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A Living Christmas Story

Submitted by Connie Johnson, secretary at Hoodview Church of God

oodview Church of God will be hosting a recreation of the story of Jesus in the Annual presentation of "A Living Christmas Story." Members of the Woodburn area community will portray the Living Christmas story in 11 scenes that tell the story of Jesus' life; a portrayal of Shepherds watching flock, three kings following the star, and a manger scene, Mary at the well and others. This is a free event in which you can take part by driving or walking through. Hot chocolate, coffee and cookies will be served as well. This event will be held each evening from 6-8 p.m. on December 19-21, at Hoodview Church of God located at 1530 Mt. Hood Ave., Woodburn, OR 97971.

We need volunteer actors from the community to portray the Living Christmas story from Jesus' birth to death to resurrection in a truly living way. These are not speaking or singing parts, just the portrayal of Shepherds watching flock, three kings following the star, and a manger scene. If you are interested in being a part of this presentation we have other behind the scenes needs as well. Contact Gary or Connie Johnson with questions you may have at 503.951.7553.

- December 19-21, from 6-8 p.m.
- 1530 Mt Hood Ave., Woodburn, Oregon.
- Admission is free; drive or walk through.
- Dress cozy and enjoy hot chocolate, coffee and cookies.

Estates Annual Holiday Craft and Book Sale

by Joanne Delnick, Chairperson

This year's Estates Annual Holiday Craft and Book Sale was held on Saturday, November 22nd. There were lots of handmade items purchased, a lot of cookies eaten, several raffles were won, and a lot of free door prizes were given away. Julie Siebel from The Estates won the Keurig Vue Coffee Maker with a lot of coffee donated by G. W. Hardware. Bob Trojak, also from The Estates, won the Bicycle donated by Mega Foods. Lyn Robbert from The Estates won the raffle. Her prize was the beautiful afghan hand-knit by Pam Jarman.

Besides our crafters, door prizes were donated by the following vendors in our community:

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Thank you to all who donated items. It takes many people to put this sale on and make it such a great success. Thank you so much to all who volunteered their time

I am very pleased to announce that Chris Daley has volunteered to Chair the Craft Sale next year. She and I will work together to hopefully make a seamless transition. I'm sure that everyone will give Chris the support and help that you all gave to me.

Upcoming Events

(see also Recurring Events on page 10)

In the Estates

- Jingle Hop Dance Party, Saturday, Dec. 13, 6:30 p.m., \$8 cover, public welcome.
 - Bluegrass Christmas Concert, Sunday, Dec. 14, 3 p.m., Aud., \$5
- Swinging New Year's Eve-Swing Street Orchestra, Wednesday, Dec. 31, 8 p.m., \$15 cover, public welcome.

In Woodburn

• See Woodburn Recreation & Parks Events in this issue

Neighborhood News

YOU ARE INVITED TO COME TO A

UKULELE CHRISTMAS **PARTY**

Date: TUESDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2014

Time: 2:00 p.m.

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> Open mike (please RSVP so you can be listed) 2:30 p.m.

3:00 p.m. Ukulele mini-concert with Ron Relaford and Steve Yant. These guys are part of a group called Evergreen. They were in a very successful bluegrass group called Mollybloom for 14 years. For some of the best uke playing, come and enjoy some great music. You are sure to be delighted with the

sounds the uke can make and also enjoy the company of other ukulele artists.

Pass this along to any friends you have that play the uke

Have a chance to meet with other ukulele players in the area

Did I mention, it's kinda free fun with ukey friends. You don't want to miss it!

Hosted by the Uke-de-do Ukulele Group at the Estates at Woodburn

"Who's On Third?" Christmas Concert

by Nancy McGillivray, Concert Committee

Trudy Fowlks, Music Director and Concert Coordinator, has invited the entertaining and talented Feely Family to return for a very special "Who's on Third" Christmas Concert set for December 21 at the Woodburn United Methodist Church. The Methodist Church's own keyboardist, Zach Feely, his dad, Don, the Musical Director at St. Andrews Church in Southwest Portland, and three of Zach's siblings will present both traditional and contemporary holiday music featuring vocal and instrumental selections, solo organ pieces, piano/organ duets, and an encore presentation of the Laurel and Hardy silent holiday comedy, "Big Business". This program will have something for everyone.

There will be the usual mid-concert intermission with refreshments. Although there is no required admission price for the concert, a freewill offering will be taken to cover costs. Woodburn United Methodist Church is located at 700 N. Cascade Drive, just south of the Cascade Park Retirement complex. Mark your calendars for Sunday, December 21, 3-4:30 p.m., and plan to join us for this wonderful afternoon of music. You can call the church office at 503-982-2891 if more information is needed

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The Estates Dance & Social Club

by Bill Coleman

December 31 at 9:00 p.m.

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February 8 at 3:00 p.m.

A USO Show with delightful harmonies by "2 Sisters and a Mister" honoring Veterans, America, Family & God.

February 14 at 7:00 p.m.

A "Sweetheart's Ball" - A romantic evening with "The Supernaturals"

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CRIME TIPS FROM THE **WOODBURN POLICE DEPARTMENT**

Tips to Avoid Having Your Car Broken Into This Holiday Season by Corporal Colleen Quirion, Woodburn Police Department

With the holiday shopping season quickly approaching, a reminder about how to keep your purchases safe is in order. We see thefts from motor vehicles drastically increase during this time, as people tend to leave bags of goodies in view of the would-be thieves. Below are a few tips to think about while you are away from your car, to deter thieves from breaking in.

