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FEBRUARY MESSAGE

Some of our residents have received their first shot of the covid-19 vaccine. However, it is still necessary to protect yourself and your neighbors by continuing to social distance, wear a mask, and wash your hands.

PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

As we look forward to vaccinations and the return to normalcy, we can look back with pride and gratitude for the HOA team that has kept everything humming throughout the year. Our financials ended the year with a positive variance, some of which can be attributed to the lack of activities, but most of it was due to prudent spending. I wish to thank Ron Yamato for a stellar job as treasurer. Our landscape continues to be top notch with Debbie Yamato and Ben Jones at the helm, not only keeping up with the day-to-day landscape issues, but also bringing new improvements such as the conversion to drip irrigation. We were able to keep the pool open this summer under the direction of Dale Lucas and his group of volunteers. Our newsletter was also delivered every month, carefully edited by John Dodgshon and Tom Flinn, and delivered by not only himself but also with his helpful volunteers, mostly Ann Young and Cecilia Angel. Our Website continues to be upgraded by Mary Howland with new current information, and Roger Young continues to welcome our new residents and also takes care of

our outdoor bulletin board. We have had a number of ACC request to replace fences or paint houses all adjudicated by Marty Greenman. I have probably left out some key contributors, for which I apologize, but I want to make sure you all recognize the contributions of the many people who help keep our HOA running smoothly. I along with many of you, miss our social activities, but that is really just a small part of what the HOA has to do. It does take a village to keep our community humming along and I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our volunteers that have contributed in some capacity during 2020 to make it a successful year in spite of the pandemic.
~ Steve

ALERT IN SONOMA COUNTY

There is a deadly bacterial infection (Salmonella) that is ripping through our County killing some of our local finch birds, particularly the Pine Siskin. The Bird Rescue Center is asking people to take down bird feeders and birdbaths for a month to help stop the infection. Please thoroughly clean your feeder by scrubbing with soapy water and rinse, then soak in a diluted bleach solution (one part bleach to nine parts warm water) for 10-15 mins, then rinse and allow to air dry. For more information visit: birdrescuecenter.org/salmonellosis

FYI: Dead Finches have been found in our neighborhood.

TREASURERS REPORT

Through the end of December: One bright spot in the otherwise depressing pandemic year of 2020 was the fact that Chantarelle spending was under-budget for the year by about \$25,000. This will help fund one of the planned projects for 2021, the conversion of the planted landscape areas from sprinklers to drip irrigation. There were no big surprises, cost-wise, and so our financial situation, including our reserve funds, remain sound and stable. Hopefully this trend will continue in 2021. ~ Ron Yamato

NEW RESIDENTS

We are pleased to welcome the following new residents to our community:

Mel & Elizabeth FENN

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LANDSCAPING NOTES

Rain, wonderful rain. Let's hope that we get more as the season continues. This time of year is relatively quiet as far as landscaping needs go. The Waldron crew continues with the tree pruning. They have finished with the crabapples and are working on the crape myrtles. Other shrubs and grasses that are in need of a good trimming are being done as well.

Our focus for the next month or so will be the lawns. We met with the Waldron owners and did a walk around of the community and

listed the lawns that need attention and treatment. Waldron will supply us with estimated costs for the varied treatments and these will be discussed with the Board. We will also be setting out a yearly schedule for fertilizing and weed control. Specific work dedicated to lawn care and treatment has not been done and the lawns are and excessive heat have definitely taken a toll.

We definitely want to keep the lawns, which are a major feature of our community, in excellent condition. We will keep you posted as to the work that is approved and our progress. As always, any concerns or questions, please feel free to contact either of us. Be safe and stay healthy.

~ Ben Jones (415-939-8955)
benjaminjnes1@verizon.net
~ Debbie Yamato. (415-696-2424)
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SAFETY & WELFARE

As of this writing, the COVID vaccination rollout is slower than we'd like. If you've received your vaccination, or have a confirmed appointment, you're ahead of the game, and good for you.

Sonoma County Health Department today just updated their vaccination information to reflect that they are now offering vaccinations to individuals 75 and older. You may wish to contact your primary physician or network regarding this update, if you're in this population.

Meanwhile, we all need to continue to keep wearing masks, practice good hand hygiene, and keep socially distanced, until we hear otherwise. Looking forward to better days. Stay safe.

~ Peggy Owens, Coordinator,
Safety/Welfare Committee
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NEW DIRECTORY

The 2021 issue of the Chantarelle Directory is due to be printed in March. If you have moved to Chantarelle since March 2020 or if your details in our 2020 Directory are not accurate, please email john_dodgshon@hotmail.com with: name(s), address, phone number(s) and email address. If you don't have access to email, please send the information to John Dodgshon at 126 St James Drive, Sonoma, CA 95476.

