

“HIDDEN HIGHLIGHTS”

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WORKING TOGETHER WE CAN MAKE HVR THE BEST PARK IN THE VALLEY !!

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

The Board of Directors and I wish to once again urge all members to step forward and participate in HVR activities and to volunteer to either chair an event or assist when asked to do so. We also ask that members who are or who have chaired events in the past to encourage new members to assume their responsibilities and agree to teach them the ropes.

We also encourage members to attend board meetings and the general membership meetings scheduled in February and March. Since our meetings are limited in number, a lot of important business has to be taken care of in a very short amount of time.

Vern Drescher, President

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HVR GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

February 13, 2010 9:00 a.m.
H.V.R.P.O.A. Clubhouse

PROPOSED AGENDA*

Verification of Quorum
Call to Order
Pledge of Allegiance
Invocation
Introduction of First Time Attendees
Introduction of Board Members
Approval of Minutes of December Meeting
Treasurer's Report
Report of Audit Committee
Unfinished Business:
Swimming Pool Repairs
Swimming Pool Lift
Replacement of Boulevard Trees
Development of Land North of Building
New Business:
Announcements
Adjournment

(*Since the Hidden Highlights is published prior to the first of each month, it is not possible to have a complete agenda ready at this time. Please check the bulletin board for an updated agenda.)

This is a proposed agenda and is subject to change. Proxy forms are available from the business office during regular business office hours or by mail or fax.

PLEASE NOTE: ALL old proxy forms are obsolete; please stop by the office to pick up the new form if you wish to appoint a proxy for one or all meetings.

After completing the proxy form, take it to the business office to have an adequate number of copies made -- one for office records as well as enough copies so that a copy can be given to the Credentials Desk at each meeting. Then deliver the original and copies of the proxy form to the person named thereon. Individual members may hold only four (4) proxies each.

Absentee ballots will be available for pick up at the office or by mail or fax on February 5. When requesting an absentee ballot, keep in mind that if the motions are changed in any way, your vote will be invalid and not counted as every member must vote on the same motion. Therefore, proxies should be seriously considered rather than absentee ballots.

Anyone wishing to have an issue brought before a general membership meeting MUST present the request to the association president at least five days prior to the meeting to allow the matter to be thoroughly investigated before consideration and/or action by the general membership.

Anyone wishing to have an issue brought before a board of directors meeting MUST present the request to the association president at least three days prior to the meeting to allow the matter to be thoroughly investigated before consideration and/or action by the board.

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ATTENTION HVR RENTERS!!

Please stop by the office (if you have not already done so) to fill out the renter information form and present verification that you are 55 years of age or older. This information will enable the office personnel to assist anyone that may be looking for you or to deliver messages. Thank you!

**H-I-G-H-L-I-G-H-T-S OF MINUTES OF
JANUARY GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING**

January 9, 2010

The meeting was called to order with 409 members present; number required for a quorum was 264.

The treasurer's report as of December 31, 2009, was read by Bud Remington as follows: Checking account balance \$94,053.57; money market operating account \$463.08; money market reserve account \$100,639.00; washer/dryer replacement account \$2,052.00; total income \$200,584.91; total income for December 2009 excluding prepaid dues \$4,733.00; total expenses for December 2009 \$10,290.00; loss \$5,556.00. The budget for 2010 includes estimated income, including the \$50.00 annual increase \$175,724.35; estimated expenses \$180,332.00; shortfall \$4,307.00.

Jim Reiland reported that a dye test on the swimming pool would be performed on Monday, January 11, and that the pool would be closed until further notice.

The election of officers and directors was held. Beverly Worl was nominated from the floor for the office of vice-president and Joe Roberts was nominated from the floor for the office of director.

Carol Barnes, George Smith, Pat Frederick and George Grothe volunteered to audit the association books.

Discussion was held regarding removal and replacement of the trees on Long Drive. The matter will be voted on at the February general membership meeting.

Discussion was held regarding possible development of the land north of the Clubhouse. Jack Bradshaw will serve as chair of the Long Range Planning Committee in the absence of Ken Sutter.