- 1. CHOOSE A GOOD PARKING SPACE: If you are going to be shopping into the evening hours, think about where the lights are located in parking lots, so you can have your car well-lit. An open, lit area is ideal. Criminals like dark corners, so try not to park in one.
- 2. LEAVE YOUR VALUABLES AND SHOPPING BAGS OUT OF SIGHT: Try to shop using a car with a trunk, and keep your goodies in the trunk instead of in the viewable passenger area. If a thief sees items that may be valuable, they are more likely to choose your car to break into. If they see nothing, they will move on to another car.
- 3. USE A VEHICLE WITH AN ALARM SYSTEM, IF POSSIBLE: Thieves are less likely to break into a car with a blinking alarm light. They don't want to attract any attention to themselves, so will look for cars without alarms. Double check to make sure the alarm is activated.
- 4. TAKE ELECTRONICS (PORTABLE NAV, ETC) WITH YOU: Either put the portable devices in a hidden place, out of view, or take it with you. Those are items that attract thieves, because they are easy to grab, carry, and sell.
- 5. LOCK YOUR DOORS: This should be a 'no-brainer,' but we take quite a few police reports where car doors were left unlocked. Some thieves will actually walk around a parking lot checking car doors for an easy target.
- 6. PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE DONOTLEAVE PURSES OR BACKPACKS ON THE SEATS: Again, should be a 'no-brainer,' but it happens often.

The bottom line: If your car interior is clean, with no visible objects, and locked in an open and/or well-lit area... the thief will probably overlook your car altogether. Then you can go on enjoying the holiday! Obviously, these tips should be followed year-round, but during the shopping season it is a MUST.

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When is Enough Enough?

by Donna Wood

My niece Lynn and I suffer from the same syndrome - Compulsive Enthusiasm, or as some people call it Shiny Object Syndrome. We are unable to start something without carrying it too far. For example, my niece sews, not with a needle and thread, but with five sewing machines at least one of which is attached to a computer. Once she wanted to make a set of four place mats for a friend who likes butterflies. She went on the internet to find a nice pattern to use. Before she could stop she had filled a huge notebook full of butterfly designs.

Lately she bought some black and white fabric and proceeded to design a quilt. It turned out so great that she designed another, then another, until she had made 18 black and white quilts.

Once, on a business trip to England, Lynn went to a high tea. Now when she has tea at her house, she must serve it with three kinds of cream, and all the fixings. She went to a glass show to purchase a couple of antique glasses for her tea parties and didn't quit buying glass until she had filled three china cabinets. I once offered to give her a tea pot. She said, "No! Don't! I would end up collecting them and I don't have the room."

I don't know how many things I've collected without putting on the brakes, but recently I took a class in card making at the local art center. Just two hours of class and 4 cards later, I went out and bought all the supplies we learned to use in class and arranged them in an expensive carrying case. Who knows if I will ever make another card? But if I do, there is probably no stopping!

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Peterson's eyes twinkled, and his lips curled into a smile. "No need to wait 'til Christmas," he said, heading out of the room and beckoning his grandchildren to

The excited kids followed their grandpa out of the living room, through the dining room, into the kitchen, out the door, and into the yard. Then they followed him down the driveway and to the curb where all the garbage and recycling was stacked.

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Men's Golf Club Meeting

Estates Men's Golf Club General Meeting December 2, 2014

The meeting was called to order by President Fred Bourne at 10 a.m. in the Dining Hall, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call: A quorum was established. Officers and Committee Chairmen/Committee Members present were: Fred Bourne, Jim Worley, Chuck Johnson, Steve Hobson, Paul Eaton, and Bob Price. A total of 18 members attended the meeting.

President's Report: President Bourne acknowledged Don Conway, a new member of our Club. Don then introduced himself and provided some information as to his past golf club experience. President Bourne then acknowledged a long time member of our Club, Don Blaylock. Don will soon reach the age of 90 and will enjoy free golf at the Estates. President Bourne reported on our Club's participation in the recent OGA Charity Golf Tournament which raised \$15,000 in behalf of a young man who is the son of Mr. John Grothe, OGA golf professional. The team from our Club placed second in the tournament and the \$200 entry fee taken from Club funds was money well spent. President Bourne then announced that the Most Improved Golfer for 2014 is Terry Edwards. For the second year in a row, the Iron Man Award went to Gene Finley with 207 rounds of golf, closely followed by Gene Mickey with 202 rounds of golf in 2014. Terry Edwards and Gene Finley will receive free Men's Golf Club Membership for 2015.

Vice President's Report: VP Len Westphal was absent with notice.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Jim Worley reported that the current balance of the Club's account is \$2,739.12.

Secretary's Report: Nothing to report.

Committee Reports:

Mixed Tournaments: Allan Lindberg was absent with notice. He had informed President Bourne that he had nothing new to report.

Sunshine: Bob Price reported that he had sent a Sympathy Card to the family of Jerry Cummings who recently passed away.

OGA: Paul Eaton stated that the tunnel sensory light system should be fully operational by this coming Thursday, December 4th. Paul also reported that upon Board approval, the Estates Golf & Country Club will have a booth at the annual Golf Show to be held in Portland on February 20 through February 22, 2015. The booth will be co-sponsored with McCully Realty.

Unfinished Business: Nothing to report.

New Business: Nothing to report.

Closing Comments: Terry Erickson inquired as to the Men's Golf Club dues for

2015. Treasurer Jim Worley reported that the dues would remain the same as in 2014 -- \$40 if paid before February 1, 2015, and \$45 if paid after February 1, 2015. Cart path annual fees for 2015 will remain \$50. President Bourne reminded the members

to use their vouchers in the Pro Shop prior to January 1, 2015. He also stated that he had asked Golf Course Superintendent Tim O'Larey about painting yardage markers on the cart path. Apparently, O'Larey will not be painting the yardage markers on the cart paths, but he will be placing permanent yardage markers in the ground near the cart path, indicating 100 yards, 150 yards, and 200 yards.

