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ASSOCIATION - FROM THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS 2023

Good News! As mentioned last month, **CAROL ARMSTRONG** and **PETER SMITH** submitted an application for the 2024 Board of Directors. They will be voted in by *Acclimation* at the January 2024 open annual meeting. Additionally, **VICKI DAVIS** submitted a "Letter of Interest" and she will be appointed to the Board at the January meeting. We also have, as of this writing, two more members interested in serving. Once their "Letter of Interest" are received, these owners will be vetted and once approved, they will also be appointed at the January annual meeting.

WALKING THE STREETS – Several members have mentioned that many people who walk in the dark are dressed in very dark clothing, which makes them almost impossible to see. So please **BE SAFE** and wear light colored clothing or something that is reflective.

BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S REPORT (Continued)

SUREYOR SPECIAL MEETING – The special December 6th meeting to discuss the slope issue was very well attended. Our guest speaker was **TIM SMITH**, a surveyor, who answered a lot of questions. The dimensions on the Tract Map #4259 are correct so there is not any untitled swath of land in the rear of lots. For further clarification for those residents with sloped property, **TIM** agreed to meet with GKA residents at an assigned lot and show how the lot lines are measured. **MAURICE CAMP** and **DON FORTNEY** will head that committee and will send out the notice once the date is set.

The Annual **GOLF KNOLLS ASSOCIATION (GKA)** meeting will be **JANUARY 8TH** in the Banquet Room.

VICE PRESIDENT - PAT PIPHER

Violations: Since my last writing, there was only one written notice of a violation. The lot owner was notified by letter and the matter was quickly resolved.

Collections: All delinquent accounts have paid through December 2023. That leaves three accounts in collection. HUD controls two of the accounts and the third will be foreclosed in 2024 if monies owed are not paid.

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

Hi everyone. Our GKA General Meeting was held on December 11th and we had 26 members in attendance. December 6th, we held a special informative general meeting with the guest speaker **JIM SMITH** from the surveying firm. Please remember to wear light colored reflective clothing if you are out at night walking. Even with traffic at 20 miles an hour, a driver cannot stop in time, especially if they do not see you. This would certainly mess up your holiday. Keep safe and I would like to wish everyone a healthy happy holiday season and a joyous New Year.

<u>ACCOUNT</u>	<u>ACCOUNT DESCRIPTION</u>	
<i>Cash Operating Funds</i>		
California Bank	Checking	\$ 95,782
California Bank	Money Market	230,000
Petty Cash	Cash	<u>53</u>
TOTAL OPERATING FUNDS		\$325,835
<i>Reserve Funds</i>		
Charles Schwab	Checking	\$155,769
Charles Schwab	Money Market	<u>249,000</u>
TOTAL RESERVE FUNDS		<u>\$404,769</u>
TOTAL OPERATING & RESERVE FUNDS		<u>\$730,604</u>

SECRETARY/TREASURER REPORT (Continued)

ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE		\$(1,798)*
DELINQUENT ACCOUNTS		0
FOUR (4) ACCOUNTS IN COLLECTION		<u>16,714</u>
TOTAL ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE		\$14,916
* HOA dues 2024 paid in advance	\$5,138	

FACILITIES – DON FORTNEY

1. Pool Deck Cleaning Party Participants: PAT PIPHER, BARRY CHARELLE, TOM and LESLIE LARSEN, HILARY WYLIE, TIM DELK, TOM RENO, JOE IZZO, PAM BYERS and GRANDSON, MARLENE PHELPS, BILLY RANKIN, MICK HEROD, PETER SMITH, ROGER MARCEAU, STEVE AUGUSTINE, and JANE RECHT.
2. Replanted failing crepe myrtle trees from hillside to the half-circle area near the sego palms. Crepe myrtle trees must be planted on level ground to succeed.
3. New pool light in deep end was installed.
4. New security light fixture installed on staircase landing to South Gate 1.
5. Installed new 2-sided custom sign from the ceiling of "The Cove" (small Barbeque Area).
6. Thank you, DONNA FORTNEY, for painting the walls of "The Cove".

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

Happy New Year! We hope you had a great holiday season. As we transition into another year, rest be assured that for the *Emergency Response Team (ERT)* it's "business as usual", meaning that there are no significant changes to our operation either in function or staffing. We don't change team members or positions at the start of every year. This results in consistency in operation and procedures. As a team, we're prepared to respond to any park-wide emergencies – but as an individual, are you? A great New Year's resolution would be to take a look at your own preparations for an unexpected emergency. Yes, this takes an effort for an out-of-mind potential problem, but the rewards will be well worth the time.

