

Highlands Highlights



Board Notes

Submitted by Dave Platt



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**Christmas Eve Day
& Christmas Day
New Year's Day**

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The King City Highlands Homeowners Association conducted the member's annual business meeting on November 15, 2018. Owners of 83 Units (houses and condos) were represented in person.

Four candidates were elected by the membership, each to serve a two-year term. The current composition of the new Board (November 2018 to November 2019) is:

- Tom Chown Serving the second year of his existing term of office
- Mike Dahlstrom Newly elected
- Judy Baese Newly elected
- Steve Hall Newly elected
- Dave Platt Re-elected

Immediately following the annual meeting, the new Board convened its first meeting to elect officers of the Association as follows:

- President Steve Hall
- Treasurer Mike Dahlstrom
- Secretary Tom Chown

At this time, it is appropriate to recognize the three Board members who have just completed their service on the Board.

Judy Austin has been an invaluable asset to the Community as a Board Director for the past four years. Her direct involvement in the Architecture and Landscape Committee has brought to the Board a critically important voice in the affairs of this Community. Although she is still intimately involved with the A&L Committee, her tireless contribution to all the other aspects of the Association will be greatly missed.

Jerry Crane has served on the Board for the past two years. He personally launched an exhaustive investigation of our numerous insurance policies and found a broker who understands HOA operations. Together they redrafted our entire insurance portfolio to attain the level of coverage required for our Association. Jerry took on responsibility for Clubhouse Maintenance and the numerous upgrades and changes he has been able to accomplish are easily visible to all.

As noted in the November issue of the Highlights, Vicki Miller has been our Treasurer, but her growing real estate business is currently demanding her full attention.

I am thankful for the privilege of serving our Community as HOA president for the past four years. While it has been a rewarding experience, I am more than happy to release the responsibility to Steve Hall. I am confident he will provide fresh direction with a resultant increase in the overall value of our Community.





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Condo Notes

Submitted by Zoe Allen, Chair,
Highland Park Board of Directors

Fall/Winter Reminders: One of the annual chores here at Highland Park is turning off the water to the outside hose spigot to prevent freezing pipes in case we have a real cold snap. Buildings 1 through 4 have multiple outside faucets and multiple indoor shutoff valves. This is not the case with the other 17 buildings. Most have one hose spigot and one shutoff location--usually, but not always, under a bathroom sink. If you have the ability to open a PDF, we can send you the document that provides information on all the water shutoffs for your unit and building. If you cannot open a three-page document, it is also posted on the bulletin board at the Clubhouse. Mabel can make you a copy. E-mail Zoe Allen if you would like the PDF sent to you (zallen98007@gmail.com). Although we have not had a prolonged cold spell (in the mid to low 20's), it could happen again at any time.

Maintenance Request Reminders: If you are concerned about a maintenance issue in the common or limited common areas, you should contact our Property Manager Erin Ashley at CMI. Her phone number is (503) 445-1119 and e-mail is erina@communitymgt.com. The exception to this rule is lightbulb replacements. Please contact our volunteer Sheldon Siegel via e-mail at slsbjs@yahoo.com. Be sure to give an exact location of the bulb that is burned out.

In case of an emergency situation that requires calling out a vendor during non-business hours, you should still call CMI and follow the prompts to reach the on-duty emergency manager. That phone number is (503) 233-0300.

Crime: Occasionally we have a rash of petty crime on our property. It usually involves breaking into garages. The correct procedure to follow is to call the King City Police. If you see somebody actively committing a crime, dial 911. If you discover the crime after the fact, please call the non-emergency number for KC Police at (503) 629-0111. The next step is to call your Neighborhood Watch Building Captain. He or she will then pass the information up the chain of command. There is no need to call a Board member since there is nothing they can do. The Neighborhood Watch Coordinator for our property, Sandy Bergeron, will advise the Board Chair if she thinks it's necessary to do so. If you don't know who your Building Captain is, you may call Sandy; there also is a list on the bulletin board at the Clubhouse.

