



Social Advisory Group — We Appreciate You!

If you enjoy the great social events at Four Seasons you've got to appreciate the Social Advisory Group, the "SAG". They are the residents who make these events happen. The SAG is the support system for the Social Committee. The Social Committee makes plans; the SAG makes those plans happen, by decorating, advertising, choosing caterers, setting up for events and cleaning up afterwards. They also work with the Social Committee in planning future events, choosing themes, and the like. Often SAG members also serve on the Social Committee. In short, the SAG plays a central role in the social life of our community.

Nine members are retiring from the SAG this summer, including many who have served for most of the time the SAG has been around. A huge **THANK YOU** to all you generous and hard-working ladies who have provided so many fine social events for our Four Seasons community!



Retiring members

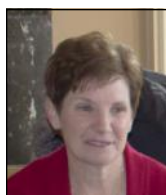
Peggy DuVall, Betty Hefner, Kay Crute, Sandy Cohen, Sandi Lashbrook (current chair), Janet Tumolo, Martine Monaghan, Barbara Torrico, CJ Besanson



Four SAG members are continuing, and they are joined by three new members. But the SAG needs new members to help with future events. If you have the time and inclination, please contact **John Normand**, chair of the Social Committee.

Continuing members

Hope Meehan, Kim Pasini, Sue Miller, Mary Donnelly



New members

Barbara Pavelle, Lil Russell-Nicolai, Nancy Clark



~ Community News ~

Suggest a Topic to be Included in a Community Survey

The Board is considering conducting a survey of residents to get resident input on various topics of community interest. First priority are issues concerning our current annual deficit, but other issues of importance to the community may also be included. Send suggestions for topics to be included to **Rick Smith** (434-465-8662 or 4114jones@gmail.com) or **Mike Avery** (434-985-4717 or avery5109@comcast.net).

Deadline is July 15

(for discussion at the July 16 Board meeting)

Candidates Needed for Board Elections on September 6

Dear Residents,

We have three (3) vacancies on the Four Seasons Board of Directors for 2014-15.

We are encouraging you to consider stepping up to the plate and running for the Board. Our community needs new ideas and new approaches to resident concerns.

July 24, 2014 is the deadline for all interested residents to announce their intention to run for the Four Seasons at Charlottesville Community Association's Board of Directors. In order to participate fully in the elections process, including the candidates' forum, please submit your resume to **CJ Besanson** by email to cjbaxbuc@comcast.net no later than July 24, 2014. No resumes will be considered after that date.

Thank you,
The Nominations and Elections Committee

The Benzinger Daylilies are Blooming in Our Pocket Parks



Don't miss these spectacular summer displays, starting right now!
Thanks to the Landscaping and Grounds Committee!



**Please watch your speed driving in Four Seasons,
especially on Four Seasons Drive!**

~ Landscaping & Grounds Committee ~

Improvements to Pocket Park #4 — Located on the Curve of Mistland Trail



Previously this area was full of weeds and ungraded. Early on a Saturday morning in May it was graded and seeded. Currently it just has grass growing in it, but the Landscaping & Grounds Committee is going to come up with a plan for future plantings in the park.

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### Two New Options for Watering in the Parks and Common Areas



#### New Fire Hydrant Attachment for a Garden Hose

This attachment (a keyed meter for fire hydrants) will be used to water the four pocket parks and fountain park throughout the summer as needed to keep the grass looking green. The attachment can accommodate up to four hoses at one time. It takes two men to get it attached to the fire hydrant.



Brian from MSC came out on a Friday morning and demonstrated to some of the men on the newly formed WAG (Water Auxiliary Group) how to use the keyed meter for the fire hydrants.



Hoses will be stretched from the pocket park being watered to the closest fire hydrant. Sometimes the hose will lay across the road.

**Please be careful driving over the hoses laid across the roadway!**

#### New Hose Bib Connection at the Gate House

A hose bib was installed at the gate house and is being used to keep the trees, bushes and plants watered during the summer months in that area.

*A big "Thanks" to  
Dixon Clark, Doug Miller, Larry Miller,  
John Normand, Rich Pietrzak,  
John Monaghan and Jim Wilson  
for volunteering to serve on the  
newly-formed Water Auxiliary Group.*



Keeping things watered during the summer months is a big challenge for the L & G Committee. Many volunteers have given their time and carried many bottles of water to take care of the plants and bushes throughout the whole neighborhood.

