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April, a wonderful month whose name is almost synonymous with Spring. Notable days include: Palm Sunday on April 9; Passover begins on Tuesday, April 11 & ends on April 18; Good Friday on April 14; Easter on Sunday, April 16. Income Tax due on Tuesday April 18. Happy month everyone!

CONDOLENCES TO THE FAMILY OF EMILE ISONIO

The Chantarelle Community extends its deepest sympathy to Betty Isonio and her family following the recent loss of Emile Isonio.

CONDOLENCES TO THE FAMILY OF ALICE CAMPBELL

The Chantarelle Community also extends its deepest sympathy to the family of Alice Campbell, who passed away last month. *(Please see below for the obituary submitted by her family.)*

HOA MEETING

There is no HOA Meeting in April. The next meeting will be held in the clubhouse on Tuesday, May 16th, commencing at 3pm.

TGIF PARTY

The next TGIF is at the clubhouse on Friday, April 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.

SPECIAL JAZZ CONCERT

April 23rd, 3:00-6:00

John Dodgshon will again bring his Marin Jazz Group to the clubhouse for an afternoon of Jazz. Flyers will be distributed in early April for reservations."

PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

April is the first full month of spring. We look forward to the opening of our pool season on April 15th. April is also the month for our other favorite task: tax forms!

The St. Patrick's Day TGIF in the clubhouse was attended by about 50 of Chantarelle residents. Norm Hoglievina easily won "best dressed" for the evening. Thank you, Social Committee, for another job well done. Activities like this bring us closer together as a community.

While we wait to hear the state Water Board's decision about a moratorium on the backflow issue, our deposit checks have been returned and we have distributed them to our homeowners. There were 90 in total, 75% of our community, which is quite a high percentage.

The Annual meeting gives us a chance to look back at the year just completed and look ahead to future projects. Benny Lee has been named Chantarelle's "Outstanding Resident of the Year" for 2016, for his many years of service to our community. Congrats, Benny!

The lawns, shrubs and trees look great. New plantings and pruning of existing plants add to our community's beauty. The colors of spring are certainly vivid in

Chantarelle.

Our Rules Committee worked very hard to complete a review that was due for modification, and the 12 volunteers accomplished that daunting task in three meetings, another job well done.

The clubhouse got some attention as well, including replacement of some upper windows and the removal of the arbor. By not replacing that structure, we have saved a significant amount of money, and we now have a better view of our pool.

It has now been a year since the new keys were distributed, largely for security reasons. Please remember, as we get ready for the pool season, to keep good track of your key, as it cannot be duplicated, and there is a significant replacement fee.

So, what lies ahead for 2017-18?

The entrance signs on Arnold Drive and Watmaugh Road will be replaced in the near future. We have just received the second estimate, one from a company in Petaluma and the second one from Napa. The HOA Board will discuss the advantages of each proposal and then get underway with a new look that will welcome all of us and those who visit Chantarelle. We will also be installing safety ramps and rails connecting the two levels of the clubhouse patio, ensuring easier access to that area. Future projects include refinishing the bottom surface of the pool.

Enjoy your Easter and Passover holidays. ~ Dave Owens

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The HOA Board is seeking volunteers for a Ramp & Railing Subcommittee to review the need and placement of a ramp and railings in the pool area. In addition, volunteers are wanted to man a subcommittee for the review and discussion of various Entrance Sign options on Arnold Drive and Watmaugh Road. Volunteers can email Dave Owens at dowens25@juno.com of their willingness to serve on either Committee.

LANDSCAPING NOTES

Hello to you, friends and neighbors in our Chantarelle community. Spring has sprung, and ohhh, is it amazing! Have you ever seen such bountiful, glorious blossoms in our trees and shrubs? And have our lawns and Sonoma hills ever been as verdant as we are experiencing this spring? We're thinking that our world of nature is truly celebrating the abundance of rain that we've been receiving this year! Read on to enjoy the latest updates from your faithful landscape volunteer team.

