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FEBRUARY

February seems to delight in being unpredictable. It may give us continued winter weather or the first hints of the spring to come. We'll just have to wait and see. Notable days this month include: Groundhog Day on Thursday, February 2; Superbowl Sunday on February 5; Valentine's Day on Tuesday, February 14; and Presidents Day on Monday, February 20. We wish you all a happy month

HOA MEETING

There is no HOA Meeting in February. The next HOA Meeting will be in the clubhouse on Tuesday, March 21st, commencing at 3pm.

DIRECTORY UPDATES

Our 2017 Directory will be printed in March. If you are a new owner or resident, or if your details have changed, please advise John Dodgshon at 933-8395 or email john_dodgshon@hotmail.com. The required details for the directory are: Name(s), address, phone number(s) and, if possible, email address(es).

TGIF PARTY

The next TGIF is at the clubhouse on Friday, February 3rd, starting at 5:45pm. All residents are invited and we look forward to seeing you there. Newcomers to our community are especially encouraged to come along, meet their neighbors, and make new friends. There is no admission charge, just bring a beverage of your choice and a small item of food to share.

CONDOLENCES TO THE FAMILY OF HUGO ROMANI

The Chantarelle Community extends its deepest sympathy to Gloria Romani and her family following the recent loss of Hugo Romani.

CONDOLENCES TO THE FAMILY OF RUSS JOHNSON

The Chantarelle Community extends its deepest sympathy to Russelle Johnson and her family following the recent loss of Russ Johnson.

NOTE FROM RUSSELLE

To Our Dear friends in Chantarelle It was so thoughtful of you all to think of us during this difficult time. It is a new year and you know we were so happy to be together doing what Russ loved. I want to thank all the wonderful people who have helped me get through the last few weeks and know the years ahead will be a challenge as I learn to live without Russ. I am so grateful to have you all as neighbors and good friends. Thank you for all your kindnesses in remembering Russ and sharing your love with our family. Our love, *Russelle and family*

PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

Now that February is here, we look forward to Valentine's Day on the 14th and Presidents' Day on the 20th. Groundhog Day on February 2nd gives us the opportunity to see what Chantarelle Chuck will do when he emerges from his burrow. If he puts up his umbrella, then we will have six more weeks of rain; if not, we'll enjoy mostly sunny days ahead. Chuck lives

right behind the clubhouse, so check him out this month.

Unwanted Visitors? Speaking of wildlife, some residents have reported evidence of rodent activity in some of the yards. The best way to avoid having rodents is to keep your yard clear of fallen fruit, etc. Of course, you are permitted in your own yard to set traps, if necessary, or call an exterminator if you deem it necessary.

The Backflow Saga Continues:

Steve Rogers, Ron Yamato, Paul Strong and I attended the VOM Water Board meeting on January 17th. Residents of Creekside, Temelec and Chantarelle were present in great numbers. Steve and I were among those to speak at the meeting. After an hour, the VOM Board voted 5-0 to recommend that our three communities be granted a two-year extension in order to comply with the current law governing the installation of backflow devices. This recommendation will be given to the California Water Board for their approval. We feel this is a step in the right direction, giving us more time to look at other options and technology. You've probably read what the Index Tribune has published on the topic and its impact on all of us. Hopefully in a short period of time we will know the outcome of our request and the VOM Board decision to assist us. In the meantime, if any Chantarelle homeowner wishes to receive his or her previously mailed check to Plumbing Service Company, you may request that your check be returned. Their

address is 6400 Elvas Ave, Suite B, Sacramento CA 95819. It is completely your decision whether to have your check returned or wait for the outcome of the VOM Board request.

New Signs: We are also working on new signage for our community entrances, as was mentioned at the last HOA meeting. We are currently exploring companies and options. This project includes replacing the letters on three entrance walls, two at Sebastiani and Arnold, and one at the Watmaugh entrance. The new signs will enhance the look of our Community.

The Rains Came: We hope the recent rains have not damaged your home or property, but those rains certainly have helped to ensure the life of our lawns, trees and other plants for the duration.

