on the way (in the next 3 months)!

After their youngest child began college, Gary and Diane set out on a new adventure together. They got the bug for "life on the water" after a chartered catamaran vacation with friends. Before they knew it, the two of them, Gary as the pilot, and Diane as the navigator, were out on the open water on their own 43 ft long range, live-aboard motor yacht. Diane describes a vivid memory: their first time crossing into the Bahamas with their two adult children vacationing on board, where they were greeted by the dolphins playfully leaping around the boat.

In the past 10 years, they have traveled over 8,000 miles, have done multiple seasons in the Bahamas, and are official "Gold Loopers" (people who have completed "The Great Loop", a continuous waterway that includes the Atlantic, Gulf crossing, the Intercoastal waterways, the Great Lakes, Canadian canals and US inland rivers).

Having spent most of the time they have lived in HHR (7 years) on the water, they are regularly asked if they are the people who "used to live here". Since resettling on dry land, they are making the most of all that HHR has to offer. You can find Gary on the pickleball courts and both on the golf course and enjoying happy hours. Diane says Friday Night golf and Pass the Trash is a fun date night and a great way to meet other residents.

Gary and Diane speak with much fondness about the people here at HHR. They have connected with incredible people, formed lasting friendships and proudly say, "HHR has become an extension of our family and is our forever home."

That lake holds a LOT of water. And golf balls.

Repairs are complete and the lake will now start to refill. An inspection revealed that the flume pipe, an essential component of the lake's water management system, is in good condition. It shows no signs of damage or deterioration, which means that replacement is not required.

While the lake's water level remains low, a new screen will be installed at the outflow. This screen serves a critical function preventing large debris from entering the pump system. By doing so, it helps maintain the system's efficiency and reduces the risk of blockages or damage that could disrupt the lake's water management and irrigation pumps.

The receding waters unveiled a treasure trove of golf balls, revealing a testament to the challenges of the sport. **But just how many golf balls have been exposed?**

Here's your chance to win a fabulous prize by simply using your best guessing skills. Submit your best guess for a chance to win a fabulous prize! Get Creative. There is no need for precision; let your imagination guide your guess. Prize details will be revealed on the announcement day.

Happy New Year!

Jen

Upcoming Events & Activities

See the flyers for all of the details.

ON-GOING WEEKLY ACTVIITES

M	T	W	T	F
8-12 Pickleball 9am Aerobic Exercise 10 Video Exercise (B) 1pm Bible Study (M) 1 Low Roller Poker (B) 1pm Page Turners (2nd) (C) 6:30 Cribbage Beginners (2nd/4th) (C)	9am Pinochle (M) 9:30 Fit For Life 10am Chess Club (C) 1-3 Bridge 101 (C) 2pm Billiards (C) 2pm Heritage Singers (B) 6pm Texas Hold 'Em (B) 6:30 Men's Poker (B) 6:30 Open Bridge (C)	8-12 Pickleball 10 Video Exercise (B) 12:30 Mahjong NL (C) 1pm Genealogy (2nd) (AR) 1pm Mahjong (M) 1pm Story-Tellers Group (4th) (A) 2:30pm Line Dance (B) 4pm Pom (B) 6:30 Hand & Foot (C)	9am Pinochle (M) 11am Quilters (2nd) (A) 12:30 Open Bridge (C) 1PM Low Roller Poker B 2 Ask a Geek (2nd) (V) 2pm Table Tennis 3:00 Rosary (2nd) (C) 6pm Mexican Train (1st & 3rd) (C) 7 Whiskey Club (3rd)(B)	8-12 Pickleball 10am Video Exercise (B) 1pm Men's Pinochle (M) 1pm Hand & Foot (C) 6:30pm Pass the Trash (B)
Clubhouse Rooms Ballroom (B) Card Room (C) Meeting Room (M) - outside the library Activity Room (A) - formerly the craft room				Sat 8:30 Yoga/Pilates (B) 9:30 Aerobic Fitness 10am Billiards
				Sun

JANUARY 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
29	30	31	1 	2	3	4
5	6 Souper Monday @ Noon	7	8	9	10	11 Game Night 6:30pm
12	13	14	15 Wine Tasting 6pm	16	17	18 Horse Races 7:00pm
19	20	21	22	23	24	25 Northern Lights Party 6pm
26	27 Board Meeting 10am	28	29	30	31	1

Upcoming Events



SOUPER MONDAYS— Noon in the ballroom. Starts Monday, 1/6.

Join us every Monday in January & February for some warm soup and neighborly conversation. No need to register, just show up. We can eat until the pot is empty. We need a few folks to pick a date to bring a pot too. Please sign up on the bulletin board to bring soup.



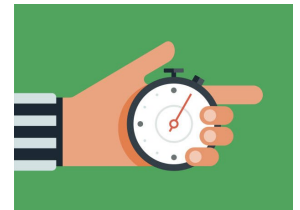
GAME NIGHT

January 11

6:30pm

Join us to play silly Minute to Win It type games, eat snacks and have fun with your neighbors. Residents only. FUN volunteers needed to help with games.

[REGISTER](#) and pay \$10 each by 01/02.



Wine Tasting

Wednesday, 01/15

6pm

Christine with Scout & Cellar will be here to teach us a thing or two about wine and let us try them to find out what we like. Light snacks and set-ups provided. Open to friends & family over 21. \$5 - [REGISTER](#) BY 01/07.



