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of the month.

## Unity for our Community

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## ASSOCIATION - FROM THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS 2023

**N**ominees for the 2024 Board of Directors – Two (2) members submitted their applications for the 2024 Board of Directors. They are **CAROL ARMSTRONG** and **PETER SMITH** who will be voted in by Acclimation at the January 2024 open annual meeting. We also have, as of this writing, an additional person who has applied for the Board. The *Inspector of Elections* is vetting this person and once done, that person will be appointed by the Board at the January 2024 meeting, and all three (3) nominees will be sworn in together. A big thanks to those owners who have stepped up to help our community.

**PEST AND VERMIN INFESTATIONS:** - There are several challenges residents have about the increasing pest and vermin infestations especially termites, spiders and rats. Here are some helpful suggestions:

**BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S REPORT (Continued)**

- ✓ Use a professional service when possible. They use the proper materials and preventative measures.
- ✓ DO NOT FEED YOUR PET OUTDOORS and/or leave food outdoors.
- ✓ Pick up dropped fruit.
- ✓ Keep your palm trees and other landscape trimmed on a regular basis.

**REMINDER** – A flyer was distributed earlier advising that the GKA facility area and parking lot would be closed November 25<sup>th</sup> through December 2<sup>nd</sup>. Details are in the flyer.

**VICE PRESIDENT - PAT PIPHER**

**Violations:** The Board handles a variety of violations, e.g. underage residents, pest/vermin infestation. See our "*From the Board of Directors*" on pages one and two for a full report on trying to control unwanted pests.

**Collections:** The last quarter payments have been received and there were only three (3) lots that failed to pay, and, as of this writing, two (2) have paid in full and the third owner is bringing in full payment before month end. That's good news! We are still waiting on HUD to begin the foreclosure process on two (2) accounts and the Board will commence foreclosure proceedings on the 3<sup>rd</sup> account the first of next year.

**REMEMBER,** if you're having trouble paying your assessment, contact the GKA Vice President. The Board gets no pleasure assessing late charges or placing liens or foreclosing on property, so please call me so we can work with you in clearing this debt.

**SECRETARY/TREASURER'S REPORT – JANE RECHT**

**H**i everyone. Our GKA General Meeting was held on November 13<sup>th</sup>. We had thirty-three members in attendance. December 6<sup>th</sup> we will be having a special informative general meeting with the guest speaker JIM SMITH from the surveying firm. He is the representative from the surveying firm who evaluated our parcel maps and resurveyed Lot A. One of the purposes was to determine who was responsible for the weeds on the slopes between the homes of Via Del Sol, Calle Quedo, Camino Alba, and any home abutting Hunter Road. The other purpose was to stake the boundary line of Lot A. Please watch for the flyer coming to your tube with more information.

**ACCOUNT**

**ACCOUNT DESCRIPTION**

***Cash Operating Funds***

California Bank	Checking .....	\$ 129,517	
California Bank	Money Market .....	229,834	
Petty Cash	Cash .....	47	
<b>TOTAL OPERATING FUNDS</b>			<b>\$359,398</b>

## TREASURER'S REPORT (Continued)

### *Reserve Funds*

Charles Schwab	Checking	\$155,615	
Charles Schwab	Money Market	<u>249,000</u>	
<b>TOTAL RESERVE FUNDS</b>			<b>\$404,615</b>

**TOTAL OPERATING & RESERVE FUNDS** **\$764,013**

**ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE \$688\***

\* HOA dues 2024 paid in advance (Escrows) \$2887

**DELINQUENT ACCOUNTS** 991

**FOUR (4) ACCOUNTS IN COLLECTION** 16,714

**TOTAL ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE** **\$18,393**

### STREETS/LIGHTING/SECURITY – HILARY WYLIE

**H**ello Golf Knolls, I've been very busy this past month, cutting out a palm tree in a storm drain, fixing water leaks, and the upcoming project – Streets - in January and February, weather permitting, Via Zapata, Via LaPaloma, Fuente Ct, El Brazo, and Via Vela. Big equipment, lots of noise! Potholes and restriping. Clubhouse - blue stripe by Handicap parking - will be yellow for loading and unloading. Please follow detour routes. Please STOP at all stop signs - and the speed limit is 20 mph. Some of our residents are letting dogs run around in their front yards and in the street. Dogs, cats, and any animals including gorillas must be leashed at all times - for their safety! Please do not park overnight in the Clubhouse parking lot. One more thing - we are looking into redoing our Golf Knolls entrance signs, new map with *No Unauthorized Personnel, No Trespassing, and No Soliciting.*

One more thing – if another resident is parking overnight in front of your home without an *Overnight Parking Pass* contact me with the name or address so a warning letter or ticket goes to the right resident.