Insurance Reminder: This reminder is for all residents, but especially for our newer owners. Our Rules require that all homeowners purchase and maintain homeowners' insurance. You should specifically have a policy designed just for condos called Homeowners

Newcomers & Activities Committee

Submitted by Lucianne Phillips

Activities

On October 23rd, we held the Newcomers Welcome that was well attended. There were presentations by the leaders of the KC Highlands and Highland Park Boards of Directors to give an overview of the two Associations. In addition, there were explanations about the various committees and activities, all of which was followed by a lively question and answer period. The breaks and refreshments allowed people to get to know each other in an informal and welcoming setting. Thanks to the newcomers who attended and to the volunteers who worked behind the scenes and/or made the yummy food!



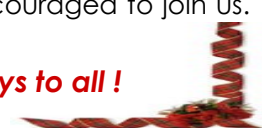
Condo Notes cont'd)

Condo – Unit Form 6. These policies are designed to work with the Master Insurance coverage provided by American Family Life and paid for by your Condo Association. If your broker or agent does not sell or cannot provide this type of coverage you should find somebody who does. You'll probably save money.

Just three more announcements to go:

1. Per our House Rules, campers, camping trailers, motor homes, etc. may not be parked on the Highland Park property (except inside a garage) for more than 48 hours. This rule applies to all residents.
2. No Committee or Board Meetings in December.
3. Because our Annual Meeting will fall on Valentine's Day in 2019, the meeting date will be 2/21/19. Much more info to come in January. Our next regular Board Meeting will be January 10, 2019 at 5:30 p.m. in the King City Highlands Clubhouse Board Room. All condo residents are welcome and encouraged to join us. See you there!

Happy Holidays to all !



Other Committee Reports & Activities

Clubhouse Interiors Committee Submitted by Jo Hendrickson

Due to our contractor's very busy construction schedule, the kitchen remodel will start in mid-January.

The Christmas decorations are now up and we hope everyone will take some time to visit the Clubhouse and enjoy all the beautiful decorations that were put up by this Committee and friends.

We extend our wishes to everyone in the Highlands Community for a joyous Holiday Season!

Committee Members: Jo Hendrickson, Kathy Bodyfelt, Karen Elardo, Lawanda Hallam, Helen Scofield, Joyce Biglione, Linda Lucero,



A & L Committee

Submitted by Mark Perkins, Committee Chair

Just a reminder—there are still two Saturdays to recycle your leaves at Cook Park for a small food donation (two cans per load). The remaining dates are December 1st and December 8th.

We will be sprucing up the beds around the Clubhouse and the storage shed over the next few months. We plan to remove dead, diseased, and dying plants and replace them with more flowering shrubs that have at least some drought resistance. We also plan to plant crepe myrtles along the Dickson pathway fence (where the new homes were built). Those beds also need refreshing, like the Clubhouse beds.

We are also busy finalizing sprinkler line repairs so we can put them "to bed" for the winter, but ready to go in the spring.

As we enter the winter months, applications for landscape and architecture changes decline. This means we will not meet each week if there are no applications. Residents are welcome to come and observe our meetings to learn "how it works." We of the Committee wish each of you a Happy Thanksgiving and good health as we enter the Holidays.



Happy Holidays

from the Front Entrance Light Committee!
We hope the new lights at the front entrances will help to brighten your spirits during this very special time of the year.

(Rosemary Thomas, Judy Baese, Don Gates, Jim Peffers, Gordon Keeney)

Highlands Dining Group

The first gathering Submitted by Pat Combs of the Highlands Dining Group was a success! Fourteen people attended the Hayden's Happy Hour on Wednesday, November 14th.

The company was wonderful with some people meeting for the first time, the food was very good, and the restaurant was very hospitable and welcoming. Thank you to those who attended.

What's coming up?! Look for information in the January issue of the newsletter for the next exciting event sponsored by the Dining Group.

Everyone is welcome!



Christmas will always be as long as we stand heart to heart and hand in hand.

—Dr. Seuss

Activities

Art & Craft Faire/Cookie Bar

Submitted by Nancy Crandell



THE HIGHLANDS ART & CRAFT FAIRE IS HERE !
DECEMBER 1st —10 A.M. TO 4 P.M.

Remind all your family, friends, and neighbors to come shop an assortment of beautiful hand-crafted items—there will be something for everyone on your Holiday shopping list—you may even find something for yourself!

The atmosphere will be very festive, with the Clubhouse decorated for the Holiday season, a glowing fire in the meeting room fireplace, and Christmas music filling the hallways. All will certainly get you in the Holiday spirit.



