



*~ Board Elections on September 6 ~*

Congratulations to the  
2014-15 Board of Directors



Mary Ann Mongillo



Rick Smith



Doug Miller, Jim Wilson, Mike Avery, Dave Katz, John Normand

Thanks to Outgoing Board Members



Sue Miller



Barbara Pavelle



Lil Russell-Nikolai

## ~ Farewell to Ron and Sherry Heinz ~

As most have heard by now, **Ron and Sherry Heinz**, the first homeowners in this community, have sold their home and will be moving on October 1. They graciously agreed to sit down with me and share some memories of their time here.

My first question was what brought them here. Sherry said they had four acres in Fluvanna County and the maintenance was getting to be too much. As Ron says, "it wasn't fun anymore". So they began looking at over-55 communities throughout the area. They had heard rumors about a new community opening near Charlottesville but nothing had been advertised. While looking at KHOV's Historic Four Seasons in Dumfries in 2006 a KHOV Marketing Manager said they were going to be starting a community in Greene County and invited anyone interested to attend a meeting.

After coming over to look at the area, Sherry said she and Ron were very interested. Since they wanted to stay close to the Charlottesville vicinity this seemed like a perfect location, so she and Ron attended the meeting. Ron recalls that 500 people showed up and expressed real interest. Since only 33 lots were being released initially, the KHOV manager said the only fair thing was to hold a lottery. Ron and Sherry's name was drawn and they immediately came over to walk the lots. Sherry said that after walking the lots, Ron, being an engineer, found there was only one he was interested in purchasing. So Sherry, with her Real Estate background, knew she had to talk to the KHOV sales representative right away. They signed the contract in March of 2006 and moved into their new home in January 2007.

Sherry recalls that their first night here, January 15, was like the "start of a bad novel". There were no street lights, only 10 or 12 houses in various stages of construction, and they were both exhausted from the move. They looked at each other and said "what have we done?" Within a few days, however, the Millers had moved in and before too long there were about 10 more homes occupied. Sherry, loving to entertain, called and invited the neighbors over for chili.

Sherry remembers that living so close to their old neighborhood made it easy for them to go back there and socialize. One day she said to Ron "is this our neighborhood"? So they focused their attention here and broke ties with their old community (except with a few close friends). As more people began moving in, Ron had the idea of a wine and cheese night to welcome new neighbors. They held it in the sales office and administration building until the Clubhouse opened. He turned it over to Sherry and a few other ladies and it became

what is now the Third Thirsty Thursday social event.

Ron is the originator of the "Gentlemen's Coffee Clutch" (GCC). It started with him just inviting the men to meet for coffee on Friday morning and it was immediately successful. After a couple of years, he felt like it was time to "pass the torch". He remembers turning to Larry Baker and asking him to take it over and Larry said "sure". Ron says Larry has done a great job and has added things such as the feature of discussing things of interest to the Community.

Being a talented pool player, Ron offered to teach pool lessons and then started the annual billiards tournament. The first tournament was held in the summer of 2008. Sixteen players participated, including four couples. It is now an individual tournament and is held every fall. Pool is very active here, with the Tuesday afternoon scheduled calendar event and the "impromptu" games after the Friday GCC.

When asked what they liked most about living here, Ron says he enjoys the fitness center, taking his daily walk up the hill, playing pool and poker. But he agrees with Sherry when she says the best thing about living here is the people and their strong commitment to volunteerism. They both feel very strongly that "good things will happen to this community".

I didn't want to bring up the turmoil of the bankruptcy and settlement agreement but I was curious what they felt at the time. Sherry said it was like a sadness fell over the neighborhood almost overnight and a real sense of disillusionment. Everyone bought here with promises of a lot more than they got. But again, so many wonderful volunteers put in an enormous amount of time and effort to protect this beautiful community.

Asking why the move now, Sherry said that when they moved in here they had a plan to stay about 7-8 years. After much deliberating, they felt the time was right to make a change. They wanted to move into a continuing care retirement community, so they started doing their research. They visited several in the area but weren't impressed until they found Covenant Woods in Mechanicsville, VA - a perfect location for them. Knowing they had to "buy in" while they were both healthy they decided to proceed.