President Bourne and the officers and committee chairmen/committee members would like to wish all of our members a MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Closing: President Bourne moved that our meeting be adjourned, motion seconded, approved, and the meeting was adjourned at 10:10 a.m.

Chuck Johnson, Minutes Secretary approved by President Fred Bourne

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by Kathy Hiller

The youngsters from Dance, Dance, Dance entertained us at Coffee Hour on December 4. Some were very good, and some...not so much. But they all looked like they were having fun. We always enjoy seeing them present their dance talent.

Later, just before it got dark, 25 golf cars began arriving at the breezeway to get assembled for the Annual Golf Car Parade. Renee Hayes was ready for everyone and provided hot drinks and goodies before everyone got started. We had escorts from the Woodburn Fire Department and Woodburn Police Department. The heavily decorated golf cars were led out of the parking



Donna Smith celebrated her 80th birthday by sponsoring Coffee Hour

lot across Hwy 214 to the facilities at Silver Creek, French Prairie, and Country Meadows Village; then the outer loop on Columbia, Santiam, and Cascade, north to Cascade Park where they u-turned back to Hayes; then around Clackamas Circle and back to the Clubhouse.

WFD also had an old fire truck that transported several carolers from Woodburn United Methodist Church, who sang along the way both evenings. Friday night their route took them around most of the streets on the north end. Route maps had been posted on the Clubhouse bulletin boards so members could find out which streets the parade would visit.

The sponsor of this event for several years has been Rob Sheirbon of Foursom Golf Cars. He rewarded all participants by providing a catered meal after the Friday night parade ended.

Special thanks to Rob, Renee, and organizer Becky Butts, for all their hard work

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The Meeting was called to order by President Ken Bourne at 10:00 a.m. in the Auditorium, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Secretary David Bunnell confirmed that a quorum was established with Directors Bourne, Butts, Johnson, Bunnell, Aiken, Cornett, Hiller, Westphal and Worley in attendance. He also confirmed that in accordance with our Bylaws in section 4.3.7, to constitute a quorum for the transaction of business today we need either in person or by proxy twenty percent of the voting members. There are 1508 members of The Estates. To vote they must be in good standing as stated in the Restated Articles of Incorporation. He had met with our General Manager and accountant and determined that for purposes of this meeting there are 1443 members eligible to vote and that 20% of that number is 290 members. He confirmed that to the best of his knowledge we have received at least that number of proxies and therefore we have a quorum for this meeting. The minutes of last year's meeting were reviewed and approved by the Board in regular session on January 28, 2014, so they could be printed in the News & Views in February 2014. Secretary Bunnell made a motion that the Minutes of the Annual Meeting of November 12, 2013, be approved as previously presented and approved. Director Butts seconded the motion and they were approved unanimously. The President introduced all of the Board Members and the Committees they were responsible for.

President's Report - President Ken Bourne: Good morning, everyone. Thank you for coming. I really wasn't sure what I was going to say today in my report. So I decided to say just what is on my mind and my heart. (1) Remember in 2013 when the City of Woodburn proposed a plan to develop a road through our parking lot and continue throughout the streets of our community, allowing up to 10,000 cars per day to pass through? It would have been impossible for us residents to enter or leave our homes let alone access our facilities and restaurant without extreme hardship. Now let's fast forward to 2014. The threat of our roads becoming impassable didn't happen as suggested and our community stayed whole because of your strong voice and support. I know at times it has been inconvenient for many of our residents. It has been noisy, dirty, and delays have happened at times. But look at the progress that has been made. By the end of 2015 this will all be history and the integrity of The Estates Golf & Country Club will be maintained into the future because of you. (2) That being said, I would like to thank the members of the board for your willingness to give up many hours of your personal time for the service of the community. I thank you for taking the leadership role in the areas of your responsibility and the jobs done. Lastly, I thank you for your support and I wish you all the best. (3) I would like to thank our General Manager Sharon Schaub. I was a new member of the Board when Sharon was hired. The association needed someone with strong leadership and management skills and we found one. Sharon and I have had many discussions throughout my tenure. Whether we agreed or disagreed, we always came to a compromise that was for the betterment of the community. It has been a privilege working with you over the past 3 years and I wish you the best in the future. (4) Now I really need to thank the many members of our community who are the backbone of this organization. I commend you volunteer leaders for the great success you've made in each and every activity you orchestrate around The Estates successfully. The time in planning, organization, coordinating the setup and tear down, and conducting each and every event year after year is highly recognized. I know you do it because you love where we live and want The Estates Golf and Country Club to stay strong and vibrant. I would like to recognize Mary Bowling, Connie Lum, Ginnie Schuster, Rita Girard, Lon Reed, and the many more dedicated volunteers who make us so very proud that we live here in The Estates Golf & Country Club. (5) And lastly, I would like to thank everyone in attendance today and who attend the monthly board meetings. You come to these meetings because

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you care about the community and what is said and the actions taken. I thank you for your words of support, your words of advice and even your words of criticism. You are what keep us in check. (6) As I close out my term in office, I want to say how honored and privileged I am to have served you. May The Estates Golf and Country Club THPIVE AND PROSPER in the years to compal!!