**THANK YOU!**



# A Special Trip to Hawaii

Story by Mike Avery

Four-thirty in the morning came very early on Tuesday, April 29<sup>th</sup> as we arose from our warm beds to begin our trip from the Charlottesville airport to our 50<sup>th</sup> State, Hawaii. Catherine had been awarded the PEAK Achievement award from T-Mobile — four wonderful days in Maui — in recognition of her work in their Government Affairs office in DC. We decided, since it was most likely our last opportunity to visit Hawaii, to travel four days early and stay in Kaua'i prior to her event. It turned into a long day, arriving in Kaua'i at 3:30am Eastern time (9:30 Hawaiian Standard time), tired but looking forward to our Hawaiian vacation. We had a six hour layover in Seattle, so with an excellent meal at Anthony's Seafood restaurant at the airport and passes to the United Airlines club, the long wait was a little more tolerable.

We stayed at the Marriot Courtyard Kaua'i at Coconut Beach in the Kapa'a area. We had an excellent room, overlooking the ocean. Unfortunately the weather in Kaua'i was erratic both on Wednesday and Friday, so we never did get into the pool, and the hot tub was down for repairs. Regardless, just sitting by the pool was very relaxing, and we had some nice breakfasts each morning.

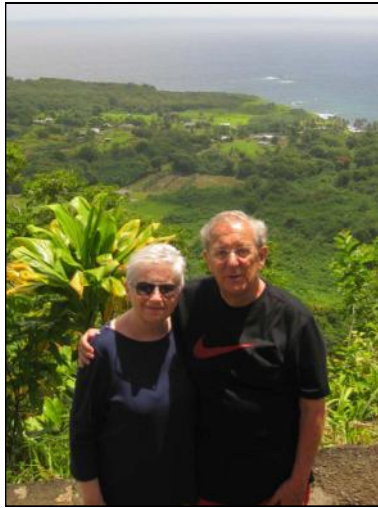
Thursday was the day to see the sights of Kaua'i (another early waking at six am) a drive around the island to see some of the beautiful scenery of the Garden Island. In the center of the island is Mt. Wai'ale'ale where the average rainfall is 450 inches a year and the peak is rarely seen due to cloud cover. We were picked up at the hotel and driven to the Lihue airport where we met the van and our tour guide, Jack Custer, a very distant relative of the infamous General George Custer of the battle of Little Big Horn fame. Our first stop was at the



*Spouting Horn Blowhole*

Spouting Horn Scenic Outlook, overlooking one of the most famous blowholes in the state. It is known to spout salt water fifty feet in the air during larger surf.

Driving along the highway, we then stopped at the Hanapepe Valley Outlook This dramatic divide and fertile river valley once housed a thriving Hawaiian community



of taro farmers, with some of the ancient fields still in cultivation today. From the lookout, you can see the farms on the valley floor with the majestic mountains as a backdrop. You can also see how the lava flow has carved out a magnificent valley of lush tropical foliage.

Stop three along this great scenic drive was the panoramic Waimea Canyon which Mark Twain called the "Grand Canyon of the Pacific". Over 14 miles long, one mile wide, and more than 3,600 feet deep, this marvel was



*Hanapepe Valley*

formed by erosion and the catastrophic collapse of the volcano that created Kaua'i. Although not as big and old as the Arizona Grand Canyon, it is much different. The canyon, unlike on the mainland, has a good deal of fauna and foliage. From the overlook we had panoramic views of crested buttes, rugged crags, and deep valley gorges.

Next stop was lunch at the beautiful Kiahuna Golf Club with an outdoor table facing the tenth tee. Then on to a cruise of the Wailua River to visit the Fern Grotto.



*Wimea Canyon*



*Kiahuna Golf Club*

*(Story continues on next page.)*



*Fern Grotto on the Wailua River*

The Fern Grotto is a fern covered, lava rock grotto located on the Wailua River on the eastern side of Kaua'i and forms a natural amphitheater. The grotto was nearly destroyed when the island of Kaua'i was hit by hurricane Iniki in 1992. Most of the ferns hanging from the grotto were torn from the rocks. Though much of the plant life has rebounded, the grotto has yet to recover much of the grandeur for which it was previously known. In April 2006, the Grotto was closed by the Hawaii State Department of Land and Natural Resources for safety reasons. Heavy rains in March, 2006 caused a number of rocks and boulders to fall from the ceiling of the grotto onto the viewing area below. It was re-opened in 2007 following artificial reinforcement of the rock walls and installation

of ramps to access the grotto. Prior to the 2006 flooding, visitors were allowed to enter the grotto. Today the grotto may only be viewed from the designated observation deck. In spite of the damage over the years, it remains one of the most popular and beautiful spots on the island.

