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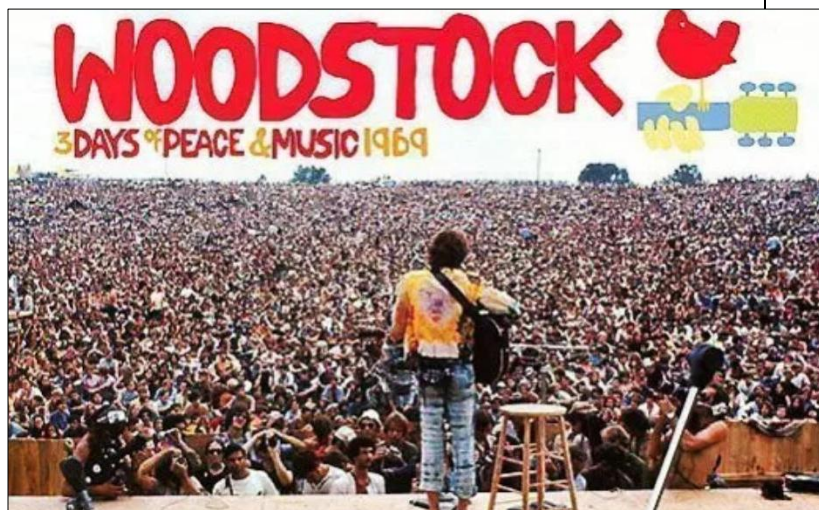
OCTOBER MUSINGS

Happy Memories!

Now that I am almost retired, I have more time to reflect on life. Some of the thoughts are not always pleasant. I try to push those thoughts out of my mind and think of more positive events. Some of the most positive events revolve around music – attending concerts, dancing and theater.

If you're from NY you may remember some of the Murray the K shows at the Brooklyn Fox Theater. (Murray Kaufman was a rock DJ on KNEW radio.) My friends and I were about 13 years old and traveled to downtown Brooklyn on the subway to see shows starring Martha and the Vandellas, the Supremes, the Dave Clark 5, Herman and the Hermits before they became big stars.

My uncle was able to get us nose bleed seats at Shea Stadium to see the Beatles. All I remember was the Beatles were the size of ants, all I could hear were girls screaming and very little music. It was kind of a bust, but I could now say that I "saw" the Beatles.



Five years later, while dating my soon to be husband, we drove up to Woodstock in upstate NY with friends. On the way, we stopped for a

big breakfast. Good thing we did because we didn't eat anything for the next two days! We had tickets but didn't need them. The gates were knocked down and no one was checking tickets. It was a free for all! We left our car parked about 4 miles from the concert area. When we reached the concert, we saw that there were no seats, no food vendors, just a sea of blankets with thousands of people dancing and banks of porta potties. I never saw the inside of one of them. Didn't much matter as I wasn't eating or drinking very much. We were young and had a lot of stamina. We saw the best of the best in rock 'n roll. Crosby, Stills & Nash, Country Joe and the Fish, The Band. The Grateful Dead put us all to sleep but then Sly and the Family Stone woke us all up and we literally danced to the music! It was an incredible two days (we were only planning to go for one day but couldn't leave because our car was locked in with hundreds of other cars). There were no cell phones then and I was worried about letting my parents know I wasn't going to be able to come home as soon as planned. When we finally did leave, we were starving and really thirsty. We stopped at a diner and they wouldn't serve us because we were "long-haired hippies," or so they thought. We wound up eating at McDonald's. All these memories came floating back to me when I heard that the Blues Project was going to be playing at the El Verano Inn, then I went and saw Janis at Sonoma Arts Live, and then saw Al DeMeola at the Blue Note in Napa. Wow! I wish I had created a scrap book or at least made a list of all the concerts I've been to. They are certainly happy memories.

-- Valerie Camarda, Editor
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PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

October, one of my favorite months, symbolizes autumn's transition, reflection, and gratitude, with its characteristic seasonal change and vibrant colors representing transformation and the harvest season.

Following are good reasons for gratitude.

We are doing well financially....under budget another month. That is definitely cause for celebration. More from Ron in the Treasurer's report.