The Cookie Bar's aroma will entice you to try and purchase assorted cookie treats made by our Highlands residents. The proceeds from purchases will benefit a local charity and food bank.



New this year is a "Toy Tree." You may donate new, unwrapped toys to benefit and be delivered to children in need.



The Highlands Art and Craft Faire/ Cookie Bar is fun! – Come join us!!

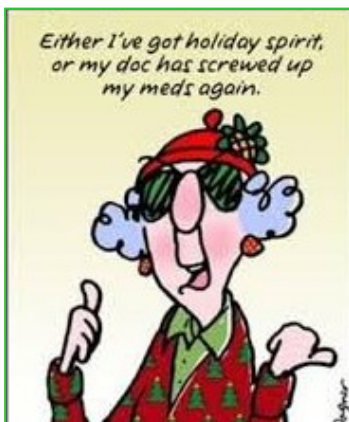
For more information, call Nancy Crandell at (503) 746-6701.



Note to Crafters: Set-up time is 1 p.m. Friday, Nov. 30th. Please bring any racks that will sit on the floor so we can allow space. Also, remember bags for customers.

Sorting out how Santa fits in with the religious meaning of Christmas can be confusing for kids. This was evidenced by my two-year-old daughter, Josie, as she pretended to read from a book: "Then Santa forgave them their trespasses..."

—Clara Smith, Victoria, B.C.
Readers Digest Canada



Mahjong

Submitted by Sandy Bergeron



Mahjong is a very old Chinese "gambling game" played with tiles. There are many different rules depending on the country, with each having its own version.

We use the simplified Chinese game as taught at the Chinese Garden in Portland. It's easy to learn and a lot like playing Rummy with tiles instead of cards.

We play every Wednesday from 2 - 4 p.m. in the card room. We don't play for money in our Highland's game and none of us are that serious a player, which makes it fun. We love to teach new people, so come visit us! For information, contact Sandy Bergeron.

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Bible Study

Submitted by Maxine Sommer

Tuesday, December 4th —

Pastor Ben Jaquith, with inspiring faithfulness, has served our Community Bible Study for many years. He will be with us this evening, bringing insightful and practical applications for our daily lives from Scripture.

Nearly 30 years ago, he helped start a church in Tigard, expanding the ministry to include a thriving K-12 school.

Tuesday, December 18th —

CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION AND SING-A-LONG starting at 7:00 p.m. Pastor Dave McCelheran will be bringing his guitar again this year to lead us in singing audience requests. His wife will be joining him in duets as well. Pastor Dave will also lead us in a time of reflection and sharing.



We encourage all Highlands residents to join us as we enjoy the gifts of music and fellowship, followed by a large assortment of cookies, with hot chocolate and coffee.

Activities

Movie Nights



Submitted by Nancy Crandell



Movie Nights for December Will Be the 1ST and 3RD Fridays at 7:00 P.M.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 7th— We will take a tour with Rick Steves on a celebration of European Christmas traditions and music throughout England, Norway, France, Germany, Italy, and the Swiss Alps, in **“EUROPEAN CHRISTMAS.”** Enjoy the many ways our European neighbors observe this beautiful and sacred holiday season.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 21st — We will share a gentle and humble telling of **“THE NATIVITY STORY.”** Powerful, timeless and visually magnificent, this film gives wonderful insights into the way people lived and thought, as well as the incredible journey of Mary and Joseph, faithful and willing to fulfill their destiny. This is not a grand theatrical event, but you will leave with a feeling of peace and love.

“This holiday season, no matter what your religion is, please take a moment to reflect on why it’s better than all the other ones.”

– Guy Endore Kaiser

THE FOUR STAGES OF LIFE

- You believe in Santa Claus.
- You don't believe in Santa Claus.
- You ARE Santa Claus.
- You look like Santa Claus!



Happy Hour

Submitted by Bobbi Siegel



Highlands Happy Hour takes place every Friday evening in the Clubhouse.

Everybody is welcome—couples and singles. It's a time to visit, laugh and of course, eat good food. Happy Hour starts at 5 p.m. and ends around 7 p.m. — just in time to stay and watch one of the great movies that starts at 7 p.m. twice a month!

Just bring your choice of beverage and a dish to be shared. We have snacks, casseroles, salads, and desserts.

