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## A View from the Board

I volunteered to be on a committee, once at Winter Haven Resort. I volunteered to be on the Budget Committee. I like massaging numbers; I wanted to know what runs the Resort, so it made sense. Then I volunteered to work on the Beautification Committee: painted all the big green electrical boxes owners have in their yards. Over the years I also volunteered for Activities, Communications, Finance, Dog Park and the Board of Directors. I always say I “flunked” retirement; have a hard time just sitting still. Our committees have evolved over the years; gotten bigger, gotten smaller...some have disappeared completely only to rise out of the ashes like the fabled Phoenix. Committees at Winter Haven Resort are the backbone of our resort. Committees oversee an area of the Resort, can develop an area, and advise the Board of Directors. A dedicated group of volunteers can research and put together a plan no one else may have thought of. Are all the plans perfect? No, but that’s OK. We are volunteers; we give it our best shot! Every single one of our committees has a valuable effect on our Resort. A wickedly strong Activities program keeps the Winter Texans coming back year after year. Those renters coming into our Resort for the season keep our dues from going up. We are a destination

Resort. Winter Haven Resort rental sites for January 2025 is already sold out, February 2025 had only 1 spot left in Coast to Coast and March 2025 had a few spaces left when I checked with the reservation office before I left. Our Finance Committee manages, invests, and oversees the financial health of our Resort. The yearly auditor’s report tells all owners what good financial shape we are in. The Facilities Committee looks ahead: what is going to need to be fixed/replaced. What do we need to do to keep us looking like the Resort we deserve to live in? Architectural Committee oversees the standards set for our Resort, assists owners on their projects. Historical/Memorial Committee keeps valuable records about the history of the Resort. Dog Park Committee has taken a fenced area and turned it into an area enjoyed by all who use it. Beautification Committee is working hard to establish plants in areas of the Resort promised to be “blooming with beauty”! The Chapel Committee oversees the services and donations to their charities and upkeep of our clubhouse. The IT Committee currently has the VERY WORST job in the Resort: trying to sort out all the internal problems, errors and useless programs tangling our email systems, TOPS accounts. Other committees: Signs, Fines, etc., are created, do their work and retire: Jobs well done. I guess the point of this whole article is to say Thank You to all of our committees and the volunteers who work for them. Winter Haven Resort would not be the place it is without your time and efforts, and I appreciate what you all do for us. And to those of you who have not ventured into the “volunteer” arena yet....give it a try...you are going to meet some people you didn’t know, you will learn some things you did not know, you will have some fun you surely deserve and you may flunk retirement, too.

*Submitted by Sue Alton (B.O.D.)*

## Manager's Report

Another season has come and gone. Those of us who are still here in the Resort can look forward to more road work this summer, upgrades to electrical services at the Coast to Coast lots and hopefully renovations to some of our restrooms. We are still seeking qualified (licensed and insured) stucco repair persons for the Bermuda building and Sports Locker (old pump house).

The Beautification "aka Pretty" Committee has been hard at work sprucing up some of the common areas at the resort entrance and the clubhouse.

The Facility Committee has been looking to the future and inspecting the Resort Buildings and Grounds to make plans for next year's improvements.

The Finance Committee made a deep dive into our insurance policies and they were able to save \$10k on next year's costs.

Daniel Robles is going through bi-weekly rehab sessions and is doing great. He is excited about coming back to work when he gets medical clearance. He wishes to thank everyone for the prayers and support you have provided.

Enjoy your summer wherever you may travel. Hope to see everyone again this fall.

*Submitted by Tom Sinyard*

2024 WINTER HAVEN RESORT	
BOARD OF DIRECTORS	
President	Jim Parker
1 <sup>st</sup> Vice President	Richard Burdick
2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice President	David Williams
Treasurer	Michelle Henneke
Secretary	Sue Alton

## Activities

Well, here we are in April and as most of you know you're already home and we're missing you very much. Very glad to see everybody made it home safe and sound.

I'll remind you later in a future newsletter to bring your stuff for Halloween. Start thinking about your season costumes for 2024 and how your carved pumpkin is going to look.

May looks like we're going to have a lot of fun and get ready for the summer heat to arrive.

I'd like to give a very big thank you to our iceman Albert who constantly makes sure that there is ice in the ice machine for everybody during the summer. Also, Dorothy and Joe Pilz for all the hard work they put into our library area keeping the books shelved and updated we appreciate all their hard work.

I would also like to take the time to thank everybody who contributed their hard work helping activities this past season making a very successful season and an enjoyable one. Looking forward to working with everybody again this coming year. Please enjoy your summer at home and have a safe trip back to us.

Activity team, you're the best all of you enjoy your vacation and we will see you all soon.

*Submitted by Cookie Ullrich*

## Elections

There is a special election coming up on June 3rd, 2024. Be sure you have updated your information as in new address, new phone numbers, or new email addresses through our office at Winter Haven Resort.

Important dates to remember during this election: May 1st 2024 start the online voting until June 1st, 2024. That's the cut off.

Then in person early voting is May 25th, 29th, and 31st, all dates in A-1 11:00am to 12 noon. Then ear-

ly voting June 3rd from 12 to 1pm in A-1. With the results of the election being totaled and reported to Winter Haven Resort BOD that day.

The important thing to remember is if you're going to be away from the resort, or cannot meet any of these dates or unable to vote online you may request a ballot. To request a ballot submit your name, lot number, address, phone number and you're going to be away from Resort. Submit to Elections, 3501 Old Port Isabel Road Brownsville, Texas 78526 Attention Election.