The parliamentarian read a letter from Ciro Ochoa, Jr., the park attorney, regarding the action taken at the November general membership meeting which stated that the motion from the floor that was voted on was null and void because a quorum was lost before discussion.

The proposed bylaw regarding the \$35.00 assessment was presented by the parliamentarian. The proposed bylaw provided that the assessment be eliminated and that any future special assessments proposed by the Board of Directors be approved by the membership.

The proposed Special Rules of Order governing board of director meetings and general membership meetings were read and explained by the parliamentarian. They do NOT supersede association Bylaws but DO supersede Roberts' Rules of Order.

Lucy Cagler announced that the purchase of new chairs for the Clubhouse would be presented to the membership for approval in the fall.

Joe Roberts requested the status of his proposed bylaw amendment regarding continuation of meetings after a quorum has been lost. He was advised that the amendment would be in direct conflict with Texas law.

Don Leonard reported that 13 members had signed up to take Heart Ranger training and that John Crawford would be the new chairman.

Judy Lungo announced the candidates for the HVR 2009 King and Queen. They were Ray and Judy Fink, Tom and Shirley Forbish and Bill and Marlene Rosicky. Tom and Shirley were declared the winners.

Results of the election were as follows:

Vice-President: Jim O'Brien	37
Jim Reiland	292*
Beverly Worl	107
Treasurer: Tom Forbish	422*
Director: Bobbie Bradshaw	185*
Bob Hawkins	88
Bailey Janssen	74
Connie Mader	142
Roy Sexton	164
Joe Roberts	196*

(*Winners)

Results of bylaw amendment regarding Article VIII, Assessments, Section 1 and 2 Yes 417 No 36

Results of proposed Special Rules of Order for board and general membership meetings Yes 316 No 136

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**H-I-G-H-L-I-G-H-T-S OF MINUTES OF
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

January 8, 2010

General information and announcements:

>>The replacement of chairs is on hold until further information can be obtained;

>>Replacement of trees on Long Drive was discussed and will be brought to the membership for discussion;

>>Fiesta Coupon book information will be left on the counter for access by the members who are interested

>>HEB will be allowed to give out prizes during bingo;

>>A letter from attorney Ochoa was read regarding the vote taken at the December general membership meeting which will read also at the January general membership meeting;

>>A letter from Tony Chunestudy was read regarding the determination of raising the association dues; the parliamentarian explained that the covenants provided that it was the responsibility of the board to do so;
>>Procedural matters were discussed regarding the sale of tickets for park functions.

Motions made, seconded and carried:

>>To accept the recommendation of the Maintenance Committee to accept the bid from Hamlin Pools to repair the swimming pool as soon as possible;
>>To rescind the motion made at the last board meeting to accept the bid regarding replacement of the carpet in the library and exercise room;
>>To accept the bid from Uncle Frank's Carpet in the amount of \$740.00 to replace the carpet in the library and exercise room.
>>To rescind the previous motion and to obtain an estimate to include replacement of the carpet on the stage;
>>To not participate this year in the Monitor's Education Program to provide newspapers to LaJoya High School;
>>To allow Ann Neuenschwander and Sandi Kienast to assist the secretary in the office and to allow for assistance to the treasurer as needed;
>>To have the secretary contact the telephone company to establish a dedicated line for the fax machine.

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H-I-G-H-L-I-G-H-T-S OF MINUTES OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING

January 15, 2010

General information and announcements:

>>Roy Sexton is chairman of the Dance Committee;
>>Kitchen range hood needs annual cleaning;
>>The cable on one of the exercise machines will be repaired;
>>The treadmills need routine servicing;
>>Patio chimneas are not to be used for burning trash;
>>Investigation needs to be done for gas and smoke detectors for the Clubhouse;
>>Purchase of a new tape recorder was discussed;
>>Board committee liaisons were established;
>>The sample chairs will be returned for credit;
>>The swimming pool leak was located; Hamlin Pools will begin the swimming pool repairs on February 1, weather permitting; pool will be closed 2-3 weeks.