Saturday morning, May 3<sup>rd</sup> we left Kaua'i to head to Maui for the T-Mobile recognition event. We stayed at the Sheraton Maui Resort in the Ka'ana-



*The lush green side of Maui*

pali beach area. Catherine was one of two hundred recognized at this event. It was extremely well done with gifts in the room each night and a Hawaiian luau where we saw the pig lifted out of the traditional pit oven.

On Wednesday, we took the Road to Hana tour. This is a very long (52 miles with 617 hairpin curves and 56 narrow one-lane bridges) but breathtaking drive around Maui's northeastern shore and through its tropical rainforest. We had an excellent tour guide/driver who was very knowledgeable about all the tree and plant life in Maui and described it in detail. We saw pineapple fields, spectacular cliffs, bamboo jungles, waterfalls, tropical streams and pools, colorful and fragrant island flowers, rainforest vegetation, black sand beaches and much more. It was interesting to see one side of the island lush and green and, which can be seen by these pictures, the other side dry and barren.



*Waterfall on the Hana tour*



*The dry side of Maui*

Unfortunately, our days in paradise ended. We left Thursday to see our children and grandchildren in Seattle, then back to Ruckersville on Saturday May 10<sup>th</sup>. Always nice to get home but we will have some really great memories of our trip to Hawaii.



## Croquet is Coming to Four Seasons!



**Spencer Crute** has received approval from the Building and Facilities Committee to set up a croquet court in the vacant area south of the Clubhouse (see photo). The court will be marked, but the equipment will be kept in the Clubhouse and will be set up as needed, so as not to interfere with mowing the area.

# Guide to Four Seasons Activities and Activity Groups

Updated July 2014

Have you been seeing interesting activities listed in the Four Seasons Monthly Calendar? Maybe you wanted some more information, but didn't know who to call? This Guide will point you in the right direction. We have a wide variety of on-going activities and interest groups at Four Seasons.

Glance through the list and see if there is something that interests you; then come and try it out. The special interest groups are very active and diverse. You can get involved, or you may know someone who would like something new to do. Sometimes there are two things scheduled at the same time and you have to make a choice. C'est la vie, that's retirement!

This is the 2014 edition of our handy guide to all the activities that you might see listed on the Four Seasons Monthly Calendar. Of course, new activities are always coming up, and the current list changes. To keep current, check out the latest version of this Guide, which we will post on the community website at [our4seasons.org](http://our4seasons.org) and keep updating regularly.

## Let the Games Begin

Games are a favorite with many of our Four Seasons residents. Check out the variety of groups that get together to play games every week!

### ADDICTED TO MAH-WHAT?

**Mah-jongg** is a game played with tiles and dice and so much fun. It's even a little addicting; no we mean a lot addicting! We play it twice a week, on Tuesday and Thursday. This website has information on the game in case you haven't played it before:

[www.nationalmahjonggleague.org](http://www.nationalmahjonggleague.org). For more information, contact **Sandi Lashbrook** at 434-985-8512.

There is also a session on Sundays, especially for beginners to learn the game. Contact **Debbie Hinton** at 434-242-3946 about Sunday Mah-jongg.

### GOT TO KNOW WHEN TO HOLD 'EM

There is **poker**, usually on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays every month, where we hear that if you have matchsticks, you are welcome. For more information, **Larry Baker** (434-207-4854) is the man.

### YOUR TICKET TO THE MEXICAN TRAIN

Is **Mexican Train** a game you play with dominos? The answer is yes, but these aren't your granddaddy's dominos! They go from double blanks all the way to double 15's. Fun and challenging! Come on Wednesday evenings and see if you can beat the current champion. For more information, **Alice Grasewicz** at 434-985-4199 is the person to contact.

### TAKE OUT A CONTRACT

A social **Bridge** game is played Thursday afternoons. If there is interest in learning Bridge there would be teachers available for a beginner's table. **Lois Feingold-Taff** at 434-985-8154 is coordinating.