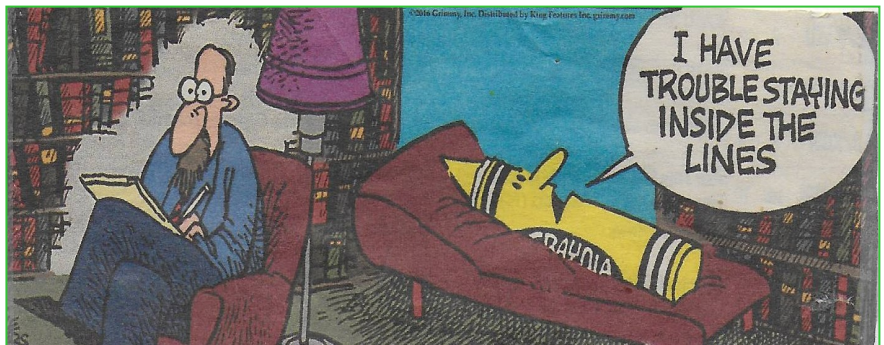
Coloring Group

Submitted by Susan Keltner

The Coloring Group meets every Friday morning at 10:30 a.m. in the Clubhouse — we're usually there until about noon or 12:30 p.m. It's a group, rather than a class. No supplies are needed at first because we have many coloring pages — some simple designs, and some more detailed — your choice. We also have lots of varied colored pencils to share. Feel free to bring your own supplies if you have them, and want to work with what you have.

Coloring is a great way to relax, “unwind” so to speak, reduce stress, and forget your cares for awhile among neighbors and friends. And you don't have to be quiet—we talk, laugh, and socialize at the same time.

There is no right or wrong way to color, so we welcome people who color outside the lines! Come visit and see how “color-full” we are!



Special Events

Halloween Party Potluck Report

Submitted by Jo Hendrickson



It was a super duper Halloween Party Potluck!! As you can see, we had costumes from Laundry Basket Lady full of lint to Mardi Gras revelers, and what a delight they all were. Everyone was snapping pictures for their own personal memories. Rosie Riveter and Uncle Sam (Denni and Jim Peffers) won the best gal and guy costume prizes. The pumpkin gourds on the right end of the "pumpkin table," crafted by Steve Hall, took the pumpkin contest prize.

The buffet table was "overflowing" with delicious food which was mostly prepared by our very talented residents—and OMG—do we ever have some awesome chefs in our Community. Thank you to all who attended and to those who helped with the variety of tasks necessary to make our party happen. See you all again next year!

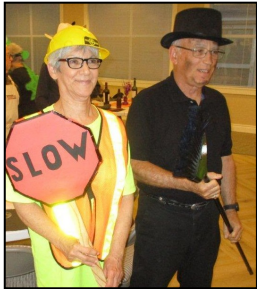
Editor's Note: Timing was such that this report couldn't be included in the November issue; we're happy to include it here...



Pumpkin Contest



Jo Hendrickson, Jim Peffers, Kathy Bodyfelt, Ed Benberg, and Steve Hall in fun costumes!



Bobbi & Shel Siegel need jobs!



Costume Winners, the Peffers!



"The Lone Ranger" & Mardi Gras 'King'" (Don Combs & Pat Gaines)



The "Green" Lady, Lorene Guell

Halloween Pictures by Denette Peffers & Ed Benberg

December Event

Highlands Holiday Buffet

Submitted by Jo Hendrickson

We just want to remind you that the **Highlands Holiday Buffet is Wednesday evening, December 12th**. and we're happy to report that we're all sold out of tickets!



Dinner is being catered by Kam and Kam Catering and we're sure you will enjoy our beautifully decorated Clubhouse all dressed out in Holiday decor.

The round tables will be used for the dinner and as with other events, there will be no reserved tables.

During the evening, we will have wonderful entertainment by the Dickens Carolers outfitted in beautiful period costumes.



Social hour starts at 5:30 p.m. and buffet dinner will be at 6:30 p.m.



Looking forward to a great evening!

The principal advantage of the non-parental lifestyle is that on Christmas Eve you need not be struck dumb by the three most terrifying words that the government allows to be printed on any product: "Some assembly required."

— John Leo



Activities — 2019 !