Traffic Report: The two-way stop signs at South Temelec Drive and Avenida Sebastiani remain a safety concern. Blaring car horns and near misses are increasing in number. Drivers not familiar with the corner mistake this for a four-way stop, resulting in more danger. Previous requests for traffic studies have gone unheeded; I have contacted the Sonoma Sheriff's Office and I am awaiting a meeting to discuss this concern. In the meantime, be extra vigilant at that intersection.

Annual Meeting and Directory News: The HOA Board election results will be announced at the Annual meeting on March 21st. In order for the elected members' names to be included in the directory, we will not complete the directory until after that date. Therefore, the 2017 directories will be distributed on a later date. More information will follow in the March newsletter. You can do your part to ensure accuracy in the Directory by contacting John Dodgshon with any changes in

your contact information. We'd also greatly appreciate it if you would include an email address. You can call John Dodgshon at 933-8395 or via email: john_dodgshon@hotmail.com.

Pool Committee: A few more volunteers are needed for the Pool Committee. The pool will open for the season on April 15th. We have three great members on this committee, but it would be even greater to have seven, one for each day of the week.

HOA Board Election: As referenced previously, we'll be electing two Board members this year for a two-year term. If you are interested in running for a Board position, contact Paul Strong (933-9151) or Mike Hashii (996-4817) by February 15th. ~ *Dave Owens*

LANDSCAPING NOTES

Greetings, lovely friends and neighbors of our Chantarelle community. As I write to you today on behalf of your Landscape Committee, we are enjoying a blissfully sunny and surprisingly warm late January day. However, as you read our February newsletter, it looks very likely that we will be in the midst of yet another winter storm.

Wow, have we gotten good rains this winter, or what? No doubt our landscaping is loving drinking in all this water from the heavens. In my memory, we haven't seen the likes of this kind of rainy season for many years. Hallelujah! May you be enjoying a nice cup of tea or hot cocoa as you read!

As is often the case, things in the Landscape domain are rather quiet during these winter months. One item to bring to your attention ...

Second Winter Tree Pruning: The many trees we have in this community, which give our landscape such a lovely park-like atmosphere, are maturing and thus are needing more and more

care and attention so as to preserve and protect them. Therefore, Debbie and I are planning to schedule a second round of pruning this winter so as to accommodate some requests from homeowners that have arrived in our inboxes since our first pruning took place in early December. Also, there are a few extra trees that we will include in that pruning session in order to be pro-active in keeping them healthy and happy. You can expect to see and hear the Art & Science Tree Service team doing this work in late February and/or early March, before the new crop of foliage beings to emerge as the weather warms and spring emerges.

New Gardening Possibilities for Your Consideration: Since there isn't a lot to report on here in our own community, Debbie and I thought you might enjoy hearing about two garden-related topics that might rouse your curiosity and interest. Both have to do with the beautiful gardens at Cornerstone, which is just a five-minute drive from here. You may know that Cornerstone has recently included Sunset Gardens and Test Kitchen as part of their collection at the property. This has brought about some fun new opportunities!

Become a Docent? On a fairly regular basis, guided tours are led through the glorious gardens at Cornerstone, including the Sunset collection as well as other show-case gardens from both local and internationally-known landscape architects. If you are interested in becoming a docent for these lovely and inspiring tours, contact Dawn Smith, head gardener of Cornerstone, at (707) 927-8310 or dawn@cornerstonesonoma.com.