Ron and Sherry say they will miss everyone and this neighborhood very much, as well as the close relationships they have made. But they are looking forward to starting this new chapter in their lives. They will be sorely missed, having been such an integral part of our community from the very beginning.



## ~ Message from the Outgoing Board President ~

*These are the remarks delivered by outgoing HOA Board President, Sue Miller, at the September 6 Annual Meeting:*

On behalf of all the Directors thank you for allowing us to serve on the Board of the HOA for the past year.

I am happy to report that the Four Seasons HOA is in excellent condition. Now, with three successful years of operation under our belts, we can look forward with confidence to a manageable future. We will hear specific details from the Committee Chairpersons in this meeting. In my view our Committees are the pulse of the HOA, and we continue to be well served by the efforts of our HOA Committees. I hope that new candidates will notify the committee chairs if they have an interest in serving on a committee. Even if there are no current openings, some residents have served for years and a little fresh perspective can be very useful.

MSC, our management company, has been fully supportive. The continued successful efforts of the HOA are due, in a large part, to the contributions of MSC. Thank you, Diane, Jeanne, and all MSC employees.

We are financially stable. There will never be enough money to do everything we want to do. This has required balancing priorities and making tradeoffs. The combined efforts of the HOA Board, the Finance Committee, all the operating committees and MSC have produced the results we enjoy today.

We have seen some major changes in HOA operations during this year:

We transitioned from push mowers to small riding mowers for most of the grass on our homeowner lots. This saved around \$15,000 while keeping the grass well cut. We have received several compliments on the lawn and landscaping work done by Brickman and a few complaints. But there have been fewer complaints this year than in the past.

We changed propane suppliers for the clubhouse which will reduce costs of heating significantly. This change grew out of a study of propane costs experienced by residents and a comparison of the four propane vendors in our area. Terry Pratt led the study. Thank you, Terry. The result of his efforts was a steep rise in the level of our knowledge of the propane industry in our area which then led to changes by the HOA and several homeowners.

We found the money to provide more resources to the Landscaping and Grounds Committee. They found means to economically water most of our common area. They have improved the appearance of the community in ways too numerous to list. That Committee and those who turn out to help their efforts have been tireless. Thank you.

Finally, I want to thank my fellow board members for their support this year. The good news is, the community is efficiently and well run. That makes our job as Directors much easier than it was in the first few years. The job of the Board is to make policy decisions and approve contracts. I think we have succeeded.

### Change in Clubhouse Propane Suppliers Should Benefit Community

If you noticed all the digging and propane tank activity near the Clubhouse in late July, it was because our HOA is changing to a new propane supplier, which should potentially save our community many thousands of dollars in propane costs over the next few years.

Foster Fuels, our new supplier, was digging out the five old tanks, each holding 1000 gallons, and replacing them with new tanks and new equipment. Thanks to **Vince Donnelly** for initiating this change by bringing four different suppliers into discussions, which led to **Diane Caton** of MSC negotiating competitive bids and ultimately awarding the contract to Foster Fuels. Thanks Vince and Diane!



~ Landscaping & Grounds Committee ~

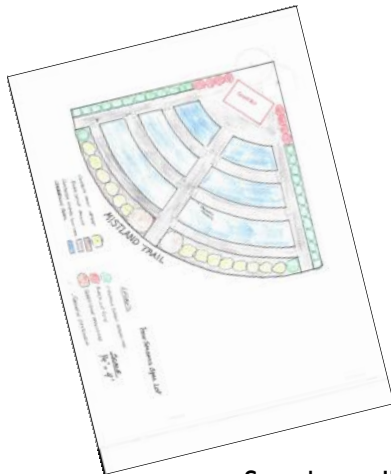


## Update on the New Pocket Park on Mistland Drive

An email was sent to the community asking for suggestions and/or designs for the unfinished pocket park on Mistland Lane. Wow! Did we get input! We received written suggestions and some very elaborate drawings and sketches. (See a few below. )

The L&G Committee is reviewing all of the suggestions and over a period of months will come up with a final plan. Plantings in the pocket park will be done only as monies become available. Currently, the committee is focusing on trying to keep grass growing in that area.

A big “THANK YOU” to those who took the time to send in their suggestions and drawings.