Parade and Potluck



Submitted by Nancy Crandell

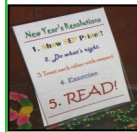
On New Year's morning, January 1, 2019, we will once again enjoy our potluck breakfast and watch together, on our big screen TV, the beautiful Tournament of Roses Parade from Pasadena, California .

Bring something 'breakfasty' to share. Parade festivities start around 8:00 a.m., but you can come whenever you wish. PJ's and 'blankies' are acceptable, and comfort is the word for the morning. It's so much more fun to share the experience with friends, AND Ed has promised pancakes!

Questions—call Nancy Crandell (503) 746-6701.

Book Club

Submitted by Judy Sutton



Winter is a great time to sit by the fire with a good book. That's what many of our Book Club members do.

Join us for our next book discussion. We will be reading **The Brimstone Wedding** by Barbara Vine (2011). It is a mystery and tells an unsettling story about the power and the poison of love.

Sound interesting? Then read the book and come to our next meeting at the Club-house on Wednesday, January 16th at 1:30 p.m. Coffee and treats are provided.

For more information, contact Judy Sutton at (503) 639-1752.



I wish we could put up some of the Christmas spirit in jars and open a jar of it every month.
—Harlan Miller



Highlands Travelers

Submitted by Wendy Gardner



Hello Highlands Travelers and welcome to the dawn of a new adventure. Our goal is to bring exciting travel opportunities to our residents throughout the year to broaden our horizons. Whether near or far, we will bring you some unique opportunities that we hope will pique and/or reawaken your wanderlust.

Please join your neighbors and explore our first adventure, and welcome Ms. Gisele Fernandez with UnCruise Adventures. Change the way you see the world! For over 20 years, this unique small ship cruise line has travelled where the big ships can't go, in more ways than one. There are set itineraries, but Mother Nature leads the way where close-up encounters are greatest.

Adventure on the Columbia and Snake Rivers experiencing landscapes from coastlines to rolling green hills to jagged cliffs. From the winding channels of the San Juan Islands to the inlets of British Columbia, meanderings in the Pacific Northwest put you in unique corners of this world.



Wilderness and wildlife await on an inclusive, 22- to 90-guest small ship cruise in Columbia and Snake Rivers, British Columbia, and coastal Washington. Want to venture beyond our neighboring shores? UnCruise can also take you to Alaska, Mexico's Sea of Cortés, the Hawaiian Islands, Costa Rica and Panamá, and the Galápagos Islands.

We look forward to kicking off our travel adventures with you. Refreshments will be served, so please RSVP via e-mail to highlandstravelers@att.net or call Wendy at (818) 807-7063 by 1/14/19.

Announcements

Library Whisperings



Submitted by Bobbi Siegel

Our committee has been very busy this month processing books. We now have a lot of paperback books available for residents to take and keep. They are located in the Library give-away box. These books are in good condition and are written by well-known authors.

Please feel free to pass these items along for others to enjoy, and be sure they don't return to our Library shelves!

Bobbi Siegel, Librarian

Stay Safe...
It's dark now during evening activities and events. If you're walking to or from the Clubhouse building after dark,



Remember your flashlight!



Hand and Foot

Submitted by Gordon Keeney



Reminder: Hand and Foot plays on Thursdays, except the week of HOA Town Hall/Monthly Meetings. On that particular week each month, game night will be on Wednesday. **This month, it's the week of Dec. 16th, so we'll play at 7 p.m. on December 19th at the Clubhouse—see you there!**

Highlands Toy Drive



Submitted by Steve Hall and Don Gates

Highlands residents are encouraged to donate new unwrapped toys and *make a child smile* this Holiday Season. All toys collected will be taken to the Great KGW Toy Drive to help local kids. Showing that someone cares about them can have a huge impact on a child. Make the Holiday special for someone.

There is a Drop Box in the entry hall at the Clubhouse. Bring your donation *no later than December 14th*.

Embrace the Magic of Giving!

Happy, happy Christmas, that can win us back to the delusions of our childhood days, recall to the old man the pleasures of his youth, and transport the traveler back to his own fire-side and quiet home!