### FACILITIES – DON FORTNEY

1. Handicap shower stall in Men's Bathroom finished and open,
2. Converted former shower stall into lockable storerooms for janitorial supplies both Men's and Women's bathrooms, completing the remodeling project.
3. Heat is off to outdoor spa until next spring.
4. Timers for the lights were installed in Meeting Room, Card Room Gym, and Inner Office.
5. Replaced a faulty mechanical timer for external lights on Building 4.
6. New pool light near chairlift was installed.
7. All new jet covers for indoor spa were purchased.
8. Remodeled the small barbeque area by removing all hedges that were dated and riddled with spiders. Planted Foxtail Ferns and Nandinas, covered with fish mulch and fertilized. Wiped down ceiling fans and installed new fire extinguisher near barbeque grill. I renamed this area "*The Cove*" and commissioned LYN MARI to paint a 2-sided sign to be hung from ceiling between the 2 fans.

## FACILITIES (Continued)

9. Refreshed area between the cottage and cell tower. Removed old mulch, ground cover, excess dirt and reduced the size of surrounded bushes. Planted 5 sego palms repurposed from area along the mezzanine, covered with fresh mulch.
10. Entire pool deck surface was professionally cleaned and a sealant applied to preserve the pavers for many years to come.

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## **GOLF KNOLLS EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM - MICK HEROD, CO-CHAIRMAN**

**T**he *Emergency Response Team* has made significant investments in emergency equipment over the past couple years, and we have begun to make investments into training for our ERT volunteers. This funding will continue into 2024, with more people trained in *First Aid, CPR, AED* usage and *Stop the Bleed* classes.

The *ERT* will not be meeting in December so that we can all enjoy the holidays, but will resume the **third week of January, 2024**. If you would like to know more about the *ERT*, the best way is to attend one of our meetings (which will be announced in the *GOLF KNOLLS DIGEST*). Alternatively, you may call one of the *ERT* co-Chairs, **BOB BONHAM** and **MICK HEROD**; our phone numbers are listed on the cover of the *DIGEST*.

As many may be lighting their homes (inside, outside or both), keep in mind that lights designed for outdoor use should **ONLY** be outdoors (due to their higher heat output). Indoor lights should **ONLY** be used indoors, as they probably won't survive rainstorms or freezing weather.

Also, before stringing lights (indoor or outdoor), test the strings before you hang them. **NEVER** use a string with a broken bulb (the exposed filament may cause a fire), and replace any burnt-out bulbs (even if not broken), as the socket could overheat. This is especially true with strings that will remain lit even when one or more bulbs are not working. Remove one (good) bulb and take it to Lowes or Home Depot to get a replacement, if you can't find the extra(s) that came in the box with your lights. If the string still won't light after a bulb replacement, it's time to replace that string.

Extension cords for outdoor lights should be outdoor-rated. Indoor-use cords can't withstand cold or wet environments. Keep them out of areas where water can puddle. Don't plug more than three stands of lights together, unless noted otherwise on the box.

Finally, safety-first when climbing on a ladder. Make sure the base is steady and the ladder is level. Always use small pieces of wood under each foot when using a ladder on a rocky or unsteady surface. Watch how cords are located across the floor or along the ground. None of us want a "trip" to the Emergency Room!

So, be safe, and enjoy the holidays.

☺ *The cheerful live longest in years, and afterwards in our regards.  
Cheerfulness is the off-shoot of goodness.* **CHRISTIAN NESTELL BOVEE**

## **EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM (Continued)**

We have not yet reached our goal of every neighborhood having a *Block Captain* to help coordinate assistance in an emergency. If you are new to Golf Knolls and would like to find out how to get involved with the *Emergency Response Team*, please contact **BOB BONHAM** or **MICK HEROD** at the phone numbers listed on the cover of the **GOLF KNOLLS DIGEST**. After orientation, it will only require about an hour of your time every month.