Samples to Illustrate the Kinds of Elaborate Designs We Received!



Fall is almost here!

*Reminder to those who have volunteered to water and fertilize shrubs and plants throughout the community! Be sure to give a fall fertilizer treatment to the plantings and to continue to water while it is so hot!*

## ~ Cruising The British Isles! ~

For their summer vacation, **Dave and Maxine Katz** spent a wonderful two weeks cruising through the British Isles, starting July 20. Their trip



began with a few days in London seeing the



sights. Then they boarded the Oceania ship Marina for 12 days of cruising. This is a medium-sized cruise ship with all the amenities.

and Portree on the Isle of Skye. Next came Ireland, with stops at Belfast, Dublin, and Cork. The last stop was Portland, back in England.



Dave reports that the scenery

was spectacular, the people were friendly, and the scotch whisky (no "e" in whisky note) was sampled frequently and lived up to its reputation.



Dave took over 1300 pho-



tographs on this trip. Quite a selection to choose from—just a few are shown here.

Their cruise headed first to Scotland, with stops at Edinburgh, Invergordon, the Orkney Isles,

## Doug Miller and *The Gents* Headline a Summer Festival in Michigan

The Coast Guard Festival in Grand Haven, Michigan is a major summer event, running for ten days at the end of July and attracting hundreds of

thousands of visitors to this port city on Lake Michigan. The Street Dance is one of the key events dur-

ing the festival, drawing several thousand to the band pavilion to dance and party. This July 28, Doug Miller's band, *The*



*Gents*, was the main event at the Street Dance. Looks like they had to hold the crowd back!



## ~ Community News ~

### Four Seasons is Now Listed on 55places.com

Thanks to the efforts of **Don Brady**, our community is now listed on a website that specifically targets “Over-55” communities like ours. It’s a very nice listing and shows our community to advantage to a world-wide set of viewers and potential new residents.

A key feature of the website is that it allows residents of a community to add a review telling what it is like to live in that community. Here is your chance to tell the whole world what you like about living in Four Seasons Charlottesville!

Here is the link:

<http://www.55places.com/virginia/communities/four-seasons-at-charlottesville>

Click on review and write a review!



### 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!



### Wine Tasting at Cooper Winery August 23



A well-organized outing to Cooper Winery near Louisa began with threatening skies but turned into a delightful Saturday afternoon for about 20 Four Seasons residents. Good wine, live music, and a lively crowd made for a fun event. Thanks to **Sue Campbell** and **Ann Brady** for organizing it.



### Labor Day Block Party

Nice turnout for the Block Party/Potluck Dinner at the corner of Stodghill and Four Seasons. Good food, good weather, and good conversation!



~ Message from Joe and Marty About Our Flag ~

## The United States Flag Symbol of Our Freedom



The Island of Iwo Jima is only eight square miles...smaller than the area of most American cities. During World War II it became one of the bitterest battlefields of the war: almost 7,000 Americans killed, nearly 20,000 Americans wounded. The bitter fighting that began on February 19, 1945 was so fierce and involved such a degree of courage, 27 Americans were awarded the Medal of Honor.

Just like a winning lottery ticket is more than "just a sheet of paper", our flag is more than a "colorful piece of cloth". The red, white and blue "stars and stripes" that inspired the Marines to victory at Iwo Jima in 1945 represented something of immense value...Freedom. It found value in the sacrifices of almost 7000 Marines who died at Iwo Jima. In fact, since the birth of our Nation, more than ONE MILLION Americans have died defending the freedom our flag represents. Fly the flag in their honor!

If you have a flag that is worn out, you may give it to one of the undersigned or turn it in at the Greene County Visitors Center in Ruckersville which will take appropriate destruction action with the American Legion and the Boy Scouts.

**Joe Orsini**

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## Congratulations to the New Mexican Train Champ!

**Audrey Reynolds** was presented as the new Mexican Train Tournament Champion by last year's winner **Orville Kiehn** during a ceremony at the Clubhouse in August. Mexican Train club members had a champagne toast celebrating five years at their annual dinner, which was hosted by Alice and Jim Grasewicz.

If you would like to come out and join in on the fun, play begins at 6:30 PM on Wednesday nights. Beginners are welcome! For more information contact Audrey Reynolds, [434-985-4248](tel:434-985-4248).