Motions made, seconded and carried:

>>To replace the carpet in the library and exercise room and to install carpeting on the walls of the annex;
>>To purchase "golf cart parking only" signs to be placed on the blacktop west of the Clubhouse;
>>To approve the appointment of Bill Anderson as the park parliamentarian;

>>To disconnect the light on the flag at the entrance to the park because the street light is sufficient;
>>To proceed with the creation of a new HVR website.

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N-O-T-I-C-E !!

Hidden Valley Ranch has a new website; the address is www.HVRPOA.com. Upon completion, it will have complete information regarding HVR including bylaws, special rules of order, covenants, past and current newsletters, park information such as office hours, clubhouse hours, etc., directions to HVR, rentals and sales of lots, etc. Check it out!

The hall bulletin board regarding rentals and sales of lots in HVR is in the process of being revised and updated to better assist prospective renters and buyers.

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ACTIVITY AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

The Architectural Committee wishes to again remind members who wish to develop or make improvements to their lots that they MUST COMPLETE ALL necessary paperwork and submit it to the office before it will be considered by the committee. The Committee meets Tuesdays at 8:30 a.m. Questions should be directed to Mary Ann McElheron at 584-2308.

Missouri Days monthly get-together has been scheduled for Wednesday, February 10, at 12:30 p.m. at the Riverside Club. PLEASE NOTE DATE CHANGE!! Sign up sheet will be posted in the Clubhouse -- everyone is welcome! Questions? Contact Beverly Worl (581-3566) or Myrna Craft (584-9216).

The Wisconsin breakfast will be held February 17 at 8:30 a.m. at Denny's on Shary Road. Sign up sheet posted.

A Ladies Salad Luncheon will be held on Thursday, February 11, at 11:00 a.m. (Please bring your own table service.) A sign up sheet has been posted. The program will be presented by Elaine's Swimwear. Questions? Call Mary Harbeck (580-2116).

Billiard Hall News: Thanks to Cliff and Jeanie Northland for purchasing and donating five new stools to the pool hall. We now have twenty.

Keith Brown won our in-house 8-ball tournament and will represent HVR in the regionals; Ken Thompson won the in-house 1-15 in-house tournament but because of other commitments Herb McGill, the runner-up, will represent HVR in the regionals; Louie Cagler and Herb McGill won

the in-house doubles 1-15 and will represent HVR in the regionals; John Cash and Jack Moore won the in-house mens 8-ball doubles and will compete in the regionals on Friday, February 29, at W&I Resort; and Dick and Sharon Burgeson won the in-house mixed 8-ball doubles. They also came in third at the regionals held at W&I Resort. Congratulations to all!!

Our in-house cabinet builder, Gary Kienast, once again has donated his time to build three new cue case holders for the hall. He has also agreed to make 5 or 6 drink holders. Thanks, Gary, for all your efforts to improve the pool hall.

Our new billiard liaison on the Board of Directors is Joe Roberts.

Questions? Contact Jack Moore, Chair (989/339-0558).

HVR'S Tour and Travel chairpersons have been busy arranging a number of tours to be available during the rest of this winter season. Tours currently being planned are as follows:

>>Tuesday, February 2: The Aloe Farm Tour -- We will travel in car pools from HVR to the farm near Mercedes for this tour.

>>Thursday, February 11: Rancho El Wildlife Ranch -- We will take a narrated tour of this wildlife refuge in covered wagons pulled by Clydesdale mules. This tour will include a meal, prepared by the Boca-Paila Restaurant on the grounds of this ranch.

>>Tuesday, February 16-18: Real De Catorce (sometimes called the Incredible City or the Mining Ghost Town) -- It is located high in the Sierra Madres in Mexico. Details for this trip can be found in the "Go With Jo" tour books in the HVR library. This special tour will be arranged if we have a minimum of 34 people signed up.

>>Saturday, February 20 -- There is still time to sign up for the one-day trip to Monterrey. Sign up sheet posted in the library.

>>Saturday, February 28 -- Bloodless Bullfight. Travel in car pools from HVR to the Santa Maria Bullring in LaGloria, Texas (northwest of LaJoya) for a late afternoon of bloodless bullfighting.