Club THRIVE AND PROSPER in the years to come!!! Treasurer's Report - Treasurer Chuck Johnson: (1) As of today, bank statements had not been received for the month of October 2014. Therefore, I will provide the balances of The Estates Operating and Reserve Accounts at our next Board Meeting, scheduled for November 25, 2014. Also on November 25th, I will provide a report on our Accounts Receivable based on statistics determined on or near that date. (2) Today I will be presenting a draft of the 2015 Operating and Reserve Budgets. I will not go into specific detail as to each of these Budgets as the draft of both is posted on the bulletin board near The Estates Office. (3) Before presenting the proposed Operating and Reserve Budgets for 2015, I would like to publicly thank and acknowledge the members of the 2015 Budget Committee. These committee members met on seven occasions, spending approximately 14 hours in the preparation of the 2015 Budget. I sincerely believe that we have met our fiduciary responsibility in preparing a realistic and sound financial plan for 2015. The members of the 2015 Budget Committee were Sharon Schaub, our General Manager, Julia Senter, The Estates Bookkeeper, Board Member Stan Hiller, Men's Golf Club President Fred Bourne, Women's Golf Club President Sandy Blaylock, and the following members of The Estates: Joan Foster, Lon Reed, and Al Harris. (4) Now for the 2015 Budget, I would like to begin with the Reserve Budget which is based on the 30 Year Study, conducted in 2013 and recently reviewed by Schwindt and Company. In preparing the Reserve Budget, the committee relied heavily on the opinions of our Maintenance Supervisor, Frank Jameson, and our Golf Course Superintendent, Tim O'Larey. Many of the recommended maintenance, repair, or replacements of certain common area assets for 2015 were moved to later years based on the recommendations of Frank Jameson and Tim O'Larey. Some previously approved 2014 Reserve Budget asset costs not spent in 2014 were also moved to the 2015 Reserve Budget. Some of the asset cost as found in the proposed 2015 Reserve Budget were recommendations of the committee and were not originally included in the 30 Year Study. The committee recommends a complete renovation of the Health Center and renovating all bathrooms in the Community Center to make them ADA (American Disabilities Act) compliant. (5) The proposed 2015 Reserve Budget cost is \$347,087.00. The committee realized that revenue from projected home sales in 2015 would not cover the proposed Reserve costs for 2015. However, we have a threshold amount currently in The Estates Reserve Account of nearly \$900,000 that will more than offset any shortfall in our working capital fund as provided by home sales within The Estates. (6) The Operating Budget for 2015: There are numerous line items for both Expenses and Income. I will not go into detail in this presentation due to time constraints, but would like to assure everyone that the majority of the time the Committee spent on the 2015 Budget preparation was focused on the Operating Budget. In preparing the draft of the 2015 Operating Budget, the Committee first considered the Operating Expenses as expenses in general increase every year and are not easily adjustable. Upon determining a realistic total for Operating Expenses, the Committee could then focus on the sources of income to meet the anticipated expenses. The Committee determined total Operating Expenses for 2015 would total \$1,251,437.00. This total represents an increase of \$108,538.00 compared to the Operating Expenses of 2014, representing a 9.5% increase. To meet this increase, the Committee proposes that there is a need to increase the Homeowner Annual Dues \$25 to \$550. This \$550 total would include the previously specified \$50 Special Assessment, said Special Assessment is eliminated by rolling it into the overall annual Homeowner Dues. It is also proposed that the Associate Member Annual Dues be increased \$25 to \$500. The raise in the Homeowner Annual Dues represents a 4.8% increase to all homeowners and a 5% increase to all Associate Members. The Committee projects that increases in other revenue sources (Pro Shop Income, Publication Income, etc.) will balance the Operating Budget as proposed. (7) It should be noted that the Committee did not recommend any increases in any fees as currently established in the 2014 Operating Budget. That means that golf fees, storage fees, and any other fees will remain the same for 2015 as currently established for 2014. (8) In conclusion, as Treasurer and a member of the 2015 Budget Committee, I firmly believe that the proposed 2015 Reserve and Operating Budget represents a realistic and sound financial plan that I will present to the Board for adoption at the Board Meeting to be held on November 25, 2014.

Committee Reports:

Architectural - Director Len Westphal: (1) We have had 4 architectural requests and 2 compliance requests since the last regular Board Meeting.

Activities - Director Sharyn Cornett: (1) The end of the year is coming and I want to thank all of our sponsors and volunteers that made this year a success. (2) The Activities committee has been busy with 5 major events and two charity events. We have earned \$13,000 to upgrade and refresh the common areas here at The Estates. Our charity work includes Love, Santa and the Aware Food Bank. We have given 1000 pounds of food this year; Norma Rogers has recorded and transported this food. I only hope I can be this active when I am 93 years young. (3) All this has taken over 1000 hours of volunteer time, work and planning not including set up and clean up. Thank you for being so patient and kind to one another during this phase. (4) The 10 ladies on our committee have assignments and they do one hell of a job. Great big hugs to all of you. (5) Our advertising has gone well this year. We have used a variety of methods such as a press releases, signs, flyers, banners, *News & Views*, The Bugle Blast, The Chamber of Commerce, and City weekly eBlasts to announce our events and we will continue to upgrade