Art Ferretti, Landscape Chair, presented an in-depth plan for the care and beautification of our neighborhood. Included in that plan, is a plan to manage the weeds around the utility in our yards with grass and rocks. This will lessen the need to use toxic weed killers. The plans will be implemented over the next year depending on the budget. Thank you Art.

The board approved the following:

- The landscape committee proposal for tree trimming as well as removal of dead and dying trees. Thank you for your patience with the noise. It is so necessary for the care and maintenance of our beautiful trees.
- Thank you to Sue Carson and her committee on The Traffic Calming Project for their thorough research into the possibility of speed bumps (County calls them speed hump(s)). The board voted against installing them due to the cost of \$15,000.00 per unit. They will continue their research into alternative solutions for the speed issue on S. Temelec.
- Treatment of the beetle infestation in the Club House.
- Painting the pool wooden benches and pergola.

I find myself wanting to write something about the Annual Barbecue and it hasn't happened yet. In honor of the theme of Gratitude for October, I am excited about attending and grateful to be with you all to share the time together.

Wishing you all a wonderful October and delightful Halloween.

--Susan Carlisle, President

TREASURER'S REPORT AS OF AUGUST 31, 2025

There were no reserve expenses in August, so the reserve fund remains in good shape at \$592,080.64 at the end of the month. Also, one of our CDARS CDs at Heritage Bank matured September 18, 2025, in the amount of \$174,059. I issued instructions to our bank representative to split the proceeds in half and open one new CDARS CD for 3 months at a rate of 3.92% and another new CD for 12 months at a rate of 3.56%. These rates were good as of September 17, but given that the Fed cut rates the next day by a quarter of a percent, these rates might be lower when our proceeds are transferred over into the new CDs, which takes about a week. So, I do not have the new CD information as of the writing of this article. Operating expenses were still under budget by about \$23,538 for the year, which was a pleasant surprise. Also, our operating cash stands at about \$21,033. The number of homeowners who are more than one month behind in payments remained the same at 3 as of last month. The amount in arrears, however, has decreased, from about \$3,000 to about \$2,000, so Strong Management's efforts in this area continue to show positive results.

--Ron Yamato, Treasurer



CHANTARELLE SOCIAL NEWS

The committee had been hard at work for the last two months choosing caterers, deciding on menus and dividing tasks amongst its members. Thanks to the efforts of the entire committee that helped put a very successful event together. They were Pam Connor, Barbara White, Laurie Jacobsen, Jackie O'Neill, Valerie Camarda, Debby Bonamassa and Marybeth Jacobsen. It truly took a village! Hope all enjoyed themselves at the barbeque. Photos of the event will be featured in the November issue of our newsletter.

THERE WILL BE NO FIRST FRIDAY IN OCTOBER.

--Marybeth Jacobsen & Debby Bonamassa,
Social Chairs

LANDSCAPE COMMITTEE REPORT

I think the neighborhood is looking pretty good! Waldron's is doing a good job keeping up with the lawns and landscaping.

We are having five diseased trees removed this month on Arnold Drive. There will be more tree work done on December 11th and 12th. Nearly all the trees in the community's front yards will be looked at and trimmed by Anderson Tree Service (Certified Arborist). I'll keep you informed on when that will take place.

--Art Ferretti

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WELCOME COMMITTEE

Welcome to our new member on the Chanterelle Welcome Committee, Marge Christoffersen.

Not much has changed in the neighborhood. 209 S. Temelec has changed to a rental and 124 S Temelec will be coming on the market soon. Others for sale are: 31, 229 and 272. All are on South Temelec Circle. If you see any action at any of these addresses, please email and let one of us know. We don't want to miss anyone. Thank You.

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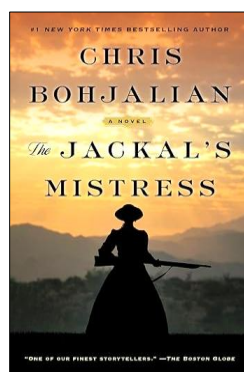
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SUNSHINE COMMITTEE

If you know of a neighbor who is feeling under the weather or needs a little cheering up, please let us know. We would like to show that our lovely community cares.