Over the winter months, we will be encouraging the *Emergency Response Team* members to attend advanced emergency training courses available locally (*First Aid, CPR, Stop the Bleed, etc.*) and we will fund up to 100% of tuition.

Remember that we all may need to be self-supporting for up to 72 hours after an emergency, so it pays to be prepared. Even if you're unable to volunteer for the *Emergency Response Team*, you can and should have an inventory of items for your own household. We will be sharing emergency preparation checklists over the coming months.

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## **COMMUNITY CLUB**

### **COMMUNITY CLUB PRESIDENT – ARLENE MUSCATO**

**H**ope you all had a Happy Thanksgiving and wishing you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy Hanukkah. The *Veteran's Holiday Dinner* was a success; food, music and ceremony was outstanding – not to mention the heartfelt welcome and honor for our vets. Thank you to **LINDA FULLER, DONNA FORTNEY, PAM BYERS, CHUCK DONNELLY** and all involved. Great job on the gifts, **PAM!**

Next event is the *Holiday Cart Parade and Toy Drive*; decorate your carts, bring the grandkids and see Santa and Mrs. Claus. Line up is at 5:00 PM at the **GOLF KNOLLS** clubhouse; parade starts at 5:30 PM. Hot chocolate, apple cider and cookies will be served after the parade. We are asking that you open your hearts and donate a new unwrapped gift for our less fortunate children for Christmas. Flyers to follow – "*Parade – December 16<sup>th</sup>, 2023*".

Last function of the year – "*New Year's Eve Party*" – *December 31, 2023* – menu, to be determined. We will be celebrating New York time, 9:00 PM, the ball drops. Volunteers needed to plan and help with this event.

**ELECTION UPDATE:** **GAIL McCREIGHT** is our *Inspector of Elections*. Ballots are mailed, please vote and return as soon as possible. This is for the **GOLF KNOLLS COMMUNITY CLUB (GKCC)** Board. Until next month, stay safe!

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## **GREETINGS AND HAPPY FALL – LINDA FULLER**

I just wanted to thank the following wonderful people who helped me with an awesome and successful "*Veterans Holiday Dinner*". My Committee Members: **DON** (awesome MC) and **DONNA FORTNEY** (my Co-Chair, always there for me, no matter what); **CHUCK** and **PEGGY DONNELLY** (wonderful cook with his assistant, **PEGGY**); **PAM BYERS** (talented Artisan for beautiful table decorations); **LESLIE** and **TOM LARSON** (faithful and willing to help with multiple jobs).