As had been mentioned before, a significant amount of the *ERT's* budget comes from CRV recyclables redemption. Sometime this year, the *City of Murrieta* and *Waste Management* may institute "forced" recycling – that is, you will likely be asked to sort recyclable materials (cardboard, paper, plastic containers, glass, cans and plastic bottles) from household garbage. If, or when this occurs, please understand that you will still be free to contribute your CRV recyclables to the ERT, just as you're doing today. Please recycle all glass containers at home, the small return on deposits and potential for injury when handling glass in bulk are just not worth it; however, please DO recycle CRV cans and bottles leaving bottle caps on the empty containers.

EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM (Continued)

Thank you to all those who are contributing and we welcome anyone else to do the same. There is a recycle area just behind the Banquet Room, near the East Gate (Gate 2)

Here's hoping you have a healthy, happy and prosperous New Year!

DO YOU KNOW ABOUT GKA (EMAIL) NOTICES? Periodically, the GKA Board will send out an "official" notice about HOA Board Meetings, facility closures or any other topic that may be of general interest to the Golf Knolls residents. If you wish to subscribe, use your internet browser and go to tiny.cc/gkanotices (capitalization is not important). You will receive an email from GKA, confirming that you want to sign up. Simply respond to the confirmation email and you will be instantly subscribed. Family members outside the park are also invited to sign up, so that they can inform residents that may not have access to email. If at any time you want to stop receiving these notices, there will always be a subscribe link at the bottom of each email that is sent. There is no cost or obligation to subscribe. You will not be receiving any spam resulting from your subscription. Once you've confirmed your intent to subscribe, you will receive all future notices

COMMUNITY CLUB

COMMUNITY CLUB PRESIDENT – ARLENE MUSCATO

This will be my last installment in the *GOLF KNOLLS DIGEST* as my term has come to an end. Before I go, I would like to invite you to our last event of the year, our New Year's bash. Please join us to being in the New Year, 2024. Dinner, music and fun, doors open at 5:30 PM. New Board to be announced at January COMMUNITY CLUB meeting. I would like to close by saying it was a pleasure serving my community and to my awesome Board Members, it was a great experience to work with you, **BETH HARVEY, LINDA FULLER, PEGGY DONNELLY**, I couldn't have done it without you.

Good Luck to our new Board and God Bless!

☺ CARING THOUGHTS AND GET WELL WISHES

Bob Bonham
Irene Cota



Anita Deneault
Frank Gabriel

Kendra Rankin
Mona Sams
Juan Waterman

JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES

Jun and Nancy Arpon, Jr.	12	Albert and Nancy Silva	31
Edward and Gay Brewer	4	Anastacio and Isidra Torres	9
Robert and Elsa Brisson	20	Salvador and Maria Torres	29
Mike and Virginia Jones	25	Norman Wright and Gloria Ballenger	18
Bill and Marian O'Dell	14		



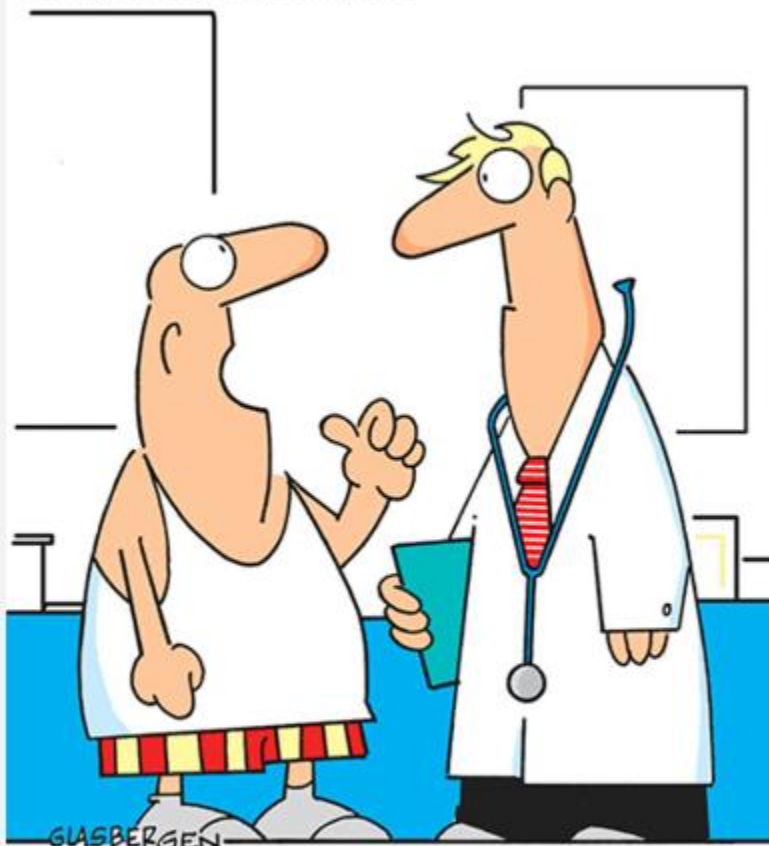
Please contact GLORIA BACHMANN (696-8253), to notify her of any BIRTHDAYS and ANNIVERSARIES, illnesses or deaths IN WRITING AND place in tube at 28760 VIA DEL SOL. (No notices will be printed in the GOLF KNOLLS DIGEST without written notification.) WE WANT YOU TO BE A PART OF OUR COMMUNITY, so keep us 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.