A Few Small Planting Additions Are On Their Way

As most of you know, late last fall we devoted a good deal of our landscape energy to removing old, decrepit shrubs and replacing them with new, thriving ones. Since then, our landscape is mostly doing quite well, but there are still just a few spots here and there that need updating. As this newsletter is being prepared, Debbie and I will be purchasing a few new plants that our Waldron team will be planting in early April. **Plant List Especially for our Chantarelle Community**

Debbie and I are almost finished with our project of creating a very user-friendly Chantarelle Landscape Plant List which you can peruse in order to choose

potential new plants for the front of your home. Once the plant list project is complete, we will be keeping a single laminated copy in the Clubhouse which you can look through while you're there. But we also will each be keeping several copies at our two homes, so that you can request to borrow a Plant List in order to take the time desired to pick and choose potential new plants for your home-front. All you'll need to do is contact either Debbie or myself (Susan) and one of us will drop off a copy of the Plant List in your mail tube for your perusal. Once you make your choices, you can return the Plant List to us and let us know what you wish to have planted. We will take it from there. The month of April is probably the last ideal month during this spring for us to plant anything new. Once May arrives, we usually have enough consistently warm weather that it becomes too challenging to place new plants, since we know that plants need time to establish their roots in order to survive the summer heat. So if you wish to make any plant changes at your home, please consider doing so during April, or otherwise postpone your home-front planting project until this fall.

We hope you will enjoy reading our new Chanterelle Landscape Plant List! And this list is definitely a dynamic creation that we can easily update and change as needed over time.

Well, there you have it for the month of April! Have a delightful spring-filled month, and as always, we look forward to seeing you around the neighborhood. ~Debbie and Susan

ALICE STROUB CAMPBELL

Alice Campbell, 96, left us while sleeping, at home, with her family close at hand last Tuesday. Alice Betty Zuch was born on 4/20/1920

in Newark, NJ to Bertha Lindberg and Frank Zuch. She watched her parents lose their business and their home during the depression. She watched them struggle and eventually reinvent themselves—a lesson that shaped her and that she relived with equal strength during her own life. She grew up with a band of sisters all living in Irvington, NJ who called themselves the 20th Century Club. These Jersey gals became friends in kindergarten and remained pals throughout their lives with Alice and her dear friend, Helene Kranichfeld, being the last surviving members. While roller-skating at age 14 she saw a stunning young man call on the older sister of one the 20th Century girls. Little did she know that Steve Stroub would be calling on her just seven years later. In Alice's words, they were smitten. They were married 3 months later at the Little Church Around the Corner in New York City on 6/3/1943. Before they met she attended Virginia Intermont College.

Alice worked as a secretary at the Thomas Edison Company when Steve was called to war. When he returned, with the help of the GI bill, he gained his degree in Chemical Engineering from Rutgers University. Shortly afterwards, he developed his own line of masonry waterproofing products, and with Alice's help, they formed Stroub Products. Alice and Steve started a family and worked together to instill the values they shared for hard work, honesty and responsibility. They also had fun. Most summer weekends were spent sailing on the Hudson River and later Barnegat Bay.

Alice lost her husband, Steve, in March 1971. She later married Jack Campbell in 1973 who died in 1975. Alice then decided to leave

New Jersey and move to Florida to be closer to her dear sister. She loved those years. Doing exactly what she wanted—playing golf and bridge, reading, volunteering, entertaining and coming often to California to visit her family and beloved grandchildren.

In 1998, Alice decided she wanted to be closer to her children and grandchildren and relocated to Sonoma. At 77, in a new town on a new coast she found new book clubs, new bridge partners and, while working in the kitchen at Meals on Wheels, made many new friends. She lit up the room. She never failed to express her opinion. She loved to dance. She loved people. She never stopped being curious. And she fiercely loved her family.

She is survived and deeply missed by her son Steve Stroub and his wife Stephanie; her son Bob, who cared for her so lovingly during the last 4 years of her life; her daughter and son-in-law, Linda and Larry Howell; her grandchildren, Lawren, Stevie and Mack Howell; her grand-son-in-law, Kristopher Moller and her two great grandchildren Louisa and Peter Moller; and her sister Louise Carson.

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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PO Box 1368, Sonoma, 95476
Paul Strong 933-9151
Email: *paul@strongmgt.com*
24 hour Emergency Number:
1-800-359-2362.

SAVE THE DATE

The Annual Chantarelle Art Show will be held in the clubhouse on Saturday, May 27 from 10am to 4pm. All Chantarelle residents who wish to display their original artwork should contact: Mike Hashii at 996-4817, Shelley Lawrence at 951-202-0459, or John Dodgshon at 933-8395.

DIRECTORY UPDATE

The new phone number for Victoria Cutchens of 132 So Temelec Circle is 707-553-3434.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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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	

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3	4 Bunco 1-4pm	5	6	7 TGIF 5:45pm	8
9 Palm Sunday	10	11 Start of <u>Passover</u> Dominoes 12:30-4pm	12	13	14 Good Friday	15 Pool Opens
16 Easter Sunday	17	18 End of <u>Passover</u> Tax Day	19	20	21	22
23 Jazz Concert 3-6pm	24	26 Dominoes 12:30-4pm	27	28	29	29
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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.