- **RECALL – GENERAL MOTORS** is recalling all self-driving vehicles and suspending driverless operations nationwide. The Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) revoked the license for *Cruise*, which was transporting passengers without human drivers.  
**TOYOTA** is recalling 1.9 million RAV4s and small SUVs to fix a problem with batteries that can move during forceful turns and potentially cause a fire. The recall covers certain RAV4s from the 2013-2018 model years. TOYOTA is still preparing a fix and when ready, dealers will replace the hold-down clamp, battery tray and positive terminal cover with improved ones and will notify owners by late December.  
**HONDA** is recalling 250,000 vehicles in the U.S. because the connecting rod bearing in the engine can wear and seize due to a manufacturing error, damaging the engines. The engines could run improperly or stall while being driven. The recall covers certain 2018 and 2019 HONDA Pilot SUVs and ODYSSEY mini-vans and some 2017 and 2019 RIDGELINE pickup trucks. Also affected are certain 2019 to 2020 ACURA TLX cars and some 2018 to 2020 ACURA MDX SUVs. Dealers will inspect and repair or replace the engines if needed. Owners will be notified by mail starting January 2<sup>nd</sup>.  
**TYSON** is recalling nearly 30,000 pounds of chicken dinosaur-shaped FUN NUGGETS, due to possible contamination with metal pieces. The nuggets carry the number P7211 on the back of the package. The USDA urged consumers with the nuggets in their freezers to throw them out or return them to the place of purchase.
- WARNING –**
1. The U.S. health regulators are warning consumers and Amazon not to use/sell more than two dozen varieties of over-the-counter **EYE DROPS** because of the risk of infections that could lead to blindness. The *Food and Drug Administration (FDA)* advisory applies to lubricating drops sold by Amazon, CVS Health, Target, Rite Aid, Cardinal Health. Amazon is removing seven eye products after the FDA warned the company. The eye drops named are *Pink Eye Relief, The Good-bye Company Pink Eye, Can-C Eye Drops, Optique 1 Eye Drops, Oclu-Med Eye Drops, TRP Natural Eyes Floaters Relief and Manzanilla Sophia Chamomile Herbal Eye Drops.*
  2. **WANA-BANA FRUIT PUREE** – The FDA is warning parents/grandparents against buying a brand of fruit puree since the snacks were found to have high levels of lead. Lead was found in *Wana-Bana Apple Cinnamon Fruit Puree* pouches which are sold nationally at SAM's Club, Amazon and Dollar Tree. If consumed, contact the child's health care provider for a blood test. Symptoms of lead exposure include headache, abdominal pain, vomiting, anemia, muscle aches, irritability and fatigue.
- **OMISSION** – Last month's *GOLF KNOLLS DIGEST* omitted a new resident, MIKE RUDLEDGE, Lot 333 at 29039 Camino Alba – Sorry!
  - **NOTIFY BOARD** – If you know that an unauthorized under-age person is living in our community, please notify the GOLF KNOLLS ASSOCIATION Board with the resident's address so that the Board can check it out.

☺ CARING THOUGHTS AND GET WELL WISHES

Bob Bonham  
Irene Cota



Anita Deneault  
Frank Gabriel

Kendra Rankin  
Mona Sams  
Juan Waterman

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*Please contact GLORIA BACHMANN (696-8253), to notify her of any BIRTHDAYS and ANNIVERSARIES, illnesses or deaths IN WRITING AND place in tube at 28760 VIA DEL SOL. (No notices will be printed in the GOLF KNOLLS DIGEST without written notification.) WE WANT YOU TO BE A PART OF OUR COMMUNITY, so keep us posted. If you don't see your birthday or anniversary, please call. IF YOU ARE A NEW RESIDENT BE SURE TO ATTEND AN ORIENTATION MEETING.*

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GENERAL INFORMATION & ANNOUNCEMENT

• THANK YOU, COMMUNITY – From BONNIE DAVIS

I wish to thank the community for the abundance of cards received upon the passing of my husband, CHUCK DAVIS. The cards were really wonderful but the words written about CHUCK were the best. Not only the cards received were wonderful but the personal condolences and almost the same words were spoken that appeared on the cards!

At times, when working community service, you don't realize that the community really does acknowledge and appreciate those efforts. That realization that the community appreciated CHUCK'S efforts was recognized by myself and family.

I wish to thank those members who came to see CHUCK and offer support prior to his passing. He really appreciated your thoughtfulness. We all appreciated the home baked cookies as well as the candy, fruit, and flowers received, as well as prayers during those visits.

CHUCK was fighting the disease of cancer for almost two years and yet, he wanted to be at the Community Center and do what he could do to keep giving and going. He kept this spirit up with not only the ASSOCIATION but with his family, the golf club/players as well as his church family. His family and I thank you.

I thank those members that participated and attended his Memorial. You were great! I thank my 'Forever Friends' for your support of me and CHUCK prior and after his passing. You gave encouragement and love especially the night that CHUCK went to his *Forever Home*. I wish to thank the DIGEST Editor for the great article about CHUCK that appeared in the DIGEST. Thank you all!

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☺ *May the spirit of Christmas and Hanukkah bring you peace; the gladness of Christmas and Hanukkah give you hope; the warmth of Christmas and Hanukkah grant you love.*

Last, but not least: - Additional volunteers who helped me with various jobs: JANE RECHT, JEANNE NICHOLS, GALE CATUTO, FRANCINE HILL, VICKI DAVIS, PAT PIPER, KELLIE CREVILLO, CAROL ARMSTRONG, MARSHA FORTNEY, NANCY TOMLINSON (Unit I), and AMY RICHARDSON (Unit 1).