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advertising strategies to have everyone informed of all our events, cancellations, and corrections. (6) The Neighborhood Watch has 8 signs in the area. Window stickers are still available in the office for \$1. If we have need we will start meetings again. This awareness program has made our neighborhoods safer. Some street groups have started monthly lunches to get to know each other better and share safety tips. Remember the non-emergency number, outdoor lighting, cameras and alarms around your property. We are continuing to watch for the bad guy and taking care of each other. (7) The National Night Out event had 13 host sites this year. This was the best area representation in the City. Thank you to all the City support, fire police and administration and our own President and General Manager for making this event a success. (8) This was the first year we participated in an outreach program by having a booth for the Fiesta Americana. It was hot, hot, hot. Our brave group of volunteers helped over 150 kids paint rocks to take home as treasures to remember from all the Grandmas here at The Estates. You cannot buy this type exposure to let people know we have fun here. (9) The Estates Dance and Social Club was established this year. Highlights of their year were presented. (10) A reference book is in progress for the Activities Committee to shorten the learning curve for new committee members. (11) The 2015 schedules will soon be available for activities, dances and golf. You can find them in the box in the Dining Hall. Remember all schedules are subject to change at any time. (12) Special thanks to Ken Leonard for all the pictures of events and giving us history. (13) Sharyn sang a song to the attendees, in only her way that expressed her appreciation and thanks for allowing her to do her thing whatever that was. The Board experience was long but a memory I will treasure. Sometimes it was not fun; however all your support made up for any hard times. Thank you for this rewarding experience. I hope The Estates is even a better place because I had the opportunity and privilege to walk in your presence. Together we made a difference, had more laughter, more fun, more of everything. Have a great Holiday season.

Golf - Director Janice Aiken: (1) This past year we replanted arborvitae on the eighth tee box, formed a shrub bed behind the 12th tee box, we have new No Trespassing signs on the course with wording which will allow the police to arrest violators, the warning lights in the tunnel are being installed, and a new Rules sign has been completed and will be going in near the Pro Shop. (2) Tim O'Larey and his crew have been trimming trees and are very busy with the leaf pickup and as weather permits they will be spraying for crane flies. Old stumps will be removed this fall and winter. (3) We owe Tim and his crew a big thank you for keeping our course so beautiful and inviting. (4) I want to thank my committee which consists of Paul Eaton, Barbara Briskey, Fred Bourne, Sandy Blaylock, Clint Hanson and advisors Chuck Siver, Sharon Schaub and Tim O'Larey.

RV Lot - Director Jim Worley: (1) We maintained the lot this year to 2013 standards. (2) We are working on a five year plan for the RV Lot and expect to present it in February 2015.

Membership - Director Dave Bunnell: (1) We have had 2 new member receptions so far this year and have one more scheduled for Friday, November 21st starting at 10:30 a.m. in the Dining Hall. All new members to The Estates and any who have not attended in the past are invited to come and get acquainted with other new members and Board Members and meet representatives from many of the Clubs here. The Membership Committee will deliver new member packets prior to the meeting. All Board members and representatives from the various activities here are invited to come. Refreshments will be provided. (2) I would like to thank Becky Butts, who co-chairs this committee with me, and the following committee members: Shari Bland, Mary Bowling, Ellamae Carr, and Ginnie Schuster. They have done an excellent job in putting together the new member packets and then delivering them personally to the new member's home.

Real Estate - Director Dave Bunnell: (1) A total of 10 homes have sold during the month of October. There are 6 sales in title and 4 sales are pending. To date a total of 112 homes have sold this year. A total of 10 homes were sold in October 2013 and a total of 119 were sold from January 2013 through October 2013. We are slightly behind sales from last year but have 6 more weeks and will possibly have some additional sales yet this year. (2) I would like to especially thank Sharon Morse, our Administrative Assistant who handles all of the paperwork related to new homeowners and furnishes me a monthly list of the home sales data and information we use to invite the new members to our new members reception.

News & Views - Director Becky Butts: (1) The *News & Views* Committee has strived to bring a new look and content to our paper. The Estates Annual Directory is being put together to produce another beautiful directory filled with information. (2) I would like to thank my committee which consists of Julia Senter, Joan Foster, Kathy Hiller and Stan Hiller.

Rules & Regulations and CC&Rs - Director Jim Worley: (1) I have enjoyed my year on the Board along with your support and backing. (2) Our work in the Rules Committee has already been reported on during the past year both here and in the *News & Views*. (3) The CC&R and Rules Committee intends to have completed the last three documents and have them ready for the lawyer by the December 2014 meeting. We hope to have all documents ready for voting on in February, 2015. (4) I want to praise the committee for their hard work this past year, often attending at least two meetings a week to get this important work done and done correctly. Thank you Diana Lindberg, Marie Worley, Stan Hiller and Bob Musser.

Marketing / House - Director Stan Hiller: (1) I was approved by the Board of Directors on August 26, 2014, and immediately had my committee members approved. (2) The House Committee received many project bids that will continue into the New Year. The main focus was the renovation of the office and each of the three main entrances to our clubhouse by outside designer Jeremy Miller of Metropolitan Design Studio, and interior designer Rebecca Abraham. (3) The Marketing Committee used Whitt Gurley from Angled End Identities, an excellent designer, to bring us into the future with a new logo and a name that will work with the ever changing technology. We are currently looking at Facebook to promote us

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further. Some final decisions have been made and our committee hopes you agree. (4) I have been attending the Chamber Greeters meetings held every Friday and it has been very enlightening regarding the many local businesses. Like the Vendor Fair, it too has introduced many local businesses to our community and us to them. (5) I am now into my 3rd year as the project manager for the 2015 phone directory and it is halfway completed with the sales.