--- Charles Dickens

New Year's Eve



The Committee is looking for someone to chair the New Year's Eve party (someone who is responsible for opening and closing the building). **There needs to be a Chair in order for the party to happen.**

In the past, it has been a no-host party in the Great Room with everyone bringing an appetizer to share, much like Friday night Happy Hour. The get-together is from 8 p.m. until ???, and residents may come and go as they please. Come and celebrate the New Year!

Not much planning is involved and if you are interested in chairing this event, please contact Gary Melott at (503) 598-4636.



Highlands Community Information

Houses Neighborhood Watch Captains—A Safety-Net

Submitted by Connie Holt

Did you know that there is someone on your block that's always looking out for you? Each street in our Highlands neighborhood of houses has a "Block Captain"—a person who has volunteered to watch for unusual happenings on your street, keep an eye on your home while you're away (but you have to let them know of course), and be vigilant if there isn't any activity around your home for a couple of days (or more) and check in with you.

If you don't know who your Block Captain is, you can call the Block Captains Chief, Connie Holt, at (503) 936-9297. There's also an area map of the houses with the Block Captains listed on the bulletin board in the Clubhouse. Get acquainted with your neighbors, it's a great place to live.

Here's a list of Block Captains: Joan Stremich, Shirley Crane, Bill Hendrickson, Maybelle Prouse, Ray & Arlene Lucas, Lee & Fran Hardiman, Muriel Jackson, Andy & Mary Anderson, Linda Lucero, Donna Anderson, Joan Gamroth, Bernie & Mindy Duman, Jim & Denette Peffers, Carol Counsell, Ed Benberg, Gary Melott, Joyce Biglione.

For those new to the Community, you should have received an emergency contact form when you moved in, either from your Block Captain or from Mabel in the HOA office. These forms are important and need to be filled out and given to Mabel to keep in the office; a copy goes to your Block Captain. You never know when this information will be needed. These forms also need to be updated from time to time as changes occur: i.e., new contacts, new phone numbers, new car, new pets, etc. Please keep Mabel or your Block Captain up to date on any changes.

I want to thank all the Block Captain volunteers who do such a great job meeting and greeting all the neighbors. This is a great example of neighbors helping neighbors and one more reason to live in our Highlands Community.

THANK YOU!

*Block Captains: There will be a **Block Captains Meeting on Wed. Jan. 16th, 11:00 a.m. in the Clubhouse.***

I hope you can attend. E-mail or text me if you can't.



Condos Neighborhood Watch Meeting

Submitted by Sandy Bergeron

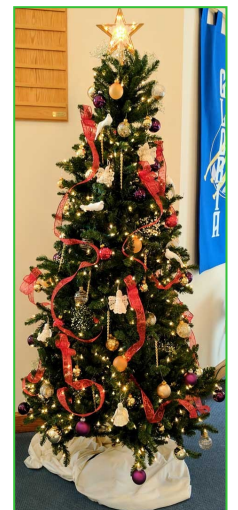


We had our last meeting of the year on Tuesday, November 13th.

Our neighborhood garage sneak thieves are at it again. Helpful hints: keep your car locked at all times, even in your garage; don't leave any valuables in your car or garage to tempt a thief. Store alcohol and Holiday gifts in your condo, not your car or garage. Put a cover over your emergency garage door release or install a new type lock. Some garage doors are in blind alleys and only padlocks can fully protect against a break in. Thankfully, no condo unit has had a break in.

Our Neighborhood Watch Captains are wonderful caring people. Our Watch Captains can help keep you and your property safe. We have written instructions with pictures on how to use your over-ride garage door system if the power fails. Call me if you don't know your building's Captain.

Sandy Bergeron, Condo Neighborhood Watch Coordinator
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Items Of Interest...



Playing Cinnamon Bear...

Submitted by Sue Anderson

Remembering our Anderson Christmas's past, my son Randy was the Cinnamon Bear at Lipman's. He would put on the huge heavy warm bear costume with the Cinnamon Bear head and join in on the fun. Many boys and girls would sit on his lap and tell him what they wanted for Christmas while others would be afraid of him and all he could do was to wave or blow them a kiss. He always made sure each child left with a Cinnamon Bear cookie, even if he had to hand it to Mom.

Because of the weight of the head piece and the warmth of the fur costume, he could only work a few short hours before it was break time. During the three weeks he worked as Cinnamon Bear every year, he would drop about 10 lbs!

