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**A View from the Board**

Well it’s that time of year again, folks! The holi- days are upon us. What a crazy, busy time in Win- ter Haven. Lots of people are back in the resort, and more are coming in every day. I love Christ- mas and Thanksgiving here, as it brings back lots of memories. How I used to love coming to sunny Brownsville and getting out of the cold, snowy Col- orado winters, if only for a few days. What would I have thought back then if I could have known that the future would bring me here for 4½ wonderful years, some 20+ years later!

This is a bitter-sweet time for me, leaving our beau- tiful resort and all of the wonderful friends I have made here. I have enjoyed my time here very much. But those three grandkids are growing every minute, and I just need to be a part their lives before they are grown and gone! I’m sure some of you can relate. And the homestead has been a dream of mine since I was a young adult, wanting an off-grid cabin in the mountains. Some times we have to take a big leap of faith and just go for it! But I will be back to visit everyone from time to time. Finally, I would like to give a big thank you to Barbara Haden for taking over the position of Treasurer for me. I know she will do a great Job!

*Submitted by Missy Henneke (Treasurer of B.O.D.)*

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
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**Manager’s Report**

I’d like to focus on the Resort Staff this month. These are the individuals that keep the resort run- ning and looking as good as it does.

We have 14 employees: 9 full-time, 4 part-time and 1 seasonal full-time. Many of you already know what a wonderful group of individuals they are. We have 4 employees that have been here for 20+ years and a few that have left and been rehired over the years.

**Office Staff:** Anna (20+ yrs.), bookkeeper, payroll, records, resort files; Irene (5+ yrs), receptionist, manages reservations, gate hosts scheduling and general office functions.

**Maintenance Team:** Juan (20+ yrs.), Tano (20+ yrs.), Jose (15+ yrs.) and Daniel (2 yrs.) all share in the day-to-day maintenance of the resort which in- cludes everything from building maintenance and repair, pool maintenance, lawn care, resaca care, sports facility upkeep, plumbing, garbage pickup, setting up tables and chairs for almost every event in the resort and just about everything that no else wants to do.

**Housekeeping Staff:** Marivel (2 yrs.) and Mickey (1<sup>st</sup> season) do all the housekeeping for the common areas, offices, activity rooms, clubhouse ballroom and kitchen, and restrooms and bath houses.

**Gate Hosts:** Ruben (29 yrs.), Mars (13 yrs.), Elva (4+ yrs.), (Fernando (2 yrs.), Chris (2 yrs.), and Adrian (2 yrs.) all who, as I've said before, have so much to do, but never seem to be doing anything when someone is watching.

The **Employee Donation Box** is in the office lobby. Please show your appreciation to our awesome employees by donating this Christmas Season.

*\*Donations placed in the Employee Donation box will be shared equally between these employees.*

**Wishing everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!**

*Submitted by Tom Sinyard*

## Activities

December is almost here and it will be packed! It's so much fun watching our Winter Haven friends arriving! Please pick up a Calendar in the office so you don't miss anything.

I'll start with some housekeeping notes: if you want to use a room, please contact Cookie as it may already be used. Another actual housekeeping note, Deb Burroughs and Cookie cleaned out and rearranged the red barn and Janice Hobbs and Barb Hall cleaned out and straightened the puzzles. We sure appreciate our volunteers!

- Thanksgiving dinner at the clubhouse is a full house with 180 hungry folks sharing the special day together.
- December 1<sup>st</sup>, starts online voting for BOD.
- December 2<sup>nd</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup>, we'll be selling tickets for the New Years Eve dance.
- Sat the 7<sup>th</sup>, will be the craft show and the always anticipated pie sale. Alan will DJ a dance that night.
- On the 10<sup>th</sup> we'll sell tickets for January events.
- The first Wednesday night in January will be a show only (lots of snacks of course) with a magician that's Vegas quality. I was amazed I could get him for what we can pay!!
- Pena school will be here to delight us on the 12<sup>th</sup>. If you've never come to hear them perform -don't

miss it! We need cookies to give them, if you're willing to bake some, be sure there are no nuts or nut products!

- The 14<sup>th</sup> is busy! K9 corner will take pictures of pets, the Sautners will have their yearly open house, and the jammers will present a Christmas program!
- The 20<sup>th</sup> we'll have a lighted parade so get your golf carts and bikes lighted and ready! There will be hot chocolate and caroling after in the clubhouse.
- DJ Alan will do a dance on the 21<sup>st</sup>.
- Christmas Eve will see a cantata presented by the WH Singers.
- Sign up for Christmas dinner at the clubhouse and then get ready to ring in the New Year with the always fun dance.

Whew, are you tired? Hope I haven't missed any of the big activities! This year's giving tree will provide much needed items for the closets of Pena and Skinner schools. And PLEASE remember to be generous in the employee gift box. We have a fantastic group of employees that deserve a healthy Christmas bonus from us for all they do. If you feel like giving a gift to your WHR family, we need more benches around the park and you or a group could get one in memory of someone or something.

**Wishing everyone a wonderful and healthy Christmas.**

*Submitted by Peggy Salinas Hardin*



## 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 us at: [newsletter@winterhavenresort.com](mailto:newsletter@winterhavenresort.com)

### December Anniversaries

NO KNOWN ANNIVERSARIES

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### December Birthdays



December 2	Joe Anna Eirich	86 years
December 3	Dorothy McKinley	87 years
December 5	Mary Beth Laudenslager	
December 6	Dallas Burroughs	
December 7	Betty Taylor	84 years
	Brad Houk	
December 13	Ralph Huff	83 years
December 15	Juanita Ott	78 years
December 16	Joan Cosgrove	
December 21	Carol Brown	80 years
	Marcia Edwards	73 years
	Linda Harvey	82 years
December 22	Gloria Hitt	
December 24	Lois Yakiwchuk	77 years
December 25	Mary Ann Sedam	81 years
December 29	Jean Jordan	76 years
	Peggy Hardin	81 years
December 31	Larry Janich	

## Missed October / November Passings

Gloria Metzger	October 5	formerly of 26 Palm
Juanita Potter	October 15	42 Dorothy
Valerie Rhead	November 1	formerly of 72 Palm
Larry Fetters	November 4	18 Bermuda

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### November New Owners

NO NEW OWNERS TO REPORT



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