>>Sunday, Wednesday, March 3 -- South Texas Museum at Edinburg. Again, we will travel in car pools from HVR to Edinburg for this tour.

>>Monday, March 15 -- Club Maeva & Tampico. Four days and three nights at Club Maeva, the seaside all inclusive resort on the Gulf of Mexico near Tampico. All

meals, drinks and entertainment are included. This bus trip is being arranged thorough Viva Mexico Tours.

Details for all these tours will be posted on the "Travel & Tour" bulletin board located in the HVR library. Please check the board for trip details and sign-up sheets. Questions? Contact Rita or Lew Fry at 7510 Putter Drive or call 581-8653.

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Interested in meeting HVR/LVR folks that attend services at Palm Valley Church? Sunday, February 14, at 2:00 p.m. has been set aside at the HVR Clubhouse as a get-acquainted time. Y'all come for cookies, punch and lots of conversation. Please wear your name badge. Questions? Contact Judy Hamilton (584-3666) or Vesta Steiner (451-2934).

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F-R-E-E CRAFTERS ITEMS EXCHANGE!!

If you have any craft items you no longer use and wish to exchange with others, please bring them to the HVR Clubhouse on Tuesday, February 16, at 12:30 p.m. or call Judy Hamilton (584-3666). If you don't have anything to exchange, come anyway and take something home with you. Bags provided!

CREATIVE SEWING SHOW 'N TELL

The Creative Sewing group would like to invite HVR members to view their work. They have been creating Stack 'N Whack fabric tops, quilted sweatshirts and other quilting projects in a variety of patterns and colors since December 2009. A presentation of the machine-pieced work done this season will be held at the HVR Clubhouse on Wednesday, March 4, at 10:00 a.m., and will last approximately one hour.

The presentation will not only display the projects but will also describe the techniques unique to each. Instructor: Nancy Flaherty. Questions? Contact Karen Eck (973/229-4596).

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THANK YOU !!

>>>to those members who donated refreshments for the WTAA Cribbage Tournament held on January 21. 104 persons participated in this event.

>>>to those members who volunteered their time and effort to the Salvation Army Bell Ringers this past Christmas season. The total collected by HVR was \$795.00.

>>>to the Monday Ladies Golf League for contributing two electric griddles to the HVR kitchen.

>>>to all HVR members for their contribution to the betterment of the park by volunteering their time and energy to HVR committees and activities and to all the HVR members who continue to support the park entertainment, dances and activities.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

I understand that our park attorney has suggested HVR residents should stop fighting among ourselves. I agree 100 percent!

Our Board of Directors is elected to run the affairs of this park. Why can't we just let them do their job to the best of their ability and quit griping about the decisions they make? If one person doesn't like a decision, perhaps two or three others think it is good. So let's let the Board do their work without being constantly questioned and harassed! If most of us show trust that our Board has discussed an issue and a majority has agreed on the action, why can't the rest of us accept the decision and get on with life?

If you don't trust the Board to make the right decisions, submit your name for nomination at the next election. If your views are met with approval of the membership and you are elected, then you can work toward the changes you want. In the meantime, what is the object of creating conflict and friction?? Harmony could very well encourage more volunteers for ALL activities.

Don Leonard, Lot 346

CONGRATULATIONS !!

**TOM AND SHIRLEY FORBISH
HVR 2009 KING AND QUEEN**

WTAA CABARET DANCE

February 9, 2010
7:30-10:30 p.m.
Mission Bell RV Resort
\$15.00/Couple
"Jealous Heart Band"

For tickets call Shirley Forbish (583-7344)
or Judy Lungo (718/812-3500).

7th ANNUAL HVR GOLF TOURNAMENT

The 7th Annual HVR Mixed Golf Tournament will be held February 27, 2010. Anyone wishing to participate should sign up on the sheet posted in the pool hall. Questions? Contact John or Elaine Sahlstrand at 519-6360.