Randy was awarded Lipman's Cinnamon Bear of the Year when Frederick and Nelson bought them out. He was such a natural at doing the job because of the fun-filled evenings he had as a child playing with the Cinnamon Bear—a memory that he was able to give to others as he grew up, and could return the favor.

As a child he and his sister listened to the tale of Paddy O'Cinnamon that aired on the radio the day after Thanksgiving and ran through the Christmas season. Eventually, Frederick and Nelson closed its doors and the Lipman name was gone forever, but Cinnamon Bear lives on. Radio station's K103 in Portland and Kool 99.1 in Eugene still air Paddy O'Cinnamon every year.

King City Highlands and Your CPO

Submitted by Mike Dahlstrom



Many of you are aware of, and attend, the Community Participation Organization (CPO)4K meetings at the Highlands Clubhouse. But there's more to CPO4K than attending and listening. The Highlands community is of value within CPO4K (which includes King City and the area to Roy Rogers Road) and the intent is to respond to what you think is important to know.

CPO4K is a place for you to bring up issues that are managed by King City, Washington County, Metro, many State agencies, the service providers that make life pleasant (Tigard-Tualatin Aquatic District, TVF&R, Clean Water Services, NW Natural Gas, PGE), as well as Tualatin Wildlife Refuge and area parks.

The CPO program is one of Washington County's community engagement approaches. The program began in 1973 as a way to meet Oregon State Land Use Planning Goal One - Citizen Involvement. It was managed by Oregon State University until 2015 when OSU declined to continue oversight. Following a year-long community task force (appointed by the Washington County Board of Commissioners) including many current and

Your CPO (cont'd)

former CPO volunteers, the conclusion was to bring the program inside the County. Today, the program is part of the Washington County Community Engagement Program under the County Administrator's Office, which reports directly to the Deputy County Administrator.

CPO4K is one of 19 CPOs covering the entire County, but is considered one of the leading CPOs in terms of participation (that's YOU!) and program content. If you haven't attended a meeting, maybe now is the time. Agendas are posted: www.co.washington.or.us/cpo4K. You also can sign up to receive meeting notices directly on the website. Agendas also are posted on the Highlands bulletin board.

The CPO meets from 7-8:30 p.m. on the fourth Monday of the month (except for December, June, July, and August) at the Clubhouse. Yes, there is always great information shared as well as an opportunity to meet with neighbors. *But it's also there for YOU!*

The next meeting will be January 28, 2019. So come on out, get a sense of what the CPO is about, then share how it can benefit you directly. It's your community and your CPO!

'Tis The Season...



The Red Wagon Submitted by Quila Bowlés

It was the day after Christmas at a church In San Francisco. The pastor of the church was looking over the Nativity scene when he noticed that the baby Jesus was missing from among the figures.

Immediately he turned, went outside, and saw a little boy with a red wagon. In the wagon was the figure of the infant Jesus. So he walked up to the boy and said, "Well, where did you get Him, my fine friend?"

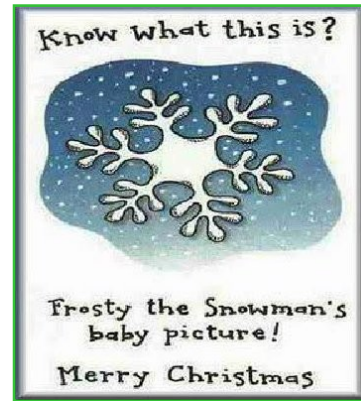


The little boy replied, "I got Him from the Church."

"And why did you take Him?"

The boy said, "Well, about a week before Christmas, I prayed to the Lord Jesus and I told Him if He would bring me a red wagon for Christmas, I would give Him a ride around the block in it."

—Author Unknown



Q: What do you call Santa's helpers?
 Cluses.
 :Subordinate
 —Author Unknown



Did You Know? — Other Holiday Traditions

Submitted by Quila Bowlés

St. Nicholas Day

December 6th is the Feast of Saint Nicholas of Myra, which is now a part of Turkey. He was a bishop from the fourth century and noted for his saintly life. He is the model for our modern-day Santa Claus, because Saint Nicholas's generosity was legendary. The night before St. Nicholas Day, children place their shoes in a prominent location—by a fireplace, or outside their bedroom door. The next morning, usually very early, the children find their shoes filled with little presents from the great Saint.