Take a Class? Since many of us here in Chanterelle enjoy tending our own personal gardens, here is a chance to learn more to enhance your skills. A variety of gardening-

related classes are offered at Cornerstone. We recommend you check out their website to peruse the possibilities.

www.cornerstonesonoma.com

That's it for our second month in this new year of 2017. Have a truly wonderful month, and you'll hear from us again when March rolls around! ~ *Debbie & Susan*

SAFETY & WELFARE NOTES

From *Health.com*, here are a few tips for improving memory:

- * Exercise your brain with puzzles such as crosswords and Sudoku.
- * Feed your brain with antioxidant-rich, colorful fruits and vegetables and low-glycemic carbs, like oatmeal.
- * Quit multi-tasking and concentrate on one thing at a time. When you put your keys down or hang them up, say out loud what you're doing, and you'll have a better chance of remembering where you put them. As much as possible, have a place for important items like keys and always return them to that place.
- * Try a new activity-- learn how to play a new card game, ask a friend to teach you how to knit, begin to learn a new language.
- * Get more sleep
- * Exercise regularly

If you are able to try one or two of these suggestions, you may see an improvement in your memory. Don't forget to try! ~ *Peggy Owens* 343-7087 powens2@juno.com

HEALTH & WELLNESS

Thursday, February 9 from 2:00 to 3:00 at the 7 Flags Clubhouse, you are invited to hear Sonoma Valley Hospital's Chief Medical Officer, Robbie Cohen MD and Sonoma Cardiologist, James Price MD, who will speak on how to have a healthy heart and what to do in event of a cardiac emergency. Dr. Cohen will discuss emergency care and explain what

happens in the event of a cardiac emergency. He will also discuss different symptoms that men and women may experience. Dr. Price will talk about heart health, lifestyle, and advances in cardiac care including new technologies and medications. They will cover emergency care and new technologies, to explain what the symptoms are for a cardiac event and what one can expect when they call 911 for care in Sonoma Valley and, finally, the steps you can take to reduce your risk, according to Dr. Cohen. Thursday, February 16, from 2:00 to 2:30 you can stop by for a free blood pressure check from Healing at Home - Skilled Home Healthcare in the 7 Flags Clubhouse Library. No need to sign up, just stop by. Contact: Maggie Bedord 939-0379 or 7flagssocial@gmail.com

ARCHITECTURAL CONTROL COMMITTEE NOTES

Thank you to Steve Rogers for submitting an ACC request in TRIPLICATE to remove his pillars and another improvement to his house. Glad to see a resident using the new Rules and Regulations. Our committee knows that when the weather gets better a lot of work will begin on repairs and improvements to our homes. We are excited about this and looking forward to helping our community. We cherish our individuality and how pleasant Chantarelle will look with lovely landscaping, new signs, etc. Happy Valentine's Day from Pat, Phyllis and Russelle.

NEW NEIGHBORS

Please welcome our new neighbor: **Sue Switala**
272 South Temelec Circle
Phone: 934-8947

SUNSHINE COMMITTEE

If you know of anyone at Chantarelle who is sick or if you have a new neighbor, please let Willy Hoekstra know, so that she can contact them. Willy's phone number is 996-0661.

CLUBHOUSE RESERVATIONS

To reserve the clubhouse for an event, please call Linda Jackson at 415-987-0021.

NEWSLETTER

Please submit items for the newsletter to John Dodgshon, 933-8395, or email him at: John_Dodgshon@hotmail.com. Our thanks to Cecilia Angel for her continued dedication to delivering the newsletter.

CHANTARELLE WEBSITE

Please submit items for the Chantarelle Website to Mary Howland, 650-468-1119 or email her at: char797@aol.com.

MANAGEMENT COMPANY

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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938-2582

CHANTARELLE WEEKLY CALENDAR

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Yoga 10am		Bridge 12:30pm	Mah Jongg 10am	
Art Club 1pm	Flex Exercise 4:30-5:30		Flex Exercise 4:30-5:30	

FEBRUARY 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2 Groundhog Day	3 TGIF 5:45pm	4
5 Super Bowl	6	7 Bunco 1-4pm	8	9 Clubhouse Reserved	10 Clubhouse Reserved	11
12	13	14 Valentine's Day Mexican Train Dominoes 12:30-4pm	15	16	17	18
19	20 Presidents Day	21	22	23	24	25
26 Academy Awards	27	28 Mexican Train Dominoes 12:30-4pm				

Waldron Landscaping is now here on Monday & Tuesday 1-4pm and Thursday & Friday 8am until 1pm.
Garbage, recycling and garden trash pickup is every Monday.