### SHOOT POOL, OR IS IT BILLIARDS?

The **pool** tables in the clubhouse are always available, so bring a friend and take an open table. The regular sessions are on Tuesday afternoons and Friday mornings after the Gent's Coffee. We have a yearly tournament if you are interested in getting competitive. If you have never played before or you would like to review your basics we have a teacher who would be happy to give some lessons. Contact **Ron Heinz** at 434-985-6809.

### CANASTA/SAMBA AND PINOCHLE

Wednesdays, we play **Canasta, Samba** and **Pinochle**. We are willing to learn new games. Want more information? **Vic Stavisky** (434-985-1044) for Pinochle; **Sandi Lashbrook** (434-985-8512) or **June Drake** (434-466-4513) for Canasta/Samba.

### PAWN TAKES ROOK

Serious **chess** player or want to learn to play? Contact **John Monaghan** (434-985-7637) or **Rich Pietrzak** (434-985-8809) for more information.

## Making Beautiful Things

### LOVELY, LOVELY, LOVELY

The artists in our community are fabulous. If you would like to spend time with your creative side (for some of us, a side we did not even know we had), come to the Friday morning **Art group**. **Sue Stover** (434-985-4995) leads this activity.

### GET CRAFTY

Monday afternoon it's time for the **Crafts group**. We meet to do all kinds of needlework projects. Currently you will see quilting, needlepoint, Swedish weaving, crochet, knitting, and tatting, but we are always excited about new craft projects. People just come and work on whatever they have. For more information, call **Helen Lodgen** at 434-985-4999.

### SHOOT IT RIGHT

Got that new megapixel digital camera and want to learn more? The Four Seasons **Camera Club** is newly organized. Meetings are usually the third Wednesday of the month. Contact **Dave Katz** for the latest update at 434-990-8310.

## Good Reads and Good Flicks

### READ IT, THEN (SOMETIMES) WATCH IT

If you like to read but never know what to read, check out our **Book Club**, which meets monthly, usually on the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday. We have interesting selections during the year and a lot of fun with the presentations. If there is a movie that can be obtained to go with a book it means an extra afternoon get-together. **CJ Besanson** at 571-271-1700 is the contact person.

### FUN AT THE MOVIE MATINEE

The second Monday afternoon every month brings the wonderful **Monday Matinee** in the Clubhouse card room. **Art and Sandy Cohen** (434-985-8977) make this happen. Will there be popcorn?

### SEE IT ON THE BIG SCREEN

Another great movie option! The second Thursday evening every month there are **Classic Movies** on the big screen in the Clubhouse ballroom. Bring your own drinks and munchies. **Larry and Sharon Miller** (434-990-1161) take the lead on this activity.

## Getting Out

### HIKERS UNITE

Want to get out, stretch your legs, and see some beautiful scenery? The **Hiking Group** meets at the Clubhouse every Wednesday morning for a trip to one of the great local trails. Not too long or strenuous, just fun and lots of fresh air. **Joe Brennan** (434-990-9913) is the coordinator. He can give you more information about what hikes are coming up and their difficulty level. When Joe is in Maine for the summer, ask **Sharon Shinstock** (520-234-7507) for a status report on what might be planned.

### TRY A CAB FRANC OR VIOGNIER?

Central Virginia has become widely known for the quality of its local wines. There are several dozen wineries with tasting rooms in our vicinity, and many of them have outdoor patios with wonderful views. Sometimes there is live music. The **Wine tasting group** is a great way to spend a nice afternoon with friends. You can even bring a picnic! Contact **Sue Campbell** (434-985-8979) or **Ann Brady** (434-985-7524) to find out what is upcoming.

## Shake Those Bones

### FEEL THE ENERGY

**Chi Gung** is a low stress exercise activity that is done by aligning breath, movement and awareness, for exercise, healing and meditation. Tuesday and Thursday morning sessions are held in the Clubhouse fitness room. Call **Eleanor Busa** (434-985-1865) or **Dianne Horvath** (919-280-1295) for more details.

## INTO THE POOL, THEN THE SPA

Come to the pool Tuesday or Friday mornings for **water aerobics**. We stretch and swim to music and then relax in the spa. For more information contact **June Drake** at 434-466-4513 or **Anne Childs** at 434-985-3102.