Palm View HEB would like us to make them our HEB. Each Tuesday they will bring us their new ads and they will be posted on the bulletin board. The box marked "HEB" is for receipts from Palmview HEB. Please write your name and telephone number on the back of each receipt. There will then be a drawing weekly for prizes.

Please contact them directly for any large quantity special food needs such as meat, produce, etc., and they will do their best to help us. Questions? Contact Mary Harbeck (580-2116).

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UPCOMING EVENTS

ENTERTAINMENT

March 1 Sherwin Linton

DANCES

March 13 Jealous Heart*
(*7:30 p.m., \$6.00 each)

PARK PICNIC

March 6 2:00 p.m.

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A-P-O-L-O-G-Y !!

I wish to sincerely apology for a statement I made at the last general membership meeting. Because of a misunderstanding or miscommunication on my part, I stated that Texas law required that meetings must adjourn when a quorum is lost -- that statement was incorrect. HVR Bylaws and Roberts' Rules of Order both provide for that provision and now the Special Rules of Order adopted at the last meeting state that as well. I'm sorry I misinformed the HVR membership.

Thank you to everyone who has worked with me over the past several years as your parliamentarian. Your support and cooperation has been very much appreciated. I will continue to be available to answer your questions.

Sandi Kienast, (Retired) Parliamentarian

HVR BOARD OF DIRECTORS'
AREAS OF RESPONSIBILITY AND LIAISONS

President: Vern Drescher: Create Agendas, Conduct Meetings

Jim Reiland, Vice-President: Liaison for Covenant, Swimming Pool, Fitness and Dispute Committees

Karol Lippert, Secretary: Minutes of Meetings. Office Management, Keys, Data Base and Park Directory

Tom Forbish, Treasurer: HVR Financial Affairs

Bobbie Bradshaw, Director: Liaison for Heart Rangers, Dance and Long-Range Planning Committees

Lucy Cagler, Director: Liaison for Kitchen, Pantry and Entertainment Committees

Ken Ludwigsen, Director: Liaison for Ice and Ice Cream, Cleaning and Maintenance Committees

Marvin Rahn, Director: Liaison for Audio Committee

Joe Roberts, Director: Liaison for Architectural and Pool Hall Committees

Members having a question regarding specific activities, committees and/or park administration should contact those persons responsible or their liaison. A listing of all committee and activity chairmen is posted on the bulletin board.

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FROM THE EDITOR

Anyone who has an article for the March issue of the HVR Hidden Highlights should contact me by February 23 by calling me (584-9115) or emailing me at hvrnews@hotmail.com.

Sandi Kienast, Editor

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ANNOUNCEMENT !!

During the time the HVR swimming pool is closed down for repairs, Leisure Valley has agreed to allow HVR residents to use their pool at any time that they don't have activities scheduled. What nice neighbors!!