General Manager's Report - Sharon Schaub: (1) The national economy and housing market are improving – however slowly – and that means things are looking up for most Homeowner Associations including The Estates, which is a welcome relief to many communities that weathered some difficult years. Almost 88% of community managers throughout the country say their association's overall financial health is "excellent" or "good" with 10% saying "fair" and only 2% indicate "poor" financial health. (2) The Estates Golf & Country Club has excellent credit and a healthy balance sheet. Our audit conducted by Schwindt & Company revealed no exceptions, and we look forward to the same results for 2014. (3) The total value for home sales during 2014 in The Estates Golf & Country Club totaled \$12,328,862.00 representing 111 homes sold through October 2014, with the average sale price of \$111,071.00. These sales added \$214,000 to our working capital fund, which is directly added to our reserve fund. (4) Other interesting statistics found that out of the 111 home sales, 11 signed up for golf membership. Our membership committee gives out a golf voucher with each new member packet. As of June when we began tracking this particular statistic, only three were used. (5) Our Golf Superintendent, Tim O'Larey, and crew kept our 18-hole golf course in excellent condition while going through the adjustment period setting up all the sprinkler heads and programming them following the installation of the new irrigation system installed last year. (6) Our Maintenance Supervisor, Frank Jameson, and his assistant, Frank Bathke, reported five pages of repairs and improvements in and around the facility. This list will be posted for all members to see on the bulletin board. (7) The cleanliness of the Clubhouse performed by Francisco Ocampo has never been better. (8) One of the highlights of the year is the total savings we received on the installation of insulation in the East & West wings of our building. The total cost for the project was \$16,912; however, I submitted an application with the Energy Trust of Oregon, which reduced the net cost to \$4,872.20 representing a savings of \$12,039.80. (9) The heart and soul of this community is our volunteers. Take for example Coffee Hour where Connie Lum booked 50 shows for entertainment and worked with teachers, principals and various businesses throughout the community to bring educational and joyful experiences to our members every Thursday. The 2014 Coffee Hour report she submitted listed every event and each volunteer. Look for the complete report in our News & Views by Editor Kathy Hiller, which is another volunteer position. Kathy consistently exhibits dedication and hard work. I have named just two of our many wonderful volunteers that make living in The Estates Golf & Country Club the best HOA in the country. (10) This has been a very challenging year for staff especially Sharon Morse. Sharon handles all the real estate transactions and new member applications. The dedication, perseverance and hard work performed daily by Sharon and Julia Senter keeps our office running smoothly. (11) I wanted to remind the membership the basic authority in a community association lies with the owners. In order for the association to govern effectively, owners elect a board of directors to act on their behalf. Your role and responsibility is essential to the success of Senior Estates Golf & Country Club dba The Estates Golf & Country Club. (12) It has been my pleasure to serve the membership over the last two+ years and I will continue to do my very best to represent not only the membership, the Board of Directors, but our community as well until the end of my contract June 30, 2015, and hopefully beyond.

Introduction of new Board of Directors Nominees: President Bourne individually introduced the following candidates for the 3 open Board positions and gave them a chance to give any final comments on why they want to serve on the Board: Malena Turner, James Taylor, Larry Jones, and Robert Trojak. James Taylor was absent

Announcements: (1) The polls close at 5:00pm so please get your ballots in. (2) The next regular meeting of the Board of Directors is November 25, 2014, at 1:30 p.m. in the Dining Hall.

Comments by Owners: President Ken Bourne opened the floor for comments. Topics and suggestions included: (1) Install a key card lock and gate opener on the gate in the middle of the parking lot to allow members only to move from one side of the community to the other more easily. (2) The men's Golf Club is in favor of retaining the name as The Estates Golf & Country Club. (3) Returning back to Senior Estates Golf & Country Club. (4) The comparison of home sales this year to past years. (5) The amount of budget increase this year to past years. (6) The possibility of a quarterly work session or a talk to your board member meeting. (7) Reconsideration of a time for homeowners to walk on the Golf Course. (8) Thanks to the Board for their service.

Adjournment: There being no more business Director Bunnell moved that the meeting be adjourned. Director Butts seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 11:45 a.m.

Submitted by David C. Bunnell, Secretary



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Beaches Restaurant & Bar at Vancouver Waterfront - Vancouver, WA

Jan. 29 – 10:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. - Register by Jan. 14, 2015

Here the experience needs to be much more than just eating. It has to make you feel good. So, c'mon in for a visit. This team is gonna knock your socks off! After all, we're here for YOU!

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Pittock Mansion & Lunch at Canyon Grill - Portland, OR

February 26 – 10:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. - Register by Feb. 9, 2015

A house of historical significance and visual magnificence, the Pittock Mansion today offers us a uniquely personal opportunity to peek into the past, and study our world as it was - from the viewpoint of one Portland family. \$27 includes transportation and admission; lunch is on your own

Sweet Betty's - Gresham, OR

March 18 - 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. - Register by March 4, 2015

Sweet Betty's is Gresham's favorite family friendly Breakfast and Lunch spot! We serve breakfast all day and have the best breakfast specials in town. The patio offers a perfect place to soak up some sunshine while eating with friends. Our daily specials are amazing and we happen to have the best crepes in town! Come for the food, stay for the fun. \$18 includes transportation; lunch is on your own.

Oregon Gardens & Lunch at Creekside Grill - Silverton, OR

April 15 - 9:45 a.m. - 2 p.m. - Register by April 1, 2015

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Recurring Events

Recurring Events in The Estates

- *Dementia Support Group*, 1st Tuesday, 6 p.m.- 7:30 p.m., Conference Room.
- Music Jammers, 2nd & 4th Sundays, 2 p.m., Dining Hall.
- BOD General Meeting, 4th Tuesday, 1:30 p.m., Dining Hall.
- *Dance Classes*, Sundays, beginners 4:30 p.m., intermediate 6:30 p.m., Auditorium, \$6 pp.