We thank MICK HEROD, our DJ for an awesome performance and our very own "crusader" DOREEN DELKK for encouraging everyone to get up and dance to the great music.

**IT TRULY DOES TAKE A VILLAGE TO SUCCEED. 'JOB WELL DONE' EVERYONE!**

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☺ **CONGRATULATIONS AND BEST WISHES**

**DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS**

Charlene Adams	9	Charlotte Lariccia	15
Taido Anderson	16	Pam Latour	27
Frank Beal	3	Janet Lavine	9
Julie Bedoya	6	Frank Marquez	3
Mary Bell	5	Susan Marshall	16
Elsa Brisson	11	Gerald Martin	28
Joanne Bullock	30	Lisa J. Racine	24
Sue Chang	2	Bill Reddick	6
John Comey	5	Gary Robinson	9
Brenda Crump	21	Mario Roma	4
Greg Crump	21	Kevin Seay	23
Grace D'Agostino	29	Sarah Silva	18
Dennis Fitzsimmons	26	James Smart	27
Ginger Gallagher	26	Anastacio Torres	4
Sharon Gonzales	29	Nancy Tosch	7
Steve Howick	2	Katie Tran	9
Patricia Julien	21	Harold Van Dyke	14
Jean Kane	23	Ken Weiner	13
Randall Kayle	5	Joel Wilson	30
Peter Kofoed	19	James Wiseman	6

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**DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES**

Tom and Terri Ball	4	Bud and Crystal Fears	9
Jeff and Barbara Barzon	16	Tom and Leslie Larson	13
Michael and Lisa Blatnica	12	Jon and Sharee Mansur	7
Kathy and Willa Chaple-Kiralla	20	William and Pura McNevin	3
Kevin and Pat Crowell	2	Al and Madelyne Padilla	23
Greg and Brenda Crump	2	Andy and Donna Schuster	22
Tim and Doreen Delk	7	Richard and Patti Tower	9
Richard and Kay Dircks	5	Harold and Judy Van Dyke	30
Clark and Gina Edmond	8		

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☺ *Measure wealth not by the things you have, but by the things you have for which you would not take money.*

**ANONYMOUS**



- **SOME HOUSEHOLD HINTS**

- ☞ Brush the top of fresh homemade bread with white or cider vinegar just before done for a crust with a beautiful shine.
- ☞ Make your home smell good by sprinkling a bit of cinnamon in a pot of water with several tablespoons of white vinegar and bring to a boil.

- **ALERTS – MARTI GABRIEL**

If you aren't on the *Alert System* and you have an internet email and you want to know what is happening in our neighborhood, give **MARTI GABRIEL** a call at **951-553-1259** or email her at [marilyngabriel@gmail.com](mailto:marilyngabriel@gmail.com).

- **PROFILES – MARTI GABRIEL**

A *profile* is a short article describing a person's life, work and/or character. We are all interested in knowing more about each other, which is a way of communicating. You may feel you don't have an exciting life, but you have lived, so you have a story to tell. Call **MARTI GABRIEL** at **951-553-1259**.

- **REMEMBRANCE DAY - DECEMBER 7<sup>th</sup>** - Attack on Pearl Harbor, Oahu, Territory of Hawaii, 82 years ago. May all those who lost their lives rest in peace.

- **INSPIRATION – From LYN MARI**

*1 Timothy 1:15-17* - Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners...and I am the worst...

**To the King Eternal, Immortal, Invisible, to God alone is wisdom;  
Be glory and honor forever.**

*John 3:13-17* – He came down from Heaven...that the world, through Him might be saved. A Blessed Christmas is knowing Christ.

- **SCHEMES, SCAMS, AND FLIM-FLAM** – Last month, the topic was scammers that target active-duty personnel and veterans. In lieu of **REMEMBRANCE DAY, December 7<sup>th</sup>**, the focus will continue, hoping to prevent Veterans from being scammed and their pensions 'poached'.

*The PACT ACT* is a law that expands VA health care and benefits for veterans exposed to burn pits, Agent Orange, and other toxic substances. Scammers are misleading veterans into "applying" through them for a fee. ***The VA will never contact you or ask for sensitive personal information or require payment upfront in exchange for health or other services.*** 'FREE' medical devices are not free – not only will you receive nothing or an inferior version of what was offered, but the VA will be over billed for the device.