### ZUMBA IS DANCE TO THE MAX!

Want to dance and get a good workout at the same time? **Zumba** is wildly popular nationwide. It starts with Latin dance moves, throws in some belly dancing, and is a whole lot of fun plus a good aerobic workout. Credit **Mary Ann Mongillo** (434-985-7103) for making this happen.

## Helping Others

### CARING HANDS

Our **Caring Hands group** provides assistance with household chores, transportation, and companionship in times of need. If you would like to help out or want more information, contact **Chris Sauter** at 434-990-5790.

## Strictly Social

Some events are planned primarily as good places to get to know other folks in the community.

### GENTLEMEN'S COFFEE

Every Friday morning, the guys meet over coffee and donuts to swap stories and bad jokes. Sometimes there is even a full catered breakfast. Later some of us end up in the billiards room shooting pool. **Larry Baker** (434-207-4854) makes it all happen.

### LADIES LUNCH BUNCH

The 4<sup>th</sup> Friday of the month, the ladies usually have a special outing somewhere in the area for lunch. Sign-up is required. Keep an eye out for an email notice.

### MEET & EAT

This community potluck dinner is held monthly on the first Thursday. No sign-up needed, just come with a dish to share. A different host each month. Email notices are sent as reminders.

### THIRD THIRSTY THURSDAYS

Often the "biggest party in town" each month, sometimes with live music or dancing or both. Usually it includes a catered dinner in the Clubhouse ballroom. Sign up required. Just check for the email notice each month, because each party is different.

### HAPPY HOUR AT THE CLUBHOUSE

Join your neighbors for a pleasant hour of drinks and snacks every Monday afternoons at 5 in the Clubhouse cyber café. Good conversation guaranteed! No organization, just drop in and stay awhile.

~ **Did you guess who?** ~

From the last issue -



This little girl grew up to be???



**Marilyn Kiehn**  
**Happy 80th!**



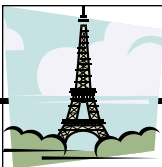
### 4th of July Block Party

Nice turnout for the Block Party/Potluck Dinner in the Clubhouse Ballroom. Good food and good conversation!



### Surprise Your Spouse!

Send us a baby pic of your spouse for our "Guess Who?" monthly feature. We won't let them know. See if they recognize themselves when they read the newsletter!



### **Have you traveled recently?**

Tell us about your recent trip. It is summer and many are traveling, whether a trip to the beach or to another state or country.

Send pictures and details to [blueridgebreeze@gmail.com](mailto:blueridgebreeze@gmail.com)





## ~ Classified Ads ~

*This section is for residents only and features any thing or service that you might want to sell or give away to other residents. Ads will usually be run for one issue of the newsletter and then removed. If you would like your ad to be run again, please contact the Newsletter Editor.*

**Moving Sale.** "This End Up" furniture: Sofa w/ queen size bed, two side chairs, two end tables, large coffee table and two lamps. Great for rec room/sun room casual living. \$750.

Persian rug, hand-woven, 100% wool. 10' 8" x 12' 4". Very good condition. \$400.

Pakistan rug, hand woven 100 % wool. 13' x 17'. \$600

Casual oak rocking chair. Great for covered porch or bedroom. \$60.

Brown leather sofa. 7 ft. Excellent condition. \$475.

We will email pictures if requested or just call and stop by to view. **Ron and Sherry Heinz.** 434-985-6809.

**Small Electrical Services.** Call **Harold Robbins,** 434-985-7202.

**Free Notary Service.** One day advance notice will be helpful. Email atrjs4p@virginia.edu or call **Rauzelle Smith** at 434-985-3395.

*Classified Ads Needed!  
Send us your ads!*

**Got a Good Story to Tell Us!**

Send pictures and details to  
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### **The Mountain Breeze at Four Seasons Charlottesville**

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Many thanks to those people who have submitted articles for the newsletter. If you do not see your article in this edition, we will try to include it in a later issue!

The Communications Committee reserves the right to edit any article for length or clarity.

**The deadline for the 2014 Sept/Oct issue is  
August 30**

Send all submissions to

[blueridgebreeze@gmail.com](mailto:blueridgebreeze@gmail.com)

### **Phone Numbers to Remember**

**Club House — 434-990-2012**

**Emergency — 911**

**Greene County Sheriff's Office — 434-985-2222**

**Identity Theft Hotline — 877-438-4338**

**National Do Not Call Registry — 888-382-1222**

**Better Business Bureau of Central Virginia — 804-648-0016**