Recurring Events in Woodburn

- Woodburn City Council Meetings, 2nd & 4th Mondays, 7 p.m., City Hall.
- *Dementia Support Group*, 3rd Monday, 2 p.m. to 3:30 p.m., Woodburn Health Center.
- Cowboy Church, 3rd Saturday, 6 p.m, Cascade Park.
- Who's on Third? Concerts, 3rd Sunday, 3-4:30 p.m., United Methodist Church, 503-982-2891.;

Recurring Events Elsewhere

- **Dementia Support Group**, 3rd Tuesday, 2 p.m. to 3:30 p.m., Silverton Hospital.
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Lucky Eagle Casino - Rochester, WA

April 29 – May 1 – Register by April 7

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Broadway Theater - "GREASE" - Tigard, OR

May 9 – 1 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. – Register by March 23

A powerhouse Broadway musical and enduring movie classic, Grease picks up the story of bad boy Danny and girl-next-door Sandy where their summer lovin' leaves off. \$48 includes transportation and show tickets.

Japanese Garden & Lunch at Black Bear Diner – Portland, OR

May 20 − 10 a.m. − 3:30 p.m. − Register by May 4

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RECREATION TRIPS, TOURS & ADVENTURES – NEW! Open to All Ages Rock 'n Skate Ice Skating – Portland, OR

Saturday Jan. 17 – 6:30 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. – Register by Jan. 10

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Portland Children's Museum - Portland, OR

Saturday, February 28 – 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. – Register by February 21

\$18 per person includes transportation & admission—additional family members are \$12 per person.

Portland Zoo - Portland, OR

Saturday, March 14 – 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. – Register by March 7

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Willamette Mission State Park Hike - Salem, OR

Tuesday, May 12 - 1:30- 4:30 p.m. - Register by May 3

This easy, serene 2.3 mile hike takes you on a tour past the scenic Willamette River, Mission Lake, and what is thought to be the world's biggest black cottonwood tree. \$10 per person includes transportation and guided hike – limited to first 10 people.

Marquam Nature Park Loop Hike – Portland, OR

Tuesday, June 2, 2014 - 1:00- 5:00 p.m. - Register by May 24

This easy 4.1 mile loop with 400 ft elevation gain is shaded by large red maples, Douglas Fir, Western Hemlock & red cedar, vine maples and big-leaf maples. The park was named after Philip Marquam, a Multnomah County judge in the 1860's who later served in the Oregon State Legislature. \$18 per person includes transportation and guided hike – limited to first 10 people.







Saturday, **December 13**

8:30a Ping Pong Players– DH

3:00p Water Volleyball – Swimming Pool 7:00p Christmas Party Dance – Aud/DH/Kit

Sunday, **December 14**

11:00a Private Christmas Party – DH/Kit

3:00p Christmas Concert – Aud

4:30p Ballroom Dancing Beginners - Aud

6:30p Ballroom Dancing Intermediate – Aud

Monday, December 15

8:00a Water Exercise - Swimming Pool

8:00a Fit For You Exercise - Aud

8:30a Estates Quilters - Craft Room

8:50a Walking Club Indoors – Aud

9:00a Ladies Pool – Pool Room

9:00a Walking Club Meeting – Blue Room

10:00a Womens Golf Board Meeting - Conf Rm 10:10a EZ Bridge Club - Blue Room

11:00a Zumba Gold – Aud

11:30a Ladies Golf General/Lunch Meeting -DH/Kit

12:00p Monday 3 Table Duplicate Bridge -Blue Room

1:00p Ladies Poker – Card Room

6:30p Water Volleyball – Swimming Pool

7:00p Golden Squares - Aud/Kit/Aud Foyer

Tuesday, **December 16**

8:00a Water Exercise – Swimming Pool

8:30a Ping Pong Players – DH

9:00a Bicycle Club – by Mailbox 10:00a Tuesday Morning Crafters Club -

Card Room 11:00a Ukulele Group Beginners - Craft Rm

12:00p Ukes Annual Christmas Party – Aud/Kit

12:00p Tuesday Afternoon Bridge – Blue Rm

1:00p Ukulele Group Advanced - Craft Rm

3:30p Water Volleyball – Swimming Pool

5:30p Tuesday Night Poker – Card Room

6:00p Crafting Time – Craft Room

6:00p Line Dancing Beginners - Aud

7:00p Line Dancing Intermediate – Aud

Wednesday, **December 17**

- 8:00a Water Exercise Swimming Pool
- 8:00a Fit For You Exercise Aud
- 8:30a Ping Pong Players DH
- 8:50a Walking Club Indoors Aud
- 9:00a Walking Club Meeting Blue Room
- 9:00a Woodcarvers Craft Room
- 9:30a Blackjack Card Room
- 12:00p Ladies Pool Pool Room
- 1:00p Golden Squares Workshop Aud 6:00p Wed. & Thur. Eve Pinochle – Blue Rm
- 7:00p Bingo DH

Thursday, **December 18**

- All Day News & Views Copy Deadline
- 8:00a Water Exercise Swimming Pool
- 8:30a Estates Quilters Craft Room
- 9:00a Bicycle Club by Mailbox
- 9:30a EZ Bridge Club Blue Room 9:30a COFFEE HOUR/Doors Open -
- Refreshments 10:00a COFFEE HOUR PROGRAM - Aud/
- DH/Kit
- 12:30p Chicago Bridge Group Card Room/
- DH Foyer/Kit 2:00p Estates Chorus - Aud
- 6:00p Wed & Thurs Pinochle Blue Room
- 6:00p Advanced Line Dance Aud
- 6:30p Water Volleyball Swimming Pool