GENERAL INFORMATION & ANNOUNCEMENT

- **AN INVITATION** – All three units are invited to attend a **CYBER SECURITY, HEALTH and SAFETY RESOURCE FORUM** sponsored by Supervisor **CHUCK WASHINGTON** and Council Member, **CINDY WARREN**, District 5, to learn about safety and wellness resources, presented by our Murrieta Police Department and the Murrieta Fire and Rescue.

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“I could be a healthy person if you’d stop finding things wrong with me!”

INVITATION (Continued)

Topics will include *Easy and Budget Friendly Emergency Preparedness and Healthy Aging and Wellness*. Light refreshments will be provided with FREE first aid kits and mini phone charger for Seniors (one per household, while supplies last).

WHEN: Friday, January 19, 2024 - 10 AM to 12 PM

WHERE: GOLF KNOLLS, 29070 CAMINO ALBA, MURRIETA

- **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 2nd.

HONDA is also recalling select 2023 – 2024 *ACCORD* and *HR-V* vehicles due to a missing piece in the front seat belt pretensioners; more than 300,000 *ACCORDS* and *HR-V's* are potentially affected. Dealers will inspect and replace the seat belt pretensioner assembly at no cost.

TESLA is recalling nearly all vehicles sold in the United States which is more than 2 million, to update software and fix a defective system that is supposed to ensure drivers are paying attention when using Autopilot. The recall covers *models Y, S, 3 and X* produced between October 5, 2012 and December 7 of 2023.

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.

QUAKER OATS (Owned by PepsiCo) is recalling several of its granola products, including *Quaker Chewy Bars* and cereals, saying the foods could be contaminated with salmonella. According to the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), salmonella infections can cause fever, diarrhea, nausea, vomiting and stomach pain. The company is asking customers with recalled products to throw them away and contact its customer support line or visit the recall website for more information and reimbursement.

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** – In the November issue, *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.
 - **SOME HOUSEHOLD HINTS**
 - ☞ After the New Years' Party, a dish of activated charcoal will banish cigarette odor afterwards.
 - ☞ Make large ice cubes for parties in muffin tins.
 - **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.
 - **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.
 - ☺ *Resolve to perform what you ought; perform without fail what you resolve.*

BENJAMIN FRANKLIN

MARTI'S ALERTS:

12-11-23 **FOUND** – Little, white fluffy female dog with thin black collar; call **MARTI, 951-553-1259.**

INSPIRATION – From LYN MARI

Proverbs 14:8 - The wisdom of the sensible Prudent is to discern and understand his way, but the folly of shortsighted fools is the error of deceit. He is misled.

SCHEMES, SCAMS, AND FLIM-FLAM – January is the month when scammers, swindlers and thieves are exceptionally active, thanks to the mailing of tax-filing documents by employers, banks and other organizations. Thieves will follow the postal carriers who fill unlocked mailboxes with W-2s, 1099s, brokerage statements and other paperwork detailing sensitive information, including your Social Security number – all of it ideal for ID theft. Check when tax documents should arrive and call the sender if they do not arrive.

FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION 1-877-382-4357 (1-877-FTC-HELP), 1-877-438-4338 your attorney general (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 or call 1-800-321-2752.

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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:

Jan. 17	HARRAH'S CASINO	\$ 35
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

NEW RESOLUTION - BE WISE - While driving one evening, one of our residents had a frightening near-collision of a pedestrian and his dog. Thankfully, the pedestrian was spared. The pedestrian was a candidate for hospitalization or a nominee for the obituary column. The walker, dressed in dark clothing with no reflectors/light, walking at night had three strikes against him: (1) dark night, insufficient lighting; (2) no sidewalks; (3) some seniors driving at night with restrictive sight.

NEW RESOLUTION (Continued)

Fortunately, this time, the pedestrian was spared, - but what about next time? Start the New Year wisely; every life is worth saving, that's why this message is repeated on Pages 1 and 2 because your safety is the ultimate goal.