If someone contacts you claiming to be from the Veterans Administration (VA) and requests personal information, hang up and contact the VA directly. Ignore unsolicited offers related to your VA benefits. Use VA-accredited representatives to help you; the VA maintains a searchable database of attorneys, claims agents and veterans service organizations.

**THANK YOU FOR SERVING OUR COUNTRY AND GOD BLESS!**

## SCAMS (Continued)

- ☎ **Contact a VAgow/PACT or call 800-698-2411.**
- ☎ **Contact Veterans Administration (VA) at 800-827-1000.**
- ☎ **FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION 1-877-382-4357 (1-877-FTC-HELP), 1-877-438-4338 your attorney general ([www.naag.org](http://www.naag.org)) and your local police.**
- ☎ **Ask to file a written report about the incident and file your complaint at [www.cslb.ca.gov](http://www.cslb.ca.gov) or call 1-800-321-2752.**
- ☎ **Ask to file a written report about the incident and file your complaint at [www.cslb.ca.gov](http://www.cslb.ca.gov) or call 1-800-321-2752.**

- **ATTENTION LOSERS** – If you can't read this, perhaps you lost your prescription glasses. If you did lose your glasses, call JANE RECHT, our Secretary/Treasurer, at 951-763-9676. At the November 13<sup>th</sup> General Meeting, she submitted the "**LOST AND FOUND**" items from her oversized red-striped popcorn container to the attending GOLF KNOLLS residents. A few items were claimed by members in attendance; however, some of the unclaimed items have not yet been reunited with their owners. The unclaimed items are: two pairs of prescription glasses; a set of keys; a watch; a 4x5"(?) black folding-type wallet/purse; and a coin purse. Call JANE or pick them up at the office on Fridays from 9:00 AM to 12:00.

On the subject of losers; **THANK YOU TO THE GOOD SAMARITAN WHO FOUND A WALLET WITH \$300 AND RETURNED IT TO THE OWNER.** Many blessings to you!

- **TRIPS** – The **SUN CITY TRAVEL CLUB** hosts Day and Multi-Day trips; if anyone is interested in participating you can contact NYLA (951-757-6760) or DEBBIE (1-858-442-1677) between 9 AM to 7 PM. Trips will originate from Sun City.

### TRIPS:

Dec. 2	DEL MAR HORSE RACES	\$ 62
Dec. 7	CHRISTMAS WITH SINATRA & FRIENDS	130
Dec. 14-16	CAMBRIA & HEARST CASTLE HOLIDAY BY RAIL	999/1299
Dec. 20	VIEJAS CASINO	25
Jan. 27	THE CANINE STARS	67
Apr. 8-13	WASHINGTON DC – CHERRY BLOSSOMS	3499/4199
May 4-15	CROATIA & ITS ISLANDS	4999/5499
May 5-8	SEDONA, VERDE CANYON RAILROAD TRAIN	1199/1499
May 19-26	AMERICA'S MUSIC CITIES	4099/4999
Aug. 8-13	BEST OF CHICAGO	2975/3655
Oct. 14-22	COSTA RICA	2899/3399

- **SPECIAL MEETING** - The Board of Directors is hosting a "Slope Meeting" on Wednesday, December 6, at 6:00 PM in the Banquet Room. Treats will be served. All lot owners are welcome but especially lot owners on Camino Alba, Via del Sol and Calle Quedo that have sloped property. If your lot has a slope, you don't want to miss this meeting.

- **WANT TO SAVE MONEY?** – How? Well, the initial step is by not hiring a Professional Association Management Company! Unfortunately, associations cannot function without a Board of Directors and we have been very fortunate to have **VOLUNTEER GOLF KNOLLS** members all these past years, keeping our annual dues lower than most Homeowner's Associations.

Responsibilities tend to cause burnout and for this reason many Homeowner's Associations (HOAs) turn to professional services which causes the **higher assessment dues**. Increases in groceries, gasoline, utilities, etc. not only affect our home, but as noted in the November 28, 2023 **GOLF KNOLLS ASSOCIATION** letter, substantial increases in utilities, supplies and other operating expenses have seriously impacted the operation of **GOLF KNOLLS ASSOCIATION**.

