

Monterra Newsletter

Monterra
Homeowners
Association

Notes From Your Board

February 2023

Well, here we are, well into the new year and change is happening.

Have you seen Monterra's new web page? In time, monterrahoa.com is where you will find just about everything you need to know, along with a calendar of events and a copy of this newsletter. Be sure to check it out!

The new phone list is out. Please note that many board members and officers have been assigned new email addresses that are connected to the new web page.

We have cautiously reopened the clubhouse for events. The Halloween, Thanksgiving, and Christmas events were such great fun, but they were only open to residents. As we go forward, the board has decided that we will reopen clubhouse events to family/friends of our homeowners now that the threat of Covid has faded somewhat. If it is an event where the HOA is paying for the food, a nominal fee of \$5/guest will be collected as has been done in the past.

In the past, the clubhouse rules specified that owners could schedule private events just four times a year. The board has decided that this will be changed to once a month.

In prior years, Monterra has been able to host many activities in the clubhouse. Along with monthly potlucks, we've had things like classes, games, crafts, happy hours, and so forth. Now that we're able to reopen the clubhouse, we'd love to see some of these things return. We are pleased to announce that Lori Ferry is our new Activities Director, and she is ready to make it happen! You are invited to a planning event on **February 6th at 1:00 PM**. Please come with any ideas or suggestions for Lori. Hopefully, a couple of you will also volunteer to join her on the new Activities Committee. This is a great chance to shape the future use of our clubhouse. All are welcome and every idea is important.

The position of Recording Secretary has expanded over the last few years until it's now become too much for one person to handle. The board has split this up and has created the position of Communication Director. We are pleased that Sherry Stout has volunteered to do this job, and you will soon see things, like the newsletter and emails coming from her.

The next meeting of the board is on **February 14th at 5:00 PM** and the next member meeting will be on **March 8th at 5:00 PM**.

A Big Shout Out

Sending a big shout out to:

Susan Allen

Kim Bauer

Susanna Hafner

Deborah LaPLante

Gary Ruen

Shawn Shepherd

Annette & John Skelley

It was a busy weekend on January 21st and 22nd. Our volunteers came together to clean and spruce up our clubhouse.

Shawn removed both of our old water heaters and installed a new one in the kitchen. He also updated some of the ceiling light fixtures.

Annette, John, Susanna, Susan, and Gary cleaned all the chairs and put new little feet

on them. They also moved everything off the carpeted areas and shampooed the rug, later putting everything back.

Kim, in the meantime, straightened up and organized the library.

Thank you all. Your work is so appreciated.

Dorrit Jensen

A special thank you to Dorrit for leading this group of volunteers and getting it done!

Looking For A Place To Meet Up?

If you belong to a club and need a place to have a meeting, or want to have a big family gathering, think of our clubhouse. There is a fully equipped kitchen with a microwave, stove, dishwasher, and refrigerator. We have dinnerware, cookware, utensils, tables, and seating for up to 75 people.

1/2 day for \$35

Full day for \$70

For more information or to schedule a date:

Email Dorrit Jensen at:

clubhouserental@monterrahoa.com

Or call 206-326-8871

HOA Library

We find our library shelves overflowing with books and puzzles: we need your assistance to thin them out. Please stop by the library (before Wednesday, February 8th) and take as many books and puzzles as you want, but please don't take any of the games. There is no need to return any books or puzzles. Please donate them to friends, the Sequim library (for their book sales), or pass them along to Serenity or Goodwill. We are not accepting any books, magazines or DVDs/CDs at

this time. We plan to build more shelves to accommodate all donations. Thanks for your help! Call Kim at 360-448-9683 for questions about the library.

Arthur "Art" Eddy Swarnick January 20, 1924—January 11, 2023

Arthur Swarnick was born in Geneva, Ohio. He attended Sheepshead Bay Naval Base in Long Island, NY, for training as a licensed 2nd assistant marine engineer of steam-powered ships. Art was on a merchant ship in Okinawa, Japan in 1945 with a crew of 27 Navy men to handle gunnery due to frequent attacks by Japanese air raids. At the end of the war, he was stationed in the South Pacific. Art spent a decade working on the Great Lakes transporting iron ore needed to build ships and aircraft for defense. He worked as a relief engineer on merchant ships for several years thereafter. Art became a shoreside power plant operator for 39 years in a plant that produced electric power from sodium. Over time, he transitioned into aviation. He had an apartment at an airport east of Cleveland and became an aviation mechanic and worked/rebuilt many engines. He received a "C" rating in aeronautics in Coral Gables and would go on "trouble flights" with other pilots to diagnose problems with aircraft. Art became a member of Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association (AOPA) and attended conventions all over the country, getting to know a lot of different people. He even managed to take an aerobatic course in San Diego. He taught himself to play the accordion in the 1970's and joined a club of players who shared their interest and talent.

Art moved to Monterra in 1990. He enjoyed the HOA potlucks and would usually provide a desert. Art liked to station himself at his home to observe the weather and watch the ships in the strait. He was a member of an investment club and was always interested in talking about stocks, bonds, and the market.

According to his neighbor and friend, Kevin McNeal, "Art lived and died as he wanted....He was an honorable man".

Art is survived by his son, Ed Swarnick, who attended his father's death at home.

Our sincere condolences go out to Art's family and friends.

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Heads Up!

Beginning in **March**, Lori Ferry will offer Yoga classes which will be held in the clubhouse on **Wednesdays from 9 AM to 11 AM**. These will be free for all members and \$5 for those who are non-members.

In March the focus will be on an Introduction to Yoga - for participants who have never tried yoga, or who haven't done yoga in a while, or those who have tried yoga and feel they would benefit from going over some of the basics. All are welcome!

Going forward, in April, Lori will continue teaching classes that stress mindful yoga practices which create strength and mobility along with joy and vitality using basic yoga postures, movement, and breathing. Again, all are welcome.

Contact Lori Ferry with any questions or just show up.

Special Thanks

As many of you already know, Klara Morgan, Monterra's own Sunshine Lady and clubhouse volunteer, suffered an extensive heart attack shortly before Christmas and required cardiac bypass surgery. She is home now and on the mend.

Klara and her husband, Larry, want to thank everyone for the outpouring of good wishes and support, along with flowers and meals, many of which simply appeared on their porch without a card. They are both so grateful to each of you.

Hopefully, we'll soon see Klara in those hot pink clogs, tooling along at warp speed while on her daily walks!