OUR NEWSLETTER

If you have ideas or articles that you would like to see in the newsletter, please email Tom at thomasflinn@me.com or John Dodgshon at john_dodgshon@hotmail.com

SUNSHINE COMMITTEE

If you know of anyone at Chantarelle who is sick or if you have new neighbors, please let either Willy Hoekstra or Ann Young know so that she can contact them. Willy's phone number is 996-0661. Ann's number is 938-2582.

CHANTARELLE WEBSITE

Our thanks to Mary Howland, who maintains our website. The website can be accessed at www.chantarelle.org. It contains copies of important documents, including: CC&Rs, Rules, HOA Meeting minutes. Please check it out. Please submit items for the Chantarelle Website to Mary Howland, 650-468-1119 or email her at: char797@aol.com

EDITOR'S NOTES

John Dodgshon and I edit the Chantarelle News. I wanted to say thank you once again for Cindy Conlin for sharing her closely guarded and delicious recipe for her world-famous biscotti cookies.

If anyone else in the neighborhood would like to share their recipe please email me and let me know. A photo of your finished recipe is greatly appreciated.

My recipe this month reflects a request to make something simpler. Hot fudge sundae cake. One pan, you mix it in the pan and bake. Buy vanilla ice cream and you're done. Easy peasy. And it's from the old standby Betty Crocker.

One of the things I'd like to share with our readers is as a new homeowner, I've learned lots of things that I would have found helpful knowing so I'd like to share what I learned.

We closed September 2019 and by December we had solar power on the roof. We put in a large system to accommodate a potential electric car, electric hot water heater and electric dryer. We installed the plug for an electric car at the same time for no charge from the solar company. Dryer and hot water heaters are heat pumps and are penny pinchers. Hot water heater has a PGE rebate. We put two battery banks on the system and since February 2020, we haven't paid an electric bill. Our batteries take us through the night. Our gas furnace, which is new and our gas fireplace are the only gas users in the house. In the future, we could upgrade to a heat pump for A/C and heat, with gas furnace for back up since it's new and works great. We put up 28 panels, 350 Watts each for an 11 KW system. We have made as much as 25 kw in January and as little as 5 kw. For all of 2020 we made 13,483 kw. We used 9,754kw, so we have room to grow. It looks like we made about \$500 extra electricity so we should get a

check back from PGE. The batteries are key, they act as a generator during black outs and storms. The batteries automatically keep them 100% charged even if they have to buy electricity from PGE so we have never lost power since we have had the batteries. They kick in seamlessly without even a flicker. I just read there is still a 26% tax rebate, so if you spend \$1,000, you get \$260 off your Federal tax bill, off the amount owed. Having only one battery was not enough to off the grid, we can have all the fridge, freezer, hot water, A/C and the batteries will charge without power as long as there is sun. Can't say enough good about solar. Next month, Insulation! Email me with questions,
~ thomasflinn@gmail.com.

TOM'S RECIPE HOT FUDGE SUNDAE CAKE



Prep 20 min · **Cook** 60 min ·
Makes 9 · **Source** Betty Crocker

Ingredients

- 1 cup Gold Medal™ all-purpose flour
- 3/4 cup granulated sugar
- 2 tablespoons baking cocoa
- 2 teaspoons baking powder
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 cup milk
- 2 tablespoons vegetable oil
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 1 cup chopped nuts, if desired
- 1 cup packed brown sugar
- 1/4 cup baking cocoa
- 1 3/4 cups very hot water
- Ice cream, if desired

Directions

Heat oven to 350°F.

Mix flour, granulated sugar, 2 tablespoons cocoa, the baking powder and salt in ungreased square pan, 9x9x2 inches. Mix in milk, oil and vanilla with fork until smooth. Stir in nuts. Spread in pan.

Sprinkle brown sugar and 1/4 cup cocoa over batter. Pour water over batter.

Bake about 40 minutes or until top is dry.

Spoon warm cake into dessert dishes. Top with ice cream. Spoon sauce from pan onto each serving.

Nutritional Info

Calories: 255
Total Carbohydrates: 54 g
Cholesterol: 0 mg
Total Fat: 1
Dietary fiber: 2 g
Protein: 3 g
Saturated fat: 1 g
Amount Per: 1 Serving
Sodium: 190 mg

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NOTICE

Due to the current crisis, the clubhouse will remain closed to all club and group activities until further notice. However, the Lending Library will be open with the following restrictions: only one person (or two if from the same household) in the clubhouse at one time and use disposable gloves when handling the books.

FEBRUARY 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7 Super Bowl	8	9	10	11	12	13
14 Valentine's Day	15 Presidents Day	16 Mardi Gras	17 Ash Wednesday	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
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Waldron Landscaping is now here on Monday 8am-1pm, Tuesday 8am-4pm, Thursday 1-4pm and Friday 8am-1pm.

Garbage, recycling & garden trash pickup is on Mondays.