- **2024 - YEAR OF THE DRAGON** – The Dragon is the 5th in the 12th year cycle of the Chinese zodiac related to the Chinese calendar. The Dragon symbolizes power, nobleness, honor, luck, and success in traditional Chinese culture. Among the Chinese zodiac animals, the dragon is the sole imaginary animal. The Dragon is a supernatural being and the most vital and powerful beast in the Chinese zodiac, and having an infamous reputation for being a hothead and possessing a sharp tongue. In ancient times, people thought that Dragons were best suited to be leaders of the world with their character traits of dominance and ambition. Gifted with courage, tenacity, and intelligence, dragons are enthusiastic and confident. They are not afraid of challenges, and willing to take risks. They are sometimes regarded as aggressive, and angry; are not open to criticism and do not consider themselves irritating and arrogant. Instead of following tradition, they strive for a smooth future.

EDITOR COMMENTS – *To all our GOLF KNOLLS readers, MANY BLESSINGS and GOOD HEALTH TO YOU AND YOUR FAMILIES and may 2024 (the Chinese year of the Dragon); have new dreams and resolutions; bonds of caring unity; and a year filled with new and great solutions.*



Sincerest thanks to all who contributed to making GOLF KNOLLS the great place it is; without the time, talent and energy of our ASSOCIATION and COMMUNITY CLUB BOARD OF DIRECTORS, - both past and present – how could so much be accomplished without them? We are so blessed to have had them and hopefully, we can continue with volunteers to take their place with new ideas and betterment of this community.

Special thanks to the ASSOCIATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS, BILLY RANKIN, PAT PIPHER, JANE RECHT, JANET MERIDITH, HILARY WYLIE, ROGER MARCEAU, DON FORTNEY, and to the late, CHUCK DAVIS; to the COMMUNITY BOARD, ARLENE MUSCATO, PEGGY DONNELLY, BETH HARVEY, AND LINDA FULLER for their endless hours of dedication.

Grateful thanks to our inimitable CHARLIE PARKER, Assistant Editor, (whom we greatly miss, - he chose to leave this 'astronomical salary' in lieu of a career, as poet laureate and renown author). Thanks to all our friends and neighbors who contributed to the GOLF KNOLLS DIGEST; so grateful for THE EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM, BOB BONHAM, MICK HEROD (who also informs us with email notices, tiny.cc/gkanotices) and for their Block and Tent Captains for getting the information to help the residents for medical and humanitarian assistance.

EDITOR'S COMMENT (Continued)

So appreciative for **GLORIA BACHMANN'S Birthdays and Anniversaries; BETH HARVEY, Reservations; and Monthly Calendar; GLENDA SMITH, Women's Society; LYN MARI, Inspirations; MARTI GABRIEL, Alerts/Profiles; and her BINGO nights.** Special thanks to our Librarian, **LYNNE SAWARD,** (who faithfully printed the **GOLF KNOLLS DIGEST** for many years and retired from being our printer). Many thanks to those who deliver the **DIGEST, DONNA and DON FORTNEY** and to **PEGGY DONNELLY** who took over the **DIGEST** printing. (Not only did **PEGGY** help in that capacity – she also is the **'NEIGHBOR-TO-NEIGHBOR'** Editor; **COMMUNITY CLUB** Secretary; and she and her husband, **CHUCK,** are also handling the **WOMEN'S SOCIETY** food preparation).

Continuous thanks to the **ASSOCIATION and COMMUNITY CLUB BOARD OF DIRECTORS** who have given so much to our community and welcome those who will be willing to share their talent with the **GOLF KNOLLS "family"**. Wishing you all a New Year rich with many blessings; loving one another, with **Peace, Hope and Happiness** and experiencing new and great adventures.

• **THINGS TO BE THANKFUL FOR – AUTHOR UNKNOWN**

- ✓ Be thankful for the clothes that fit a little too snug, because it means you have enough to eat.
- ✓ Be thankful for the mess you clean up after a party, because it means you have been surrounded by friends.
- ✓ Be thankful for the taxes you pay, because it means that you are employed
- ✓ Be thankful that your lawn needs mowing and your windows need fixing, because it means you have a home.
- ✓ Be thankful for your heating bill, because it means you are warm.
- ✓ Be thankful for the laundry, because it means you have clothes to wear.
- ✓ Be thankful for the lady who sings off key behind you in church, because it means you can hear.
- ✓ Be thankful people complain about the government, because it means we have freedom of speech.
- ✓ Be thankful for the alarm that goes off in the early morning hours, because it means you're alive.



**Peace In The
New Year**

GOD BLESS THY YEAR

(Old English Blessing)

Thy coming in, thy going out.

Thy rest, thy traveling about.

The rough, the smooth,

The bright, the drear, God bless thy year!



WISHING YOU ALL A HEALTHY AND HAPPY NEW YEAR!