Hanukkah

Hanukkah is a Jewish holiday that starts on the 25th of the Jewish month of Kislev, which coincides with late November-late December on the secular calendar. It is celebrated for eight days and nights. In Hebrew, the word "hanukkah" means "dedication." The Holiday commemorates the re-dedication of the holy Temple in Jerusalem following the Jewish victory over the Syrian-Greeks in 165 B.C.E.



Kwanzaa

Kwanzaa is a seven-day festival which celebrates African American culture and history. It's a time of community gathering and reflection. Kwanzaa begins on December 26th, the day after Christmas, and continues until New Year's Day, January 1st. Each evening a family member, usually the youngest child, lights candles in a special candleholder (kinara) and discusses one of the seven principles of Kwanzaa.



Christmas in Australia



Christmas is on December 25th, but it's the summertime in Australia. People often spend part of Christmas Day with their families at the beach. Christmas dinner is just as likely to be salads, cold meat, prawns and lobsters as the traditional meal of roast turkey and plum pudding. Children believe that Santa leaves presents for them on Christmas eve under the tree. One popular Australian song states "six white boomers" (large kangaroos) pull Santa's sleigh—getting to Australia, he gives them a rest.

—from *Holiday Stories*,
 Americanfolklore.net

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Submitted by Mabel Weber

Druck, Jacqueline (Betty's Daughter)	503-293-6057	12639 SW Bexley Lane
Hume, Richard & Helen (New address)	503-869-8522	16316 SW 130th Terrace # 70
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Stanley, Cherie	503-639-8276	12581 SW Dickson Street



Confessions of a Store Santa

While I was working as a store Santa, a boy asked me for an electric train set. "If you get your train," I told him, "your dad is going to want to play with it too. Is that all right?"

The boy became very quiet. So, moving the conversation along, I asked, "What else would you like Santa to bring you?"

He promptly replied, "Another train."

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KAREN: Thank you so much for all your help with the purchase of my home. And thank you for coming by to visit! And thank you for the very generous card. I appreciate your kindness.

Joan J.

Dear **KAREN:** It was a pleasure working with you on the sale of the house. Your calm reserved professionalism has been very much appreciated.

Christina and Duane L.

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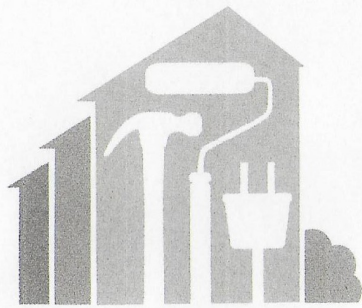
Paul W.

Karen, you have a selfless heart. It is reflected in your approach as a sales professional. Kind regards.

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December 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2	3	4	5	6	7	8
1-4 pm Realtors' First Sunday Open Houses	10 Zumba Exercise 2 Dominoes	9 Walking Aerobics 10 Coffee Hour 1 Bridge 7 Bible Study	10:30 A/L Meeting 2 Dominoes 2 Mahjong 7 Mixed Poker	10 Zumba Exercise 11 Genealogy Class 7 Hand & Foot	9 Walking Aerobics 10:30 Coloring 1 Needle Arts 5 Happy Hour 7 Movie Night	
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16	17	18	19	20	21	22
Private Event 11:00 – 6:00	10 Zumba Exercise 2 Dominoes	9 Walking Aerobics 10 Coffee Hour 1 Bridge 7 Bible Study	2 Dominoes 2 Mahjong 7 Mixed Poker 7 Hand & Foot	10 Zumba Exercise 11 Genealogy Class 6:00 Town Hall 7 HOA Board Meeting	9 Walking Aerobics 10:30 Coloring 1 Needle Arts 5 Happy Hour 7 Movie Night	
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
	Christmas Eve 	Christmas Day 	2 Dominoes 2 Mahjong 7 Mixed Poker	10 Zumba Exercise 7 Hand & Foot	9 Walking Aerobics 10:30 Coloring 1 Needle Arts 5 Happy Hour	
30	31	Clubhouse Office Hours: Mondays, Wednesdays 9 – 12 and Thursdays 1 – 4. For updates, please check the calendar on the Clubhouse front door window or watch for updates on Hi-Net.				
	8 pm New Year's Eve Party					