Friday, **December 19**

- 8:00a Water Exercise Swimming Pool
- 8:00a Fit For You Exercise Aud
- 8:30a Ping Pong Players DH
- 9:00a Walking Club Meeting Blue Room
- 9:45a Bible Study Craft Room
- 10:00a Red Hat Group Blue Room
- 1:00p Blue Grass Jam Aud
- 1:00p Bunco Craft Room
- 1:00p Bridge Friday Party Blue Room 1:00p Dulcimer Group – Conf Room

Saturday, December 20

8:30a Ping Pong Players – DH 3:00p Water Volleyball – Swimming Pool

Sunday, December 21

- 10:00a Oregon Charitable Foundation -
 - Card Room
- 4:30p Ballroom Dancing Beginners Aud 6:30p Ballroom Dancing Intermediate - Aud

Monday, **December 22**

- 8:00a Water Exercise Swimming Pool
- 8:00a Fit For You Exercise Aud
- 8:30a Estates Quilters Craft Room
- 8:50a Walking Club Indoors Aud
- 9:00a Ladies Pool Pool Room
- 9:00a Walking Club Meeting Blue Room
- 10:00a Monday Swiss Pairs Bridge Card Room & DH Foyer
- 10:10a EZ Bridge Club Blue Room
- 11:00a Zumba Gold Aud
- 2:00p Ladies Poker Card Room
- 6:30p Water Volleyball Swimming Pool

Tuesday, **December 23**

- 8:00a Water Exercise Swimming Pool
- 8:30a Ping Pong Players DH 9:00a Bicycle Club – by Mailbox
- 10:00a Tuesday Morning Crafters Club -Card Room
- 12:00p Tuesday Afternoon Bridge -Blue Room
- 1:30p TEGCC Board Meeting DH
- 3:30p Water Volleyball Swimming Pool
- 5:30p Tuesday Night Poker Card Room
- 6:00p Dup Bridge Swiss Pairs Blue Rm
- 6:00p Line Dancing Beginners Aud 7:00p Line Dancing Intermediate – Aud

Wednesday, **December 24**

- 8:00a Water Exercise Swimming Pool
- 8:00a Fit For You Exercise Aud
- 8:30a Ping Pong Players DH 8:50a Walking Club Indoors – Aud
- 9:00a Woodcarvers Craft Room
- 9:00a Walking Club Meeting Blue Room
- 9:30a Blackjack Card Room
- 12:00p Ladies Pool Pool Room 1:00p Golden Squares – Aud
- 4:00p Rules Meeting Conf Room
- 6:00p Wed. & Thur. Eve Pinochle Blue Rm 7:00p Bingo - DH

Thursday, **December 25**

- 8:00a Water Exercise Swimming Pool
- 8:30a Estates Quilters Craft Room
- 9:00a Bicycle Club by Mailbox
- 9:30a EZ Bridge Club Blue Room
- 11:00a Private Christmas Party DH/Kit 12:00p 4th Thursday Pinochle – Blue Room 12:30p Chicago Bridge Group - Card Room/
- DH Foyer/Kit
- 2:00p Estates Chorus Aud 6:00p Wed & Thurs Evening Pinochle -Blue Room
- 6:00p Advanced Line Dance Aud

6:30p Water Volleyball – Swimming Pool

- All Day News & Views Publication 8:00a Water Exercise – Swimming Pool
- 8:00a Fit For You Exercise Aud
- 8:30a Ping Pong Players DH
- 9:00a Walking Club Meeting Blue Rm

Friday,

December 26

- 9:45a Bible Study Craft Room
- 10:00a Blue Room Bunco Blue Room 1:00p Blue Grass Jam – Aud
- 1:00p Bunco Craft Room
- 1:00p Bridge Friday Party Blue Room 1:00p Dulcimer Group - Conf Room

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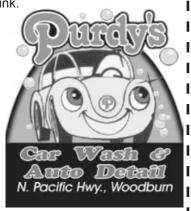
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Neighborhood Walk About



Darlene Hardie

by Lettie Zimmerman

alking down Princeton Road, you can almost feel the haughty stare of the fashionable "Lady on the Porch" mannequin. She is just one example of owner Darlene Hardie's down-to-earth playful spirit. Darlene bought "The Lady" at a thrift store about twenty years ago and has enjoyed dressing her in thrifty style ever since. "The Lady" has company. Two other mannequins and a stuffed bear mascot share the house.

Darlene grew up in eastern Oregon, became a teacher and taught in Dallas, Oregon. Then for five years she taught oversees for the U. S. Department of Defense spending most of her time in France. She returned to Portland for a year before moving to Buffalo, Minnesota, to join some transplanted friends. She taught

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all grade levels there. That's where she began her interest in mannequins. The bear was the elementary school library mascot. After ten years in the Minnesota cold, she retired and moved back to Oregon.

When a friend from her Dallas days moved to The Estates, Darlene decided to move here as well. She arrived in 2002 and fixed up the house to provide space for her projects. Now she spends her time playing. She has done quilting, and her new passion is felting. She knits decorative handbags and then "felts" them by

applying hot water, soap, and agitation. Her newest endeavor is felted bowls. It's an interesting process starting with a balloon form and wrapping the wool around it. She has many examples of both purses and bowls. In the spirit of play, Darlene is considering starting a group called "Come Felt With Me." Darlene is an interesting, fun, and creative person. I wonder what her next creative project will be?

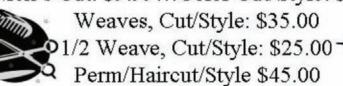




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