HIDDEN VALLEY RANCH 2009-2010 "D-A-I-L-Y" ACTIVITY SCHEDULE

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
8:30a Coffee 9:00a Church 3:30p Karaoke 6:00p Elevens* 6:00p Dominoes 6:30p Pegs and Jokers CHECK THE BULLETIN BOARDS DAILY TO FOR ADDITIONAL "SPECIAL" ACTIVITIES SCHEDULED. (*Indicates activity is held in the annex.)	8:00a Exercise/Dance 8:00a Water Aerobics 8:30a Ladies Golf 9:00a Coffee Talk 8:30a Shuffleboard 9:00a Water Aerobics 9:00a Woodcarvers* 9:30a Line Dancing 12:30p Cribbage 1:00p Garbage Poker 1:00p Mixed Pool 6:00p BYOG 6:00p Elevens* 6:30p Mens Pool 7:00p BYOG 7:00p Up/Down the River 7:00p Entertainment	8:00a Exercise/Dance 8:00a Bicycle Club 8:30a Shuffleboard 9:00a Coffee Talk (2nd and 4 th Tuesday) 9:00a Painting* 9:00a Water Aerobics 9:30a Line Dancing 12:30p Crafters Club 12:30p May I? 1:00p Quilting 1:00p Garbage Poker 1:00p Bridge* 1:00p Water Volleyball 1:00p Mixed Pool 4:00p Potluck (1 st Tues.) 4:00p Wine and Cheese Social (3 rd Tuesday) 5:30p Poker* 6:00p Shanghai 6:00p & 7:00p BYOG 6:00p Elevens* 6:30p Sevens* 6:30p Ladies Pool	8:00a Exercise/Dance 9:00a Coffee Talk 8:00a Water Aerobics 8:30a Shuffleboard 9:00a Mens Pool 9:00p Creative Sewing 11:30a Purple Hatters 12:30p Cribbage 12:30p Bunco (2 nd Wed.) 1:00p Mixed Pool 1:30p Crafts (Gourds) 3:30p Choir Practice 6:00p Poker* 6:00p Elevens* 6:30p Up/Dwn the River* 7:00p Bingo (Badges!) PLEASE !! WEAR BADGES TO ALL PARK ACTIVITIES!!
THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	
8:00a Clogging 9:00a Bowling 9:00a Ladies Pool 9:00a Water Aerobics 9:30a Line Dancing 12:00p Shanghai 12:30p Peter Piper Pizza (3 rd Thursday) 1:00p Water Volleyball 1:00p Pinochle* 5:30p Poker* 6:30p Elevens* 6:30p Euchre	7:30a Breakfast 8:00a Water Aerobics 8:30a Shuffleboard 9:00a Board Meeting (2 nd & 4 th Friday) 10:30a Couple Golf 12:30p Stained Glass 1:00p Garbage Poker 1:00p Bridge* 1:00p Mixed Pool 6:00p Jam 6:00p Elevens* 6:30p Mens Pool 6:30p Shanghai*	8:00a Craft Show/Lunch (3 rd Saturday) 9:00a Park Membership Meeting (2 nd Saturday) 10:00a Computer Club* 6:30p Dominoes (couples) 7:00p Dance	MONDAY: Trash Pick Up Propane Delivery WEDNESDAY: Propane Delivery FRIDAY: Propane Delivery OFFICE HOURS: Monday through Friday 9:00-11:00 a.m. 1:00-3:00 p.m.

HIDDEN VALLEY RANCH "SPECIAL" ACTIVITIES FEBRUARY 2010

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 7:00p Entertainment "Star Family" (Music - Family)	2 4:00p Potluck	3 7:00p Bingo	4 1:00p AARP Class	5 7:30a Biscuits and Gravy 9:00a Board Mtg.* 6:00p Jam	6 8:00a AARP Class 7:00p Dance "Sweetwater"
7 3:00p Karaoke	8 7:00p Entertainment "Redhead Express" (Music - Family)	9 9:00a Coffee Talk 10:00a Hearing Clinic	10 7:00p Bingo	11 11:00a Ladies Salad Luncheon	12 7:30a Pancakes and French Toast 9:00a Board Mtg.* 6:00p Jam	13 9:00a Park Mem-- bership Meeting
14 2:00p HVR/LVR Church Social 3:00p Karaoke Happy Valen- tine's Day	15 7:00p Entertainment "Bill Brooks" (Elvis Impersonator)	16 4:30p Swiss Steak Dinner	17 10:00a Wellness Clinic (Annex) 11:30a Purple Hat Luncheon 7:00p Bingo	18 12:30p Peter Piper Pizza	19 7:30a Eggs and Sausage 9:00a Board Mtg.* 6:00p Jam	20 8:00a Craft Show and Lunch 7:00p Dance "Renaissance Rockers"
21 3:00p Karaoke	22 7:00p Entertainment "Deb Horn" (Music - Variety)	23 9:00a Coffee Talk 4:00p MASA (Medi- cal Air Service)	24 7:00p Bingo	25 4:00p Heart Rangers Meeting	26 9:00a Board Mtg.* 6:00p Jam	27
28 3:00p Karaoke	Office Hours: 9:00-11:00 a.m. 1:00-3:00 p.m.	Trash Pickup: Monday, Wednes- day and Friday	(*On an as needed basis to be deter- mined by Board of Directors)			