## Wildlife in Four Seasons



We've had goats, ducks, and deer visit us in Four Seasons. What's next?

**Groundhogs**, of course. This one seen in Terry Pratt's yard. At least we'll know if winter will end early this year!



## Have you traveled recently?

Tell us about your recent trip!  
It is Autumn and many are traveling to catch some of the beautiful Fall colors and Fall weather.

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

~Upcoming Community Events ~

**October TTT  
Oktoberfest on a Tuesday!**

October 14th, at 6:00 PM in the ballroom. Chef Jerome Thalwitz of the Bavarian Chef is catering the event. More info to follow.



**Women's Bible Study**

What's in a Name? Deepen your faith as you come to know God more intimately. Throughout Scripture, God reveals Himself by different names, helping us to understand His character, His attributes, His nature, and His love for each one of us. Within these names, we can find strength for difficulties, comfort in pain and provision in times of greatest need.

Join us on Tuesday mornings at 10 at **Sue Campbell's** home, 31 Prestwood Dr, beginning September 23<sup>rd</sup>. Please call 985-8979 if you are interested.

~ **Dates to Remember** ~



September 11 — Patriot Day  
September 22 — Autumn Begins  
October 3 — Yom Kippur begins  
October 13 — Columbus Day  
October 31 — Halloween  
November 2 — Daylight Savings Time Ends

~ **Fall Festivals & Other Events** ~

**Foxfield Family Day at the Races**

September 28, Sunday

*In addition to the steeplechase races, there will be Bounce-N-Play, pony rides and the Kid to Kid Children's Tent for the kids. This year's beneficiary will be the American Red Cross. Foxfield. Directions: Old Garth Road. Reservations are required. 434-293-9501.*

[www.foxfieldraces.com](http://www.foxfieldraces.com)

**State Fair of Virginia**

September 26-October 5

*Come see Virginia's finest animals and agriculture, exhibits and shows, music, arts and crafts, blue ribbon competitions and more! The Meadow Event Park, Doswell, Caroline County. Directions: I-95 exit 98 next to Kings Dominion.*

[www.statefairva.org](http://www.statefairva.org)

**Montpelier Fall Fiber Festival and Sheepdog Trials**

October 4 & 5, Saturday & Sunday

*This celebration of rural life includes kids' and adults' workshops, shearing demonstrations, border collies herding sheep, craft vendors, food and music. Montpelier. 10am-5pm Saturday, 10am-4pm Sunday. \$5 adults, children under 16 free.*

[www.fallfiberfestival.org](http://www.fallfiberfestival.org)

**Carter Mountain Orchard Apple Harvest**

2014 Apple Harvest Celebration every weekend in October. *Pick your own fun with food, hayrides, wine tastings, pumpkins, and all things apple! 8am to 7pm.*

[www.cartermountainorchard.com](http://www.cartermountainorchard.com)

**Graves Mountain Apple Harvest Festival**

Weekends of October 4/5 11/12, and 18/19

*Live bluegrass music and cloggers, arts & crafts, hay maze, hayrides, horseback rides, pick your own apples, and of course, Graves famous food! Admission & parking is free. 10am to 4pm.*

[www.gravesmountain.com/events-calendar/apple-harvest](http://www.gravesmountain.com/events-calendar/apple-harvest)

**Massanutten Fall Festival**

October 11, 11am to 5pm. *Fall festival features over 60 arts & crafts vendors, live music, food vendors, chairlift rides, kid's activities, wine tasting.*

Tickets: \$5.00 in advance / \$10.00 at the gate.

[www.massresort.com/fallfest](http://www.massresort.com/fallfest)

**Chincoteague Island Oyster Festival**

October 11, 10am to 4pm. *All you can eat oysters prepared many different ways, crabs, hush puppies, clam chowder, hot dogs, french fries, salad bar, soft drinks, and live entertainment. Admission: \$40.*

[www.chincoteagueoysterfestival.com](http://www.chincoteagueoysterfestival.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.*

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

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

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Send us your ads!*



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Send pictures and details to  
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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 Nov/Dec issue is  
October 31!**

Send all submissions to

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### **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**