Northern Lights

Party

Saturday, 01/25 6-9pm

Let's DANCE the night away with [Julie & Drew](#) while we celebrate the beauty of aurora borealis!

Residents only. Open seating. [REGISTER](#) & pay \$10 by 01/20

NOW OPEN TO FRIENDS & FAMILY



"A Night at The Races" will be held on January 18, 2025 hosted by the Care and Concern Committee. Beat the Winter Blahs and join us for a fun night. There will be heavy hors d'oeuvres, set ups, Soda, water, coffee. BYOB. Doors open at 6pm and races start at 7pm. **NOW OPEN TO FRIENDS & FAMILY**

There will be 12 races with a Lady's Hat Contest, 50/50's, specialty drinks, and attendance prizes and much more. A flyer will be available on 12/7/24 with more information. \$20 per person check only, made payable to Care and Concern. Reserve a table of 8 for \$150. Name a horse in a race for \$5 or entire race (6 horses) for \$25.



Sunday, February 2 — Doors open at 5:30 / Questions at 6pm

Reserved seating. Sign up at the clubhouse for a table of 8 or join a table. Set-ups provided, BYOB. \$5 per person.

Clubs & Activities

HHR Whiskey Club

The Whiskey Club is set to have a great 2025. As it was in 2024, the cost to join the club is \$10 and each monthly tasting is \$10. Guests of members are always welcome and spouses/friends can also come as a non-taster for no charge if they just want to observe. They can even bring their own beverage of choice to sip on while the rest of us try out the whiskeys.



Our plans this year are:

Jan - Mike Grillo from Grillo's Chop and Barrel, his picks

Feb - Bob Hess from Heaven Hill - his picks

Mar - John Francis from Grey Eagle - his picks

Apr - Irish whiskeys round 2

May - local distillery(ies) - Russ from Blacksmith and possibly one other

Jun - international (whiskeys from other than US, Canada, Scotland and Ireland)

Jul - whiskeys from other states round 2

Aug - one of the following flights (Elijah Craig, Jefferson Reserve Reserve, Knob Creek, or Makers Mark)

Sep - rye whiskeys

Oct - Scotch whiskeys

Nov - members choice round 2

Dec - holiday party

If you are not sure and would like to get more information before becoming a member, please send an email to the club email - hhrwhiskeyclub@gmail.com. It continues to be a fun and informative group. And where else will you be able to taste 4 or more whiskeys for \$10.

HHR Genealogy Club 2.0

Next Meeting – 8 January 2025 1 – 2:30 p.m. in the HHR Activity Room

Subject: Google Strategies for Genealogists



All subsequent meetings will be on the 2nd Wednesday of each month in the HHR Clubhouse Activities Room from 1 to 2:30 p.m.

Please let Bill Scroggin (wdscrog@aol.com) know if there is a subject of interest to you for upcoming meetings. If you plan on attending, please let Bill know.

There will be **line dance classes every Wednesday** starting January 8, 2025. Class begins at 2:15 pm with easier dances for less experienced dancers and at 2:30 for those dancers with more experience. Class will end at 3:30-ish. Our objective is to learn line dances but mostly to just have fun! New dancers are always welcome. If you have questions or want any additional information, contact Joyce Skitt - phone 636-236-1899 or email jskitt47@gmail.com.



Good to Know



Valentine's Dinner & Dance—February 14 details coming soon.

Second Nature Band—February 16 at 2pm

Fitness Update: We will resume looking for additional instructors to add to our current fitness classes in the coming months. The issues have been instructor availability and cost. But, we are not giving up. We will keep you up to date as the search progresses.

Donation To the Care and Concern Committee

Over the 2024 golf season, many golf items were accidentally left at the Pro Shop. Ellen displayed the items at the end of the season, trying to find the owners. Then, she offered them to anyone for a free will offering. As a result, the Pro Shop donated \$100 to the Care and Concern Committee.



Steven & Patricia Schultz—2060 HLD

Ken & Sherri Bloms—564 Owls Perch

We are so happy you are here!

A big thank you to all residents for putting their luminaries out on Christmas Eve. Also, for putting out your neighbor's luminaries in many cases. It is a beautiful tradition that helps make Heritage at Hawk Ridge a wonderful place to live. A special thanks to the following folks who helped place luminaries on common ground areas: Kathleen Johnson, Jerry Smelik, Fred Howell, Barb and Larry Rogers, Gary Reich, Sally and Bill Paland, Rory Teich, Beth and Ross Ewalt, Bob Gray and Family, Bob Wudel, Dave Wanhatalo and family, Christine Ford, Tom Gill, Steve Haitich, Paula and Chuck Jackson, Al Hansen, Steve Strubel, John Fairhurst, John Lucas, and Al Hansen. I apologize if I forgot to list someone who helped.



Also, thanks to Dick Faxon for the work and time he puts into making this project happen!

**Make 2025 the year you share
The Stories of Your Life
Join the Story Teller Group
Fourth Wednesday at 1:00**

Pom Rehearsals begin on Jan.8 4-5

Crafters begin meeting on Jan 9 1-3

Any questions, contact Kathleen Johnson
at swimfit@charter.net.