The deadline for submission is May 10th. Have a safe and wonderful summer; see you all at the voting polls.

*Submitted by: Election Team*

*Cookie Ullrich Election Chair*

## Ray and Bee Knecht 18 Easy Street



In 1998 Ray and Bee first visited the Rio Grande Valley, in Mission. After one week they headed to Isla Blanca on South Padre Island. They enjoyed it so much; they spent 15 winters on the island, increasing the amount of time each year. They started looking for something different and friends told them about Winter Haven Resort. (They had been following Senior Moments band and loved line dancing.) The first time they stayed at 8 Easy with their RV, and shortly after learned about 18 Easy, which was a larger lot. After a couple of years they put a Park Model on that lot.

*Did you know that if you replace "W" with "T" in "What, Where and When", you get the answer to each of them.*

**Bee** was born in St. Louis Missouri, and a year later her family moved to Rockford Illinois. She has one older sister and a younger brother. She attended University of Illinois, with a major in Mathematics. After graduation she taught math for 15 years to Junior High students. Then she took 8 years off to be home with her children. They have 2 children: Pam (a teacher) and her husband Mike have 3 children, Jordan (aged 27), Cameron (aged 25) and Hannah (aged 21). Andrea (Dave) is their second child, and she studied to approve pharmaceuticals.

**Ray** was born in Chicago and raised in Berwyn Illinois. He attended a Catholic school and graduated in 1958. He earned a football scholarship to Southern Illinois University and studied Education. His entire university was paid by scholarships. Later he earned a Masters degree in Education, again all paid for by scholarships. Ray was the youngest of 5 boys. His brothers Joe, Conrad and Bill are deceased and his 4th brother is George.

Ray began teaching at Lagrange Park, in a physical education program, where he stayed for 3 years. Then he moved to Homewood Flossmore High School and taught physical education, driver training, and coached Football, Swimming and Wrestling. Ray worked for 6 summers with disabled children in seven states. He was camp director in North Carolina with Special Needs children. He met Bee at Lagrange Park, both were teaching there at the same time, and dated for 2 years, without any students knowing they were dating. They were married in 1967.

In 1987 they moved to Missouri and lived there 36 years. During that time Bee switched careers to banking. Ray also quit teaching when they moved, just outside Branson Missouri. He worked at Silver Dollar City, which is an 1800 era theme park. Since he was an employee, he was given passes to all the shows along the strip, for all the seasons. During the 15 years he worked there he made leather belts and did a number of other jobs.

While they lived there, they had a pontoon boat that they kept on Table Rock Lake, and enjoyed going out with friends and having a BBQ on the boat. He says that the best reason to stay was the beautiful Ozark wooded area.

**Bee and Ray** have enjoyed travelling. They have been on several cruises, been to Europe 3 times, to countries including Greece, Croatia, and Malta. They also took 3 weeks to travel parts of Europe, searching for ancestors of Ray's family. Bee's favourite place she visited was Hawaii.

During their winters in the Rio Grande Valley they have enjoyed going to different places to dance. They have loved Leslie at Louie's Backyard, in the past; Winks, Pepe's on the River (past McAllen), and Progreso. They also enjoyed attending concerts at the University, or going to Don Wes Market. Their favourite places are Claytons and Louie's Backyard.

While they are in Winter Haven they have enjoyed shuffleboard, Bocce Ball, Pinochle, Bridge (past), worked hamburger nights for several years, and participated in the chili cookout two years. Ray continues to enjoy biking, while Bee enjoys walking their dog Carmel. They also play cards and games with friends.

Their advice to new owners is to volunteer, and participate in some of the activities, there is always need for more helpers. Take time to enjoy the area, there is a lot to see and do.

*Submitted by Wendy Barrick Rhead*



"Oops..."

## RESIDENT NEWS and INFORMATION

Please note: If anyone would like their name and birthday or anniversary posted and it is not here, or if there are any errors, please contact Missy Henneke at 719-207-1341.

### May Anniversaries



May 1	Kim & Sheri Banning	31 years
May 2	Joe & Carolyn Aleven	50 years
May 6	Morley & Barb Hall	35 years
May 7	Bill & Marcia Edwards	48 years
May 10	Tom & Nancy Kinyon	51 years
	Robert & Barbara Hoaglin	38 years

### May Birthdays



May 1	Heather Gingrich	78 years
	Ken Holland	
	Tom Ray	
May 4	Sheri Phillips	
May 8	Barb Marnin	82 years
May 10	Barbara Hoaglin	88 years
May 11	David Daily	
	Larry Shields	84 years
May 13	Lorraine Hebert	77 years
May 16	Susan May Luck	
May 17	Dave Pickelhaupt	91 years
	John Chosy	76 years
May 18	Craig Timmer	82 years
May 19	Joe Lopez	86 years
	Debra Gelesko	68 years



May 20	James Small	64 years
May 23	Darlene Huppert	83 years
	Giselle Miller	70 years
	Dave Schaumann	
May 26	Jan Hobbs	
	Lynn Johnson	73 years
May 27	Chuck Kubalsky	85 years
May 28	Kay Pickelhaupt	88 years
May 29	Allen Laduron	80 years
May 31	Ken Krueger	73 years
May 31	Ralph Ross	77 years



### April Passings

Farrell McCallister	3 Dorothy
Bob Turpening	31 Gulf

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### April New Owners



Dave and Debra Williams	26 Lazy
David and Jill Smith	49 Easy
Charles Dye and Patricia Fransen	7 Lazy
Christine Warden	13 Sunset
Charles and Wanda Bunkers	23 Mary

