

BOARD MEETING

The next board meeting is in the clubhouse at 3pm on **Tuesday, November 18th**. All members are encouraged to attend and participate in the open forum, which allows members to voice concerns and bring matters to the board's attention.

CHRISTMAS PARTY

The Chantarelle Annual Christmas Party will be held on Friday, December 5th. A flier containing full details will be delivered to all residents in mid-November.

MESSAGE FROM CARL (The Pool Guy)

Our swimming Summer ended on October 31. This has been an excellent Summer of fun and enjoyment in the pool and on the grounds. I want to thank everyone for all the compliments and for keeping the pool and surroundings at their best. I enjoyed talking with all, you made it all happen. But I could not do it alone: Jon Yonkers, Mark Costales, Ron Yamato did their best to keep the pool crystal clear, the temperature warm, & tables, chairs, pool deck & grounds beautifully clean. We all *thank you*: Jon, Mark & Ron, you guys are the greatest! We look forward to another great year in 2015.

There is someone else whom we should all applaud and thank: Cecilia Angel, who daily holds her aerobics and therapy classes. With her recorded tapes and radio, she plays as she conducts her special exercise lessons in the pool, as she has been doing for years. Cecilia has a growing following of friends and neighbors and helped so many of us to feel great and go on with life in better health. Cecilia, *thank you from all of us*. I wish you all a good cozy Winter. See you in the Spring. *Carl*

PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

Our thanks go to the almost 80 residents who attended the September HOA meeting and heard the VOM presentation on the backflow devices. The respect and decorum that was shown to the VOM reps was outstanding. It showed that Chantarelle as a community can listen to a controversial topic, ask appropriate questions and absorb data in a constructive way that very few, if any, other communities could equal. Since that meeting we have received the good news that Chantarelle, Temelec & Creekside have a 3-year window to comply with the installation of the backflow devices. Several vendors are now in the process of preparing presentations for us. At the Living Wage panel discussion at the Grange Hall on Sept. 15, I had a chance to meet with Supervisor Susan Gorin and made her aware that 1000 homeowners are affected by the prospect of backflow device installation. She was aware of this fact and said she loves Chantarelle and has friends here. I hope she will contact us in the very near future to have a discussion on this issue.

Recently, Peggy and I visited Hearst Castle, a spectacular "little ranch," as Hearst called it. We meet a retired Homeland Dept. Federal Agent who asked where we lived. He knew Sonoma and was interested in Chantarelle. He is considering relocating from Laguna Beach, to Sonoma. It seems every-where you go, people want to come to Sonoma! Our homes are selling fast and at higher prices, with two sold the very day of their open house. Interest is high in "Desirable Chantarelle," as we see quoted when a home goes on sale.

The 25th Anniversary Party was a great success, thanks to our musicians and

vocalists, as well as the hard working Social Committee who received rave reviews from the 70 attendees. Thank you again for coming together as a community to celebrate the great place that we call home. Photo albums of past events at Chantarelle will remain in the clubhouse until the November TGIF. Our past contributed to the vibrant community we have now. We look to a bright future here in beautiful Chantarelle.

Thank you to the residents who submitted the 73 surveys we've received so far. The results will be discussed at the Nov. 18th HOA meeting. Many good ideas and suggestions were given; as a result, the entire community will now have many different options open to us. Much is possible when just a single thought or idea is put forth; it stimulates other ideas and discussions that can lead to a plan of action. We the Board thank you for your input.

The Finance Committee is meeting to plan for the 2015 budget and so far all looks good; more details will be forthcoming. The Nominating Committee will be appointed at the next HOA meeting. The terms of two of our current Board members will be ending.

Chantarelle is constantly in motion. This past year, we have tried to catch up a bit on our landscape needs, since this is the major portion of our yearly budget, and I think we have succeeded. The Landscape, Finance, Architectural, Safety & Welfare, Pool, Clubhouse, Social, & Sunshine Committees have all done outstanding work for us. We are a much better community because of you, our friends and neighbors, who give your time and effort so we all may live life to the fullest. The much-needed rains are almost upon us, and may the Giants go all the way. Hope to see you all on Nov. 18th. *Dave Owens.*

LANDSCAPE NOTES

Hello, Chantarelle friends! Debbie & Susan here with your Landscape Committee news.

Irrigation System Upgrade: Juvenile, our irrigation specialist from Waldron Land-scaping, has been working his magic all over our community. To date, almost 100 sprinkler heads have been replaced and broken pipes have been repaired. He will wrap up his project in early November.

Plant Replacement Project: Debbie and I are working with landscape designer Dana Osborn in preparation for a project to remove dead or dying plants and install new plants in front of a number of homes. We'll provide more details next month but we hope to be in process, if not complete, with this project by our December writing.

Tree Trimming in November: Look for Ryan Garrison and his crew from Art & Science Tree Service to be doing our annual tree pruning November 17 & 18.

Lawn & Shrub Watering has been cut back to two days a week. Thankfully, we've had a bit of rain and more is forecast. Also, with the cooler weather, the need for water lessens.

Enjoy a beautiful November as we witness our trees don the splendid colors of the season. *Happy Thanksgiving!*

GET WELL WISHES

The Chantarelle Community sends healing wishes to Valerie Radic and Russ Johnson, now recovering at home. We also send best wishes to Jan Garcia & Richard Blaustein, who have recently had surgery.

Charlie Berry sends a thank you note to everyone for their kind wishes for his recovery from his recent hospital stay. They were very much appreciated.

PLEASE WELCOME OUR NEW NEIGHBORS

Don & Margy Foley, 153 S Temelec, tel. 931-6932.

Susan Pottorff, 121 St. James Dr.

BEFORE THE VINE

Through November 30, The Sonoma Historical Society presents a new exhibit, *Before The Vine* at the Depot Park Museum. Learn about the farms, orchards, poultry ranches & dairies that provided farm-to-table foods that helped feed an entire nation.

MOVIE NIGHT

Movie night will be held on Wednesday, November 19th, at 7pm in the Clubhouse. Our feature will be ***Gravity*** starring Sandra Bullock and George Clooney. Plot summary: A medical engineer and an astronaut work together to survive after a catastrophe destroys their shuttle and leaves them adrift in orbit.