--Jackie O'Neill - 707-292-0261

BOOK CLUB NEWS



We will meet on October 9, at 2:00, in the Clubhouse to discuss *The Jackal's Mistress* by Chris Bohjalian. It is a historical fiction novel, set in the Shenandoah Valley during the Civil War. The story, inspired by a true event, follows Libby Steadman, the wife of a missing Confederate soldier, who risks treason to hide and heal a gravely wounded Union soldier.

As always, new members are welcome, or feel free to read the book on your own.

--Barbara White - (415-377-8712)

FREE REPLACEMENT WOOD FOR YOUR FLOOR



If you need some wood to replace your damaged original wood flooring, contact Penny Holbrook at 775-721-9677. She has lots to spare.

--Penny Holbrook

BABY GRAND PIANO AVAILABLE



Thinking about learning how to play the piano or have a grandchild with musical flair? Why not acquire Sharon Falvey's beautiful Baby Grand piano for a song. If interested, please call her daughter Marie at

707-337-9058.

--Valerie Camarda

CLUBHOUSE NOTES

Chantarelle HOA members are welcome to join in fun activities with your neighbors. If you have an interest in joining a Clubhouse activity, please contact the club coordinators for the groups with scheduled activities:

Water Aerobics/Flex Exercise

Peggy Owens – 707-343-7087

Bunco Babes

Russelle Johnson – 707-935-8658

Mexican Train Dominoes

Peggy Owens – 707-343-7087

Art Club

Mike Hashii – 415-686-5512

Poker Night

Ron Yamato – 415-305-1400

Book Club

Marybeth Jacobsen - 949-290-4757

Barbara White - 415-377-8712.

The days and times for those groups with scheduled activities are located on the calendar at the back of this newsletter.

If you are interested in knowing more about starting a new club activity or renting the Clubhouse facility for your next family and friends event, please contact our new Clubhouse coordinator, Marianne Sullivan, at msullivan101010@gmail.com or 530-575-9386

--Marianne Sullivan, Coordinator

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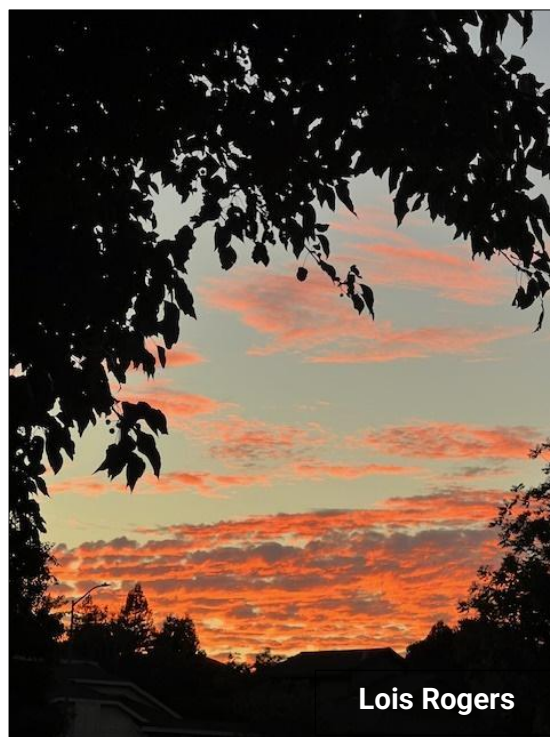
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SAFETY AND WELFARE

See You Next Month

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POOL OPEN

If you are at the Clubhouse/pool and have children who are minors using the bathroom,
please supervise them so that the bathroom remains clean.

CHANTARELLE WEEKLY CALENDAR

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Pool Aerobics 11:30		Pool Aerobics 11:30		Pool Aerobics 11:30

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1	2	3 No 1st Friday	4
5	6	7 Bunco 1:00-4:00	8	9 Book Club 2:00-3:30	10	11
12	13 Indigenous Peoples' Day	14 Mexican Train Dominos 12:30-4:00	15 Poker 6:30 Call Ron To Confirm	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28 Mexican Train Dominos 12:30-4:00	29	30	31 Halloween BOO!!	

Waldron Landscaping is now here on Monday 8:00-4:00 and Tuesday 8:00-4:00.

Garbage, recycling & garden trash pickup is on Monday.