We have in our midst, highly skilled residents with professional backgrounds and **GOLF KNOLLS** is appealing to Lot Owners to be part of this **CARING COMMUNITY** and as "a family" save "beaucoup bucks" for the ASSOCIATION and keep a **VOLUNTEER** Board of Directors. With the ASSOCIATION'S budget, can it accommodate the added expense of professional managerial help?? Currently, our HOA has full control of the ASSOCIATION and decisions; however, with '*Paid Management*' - **YOU MAY NOT! YOUR HELP IS URGENTLY NEEDED, PLEASE SEND 'A LETTER OF INTEREST'** to the Board. The main goal of the HOA is to keep our fees low and to maintain the community and its property values.

- **PROFILE – BY MARTI GABRIEL**



**WAYNE BERSHAW** – born August 16, 1923! When we are young, we brag about our age. Every birthday is a little closer to a milestone. At sixteen or eighteen, you are able to get a driver's license and drive. Then twenty-one you are really grown up and you can get an alcoholic drink.

After that, our age is just a number, and it doesn't hold the significance it once did. Ladies get to be protective of their age and don't want to divulge it. If God grants you a good life and good health and you reach **one-hundred** years old, then you should shout it from the roof tops. **MR. WAYNE BERSHAW** is 100 years old and 92 days (as of this writing). **WAYNE** lives with his daughter, **SANDI STEVENS** in **GOLF KNOLLS**.

**WAYNE** was born and raised in Idaho. After graduating high school, he and his two buddies came to California. Their mode of transportation was a Model A convertible. **WAYNE** drew the short straw and got to ride in the rumble seat. This was quite an adventure.

He found a job working at Consolidate Aircraft Company in San Diego. This is where he met his future wife, **HELEN MORRIS**. They were married 48 years and had two children, **SANDI** and **MICHAEL**.

In 1942, a very important letter arrived for WAYNE and the salutation read: 'Greetings from the U.S. Army'; he was sent to Missouri. The 75<sup>th</sup> infantry Division was formed. When his basic training was successfully completed, he was told he qualified for the A.S.T.P. (Army Specialized Training Program). The Army then sent him to Iowa State College for classes. His wife, HELEN was able to accompany him.

The *Battle of the Bulge*, also known as the *Ardennes Offensive* was the last major German offensive campaign on the Western Front during World War II. The battle lasted for five weeks from December 16, 1944 to January 28, 1945, towards the end of the war in Europe.

At his time, the Army closed down all training programs and sent them to Europe. All the students met in New York to board a ship. WAYNE'S bunk happened to be in an empty swimming pool. They were to join forces in Nuremberg, which was to become 1<sup>st</sup> Infantry Division, "The Big Red One". This was because of the Red One on the shoulder patch. His rank was Sergeant.

His job was to take over the camps where people were held and who had been displaced during the war; to see to it that they had food and supplies until they arrived in their own country. He was in Pilsen Czech Republic when he heard that Germany surrendered, and the war was over.

WAYNE was transferred to Bamberg, Germany. The trials were going on regarding Hitler's topside, HERMANN GOERING. He was then discharged to Utah where he collected his wife, HELEN from Missouri and they moved to Seattle. He worked in Sales and retired from Abby Rents, who specialized in medical and party equipment.

SANDI worked for WAYNE'S STEVENS Design Associates in Huntington Beach. SANDI moved to GOLF KNOLLS in 2007 and WAYNE came to live with her in 2016. Both SANDI and WAYNE are very talented, each in their own way. SANDI makes quilts; she's a painter and designer; WAYNE works with wood, inlaid woods, which are beautiful. WAYNE happened to give me several coaster sets to give away. This is what keeps this man young.

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*Christmas and Hanukkah is a family time  
And nothing can compare  
With the special joy that fills the home  
For everyone to share...  
So may your home be filled with joy  
When Christmas and Hanukkah are here,  
And may very special happiness  
Be yours throughout the year!*



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**A most blessed Merry Christmas and a Happy Hanukkah in this season of lights;  
may your world be brightened by the love of family and friends.**