

# CRV HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION

## FEBRUARY 2016 NEWSLETTER

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### The President's Message

I hope everyone had a wonderful New Year's Eve celebration and are living up to their resolutions. Thank you to all who attended the New Year's Eve Party at the Clubhouse; we had a great turnout. And thank you to Magic Rik for his amazing illusions.

Super Bowl 50 will be celebrated at the annual party at the Clubhouse. Festivities will begin at 5:00 pm with entertainment boards available (see separate article for more info). I understand we have fewer Bronco and Panther fans than Patriots fans, but I am sure they will provide us with much excitement for the game, along with the commercials and half time show. Come join us; all are welcome.

Valentine's Day Dinner tickets are available until February 10. Chef Don Hudson will be serving your choice of stuffed pork chops or stuffed chicken breast. Entertainment and music for dancing will be provided by Rik Standard.

Speaking of dinners, thank you to Louise Hosie, Joan Helms and their crew of volunteers for setting up and leading our pot luck dinner. The entrees were excellent, with an amazing variety. Thank you to everyone who attended; it was a delightful evening.

Social events during the year are what keep this community united and informed. In order to have these events, we need volunteers. I am very proud to say that responses from the membership to chair an event, decorate, help clean up, and do whatever it takes have been outstanding so far. Thank you for your time and enthusiasm, and thank you to all for participating.

Leo Lumpiesz 1-231-620-7762

### Valentine's Dinner & Entertainment

Come enjoy a great meal and music on Valentine's Day on **Sunday, February 14** at the Clubhouse. Our chef Don Hudson is preparing the meal, with a choice of stuffed pork chops or stuffed chicken breast for the entrée. Appetizers will be served from 5-6:00 pm, dinner will start at 6:00 pm, and the music and entertainment by Ric Standard will begin at 7:00 pm.

Tickets are \$10 per person and can be obtained from any board member from now until February 10<sup>th</sup>. Tickets will not be sold at the door. Reserve seating in tables of eight may be requested on February 10 at the Clubhouse from noon to 2:00 pm.



### Super Bowl 50 Party

This year's Super Bowl is **Sunday, February 7**. Come join your CRV friends and watch the big game on the giant TV or others placed around the clubhouse to cheer on your favorite team, the Denver Broncos or the Carolina Panthers.

The Kickoff in Santa Clara, CA is scheduled for **6:30 pm EST**; plan to **arrive an hour or so early** to get settled in before game time.

Bring your own beverage and an appetizer or snack to share. Hot dogs and chili and fixings will be available. Please sign up on the bulletin board if you plan to attend so we may have an idea of how many to plan on. Contact Leo Lumpiesz, 231-620-7762, for more information.



### Saturday Breakfast Resumes

Our Saturday morning breakfast will resume on **January 30**, with serving from **8:00 am to 10:00 am**. We have missed this monthly event and are grateful to Ken Gigante and his crew for volunteering their services. See the attached flyer for more information. The February breakfast will be held on February 20.

## Congratulations & Best Wishes!

### February Birthdays

2 Carol Hilton            14 Marilyn Plissey  
3 Don Whippie            15 Russ Boersma  
4 Laura Autovino        15 LuAnn Talamo  
12 Joyce Blide            18 Bernice Nehring  
12 Rob DeRemer        20 Debbie Lugo

### February Anniversaries

21 Beatrice Pulsifer    16 Ken & Bernice Nehring  
21 Jack Shriver        17 Dick & Priscilla Ballagh  
23 Cindy Drew        19 Keith & Corrine Bernard  
26 Bill Pickett        29 Bob & Carole Frank  
28 Harry Chisholm

If I have missed your special day, please contact me. Susie (794-4115)

### Errata in January's Newsletter

My apologies for errors in the January Newsletter.

First, some birthdays which were not listed:

Jan: 10 Linda Jaszczalt      21 Larry Clark  
14 Ruth Paffenroth      22 Sue Reed  
14 David Geary            24 Bill Donnelly

Belated Happy Birthday wishes to all of you.

And second, corrected address information for two of our HOA Board members:

Suzanne Dost is at **1826 SE Plumbob Way**

Maryann Sine is at **1398 SE Hub St.**

### Shuffleboard

Jan 05    Jim Madden & Bud Shott  
Jan 12    Jim Madden & Bud Shott  
Jan 19    Mal Hood & Jim Madden  
Jan 26    Uncompleted

### January Pot Luck

WOW! What a great evening at the Pot Luck Dinner. Joan Helms and the wonderful group of volunteers assisting her orchestrated a terrific event. They set everything up earlier in the day, and welcomed everyone as they arrived. The food was excellent, as usual, and those who attended had a wonderful time. Louise Hosie, though unable to attend this time, has agreed to continue organizing Pot Luck with the assistance of Joan Helms. Place settings are provided from our Clubhouse kitchen, since we now have two working dishwashers. Just bring a hot dish, salad, or dessert to share and a special beverage for yourself, if you wish. Coffee and tea will be provided. February's Pot Luck will be on Thursday, February 18, at 6:00 pm at the Clubhouse. Everyone is welcome, including renters and visitors.

### Leap Year 2016

2016 is a leap year, giving February 29 days. Some famous people who were born on Leap Day were Jimmy Dorsey and Dinah Shore – maybe that's why she always looked so young, she didn't have as many birthdays as the rest of us.

Bob & Carole Frank will get to celebrate their anniversary this year. Congratulations to them and anyone else who has waited for four years to celebrate a special day.



### Bingo Jackpot Winners

Dec 30    Trudy Wood  
Jan 06    Jerry Reed & Trudy Wood  
Jan 13    Terry Cummings & Dick Tow  
Jan 20    Maureen Price

### Have You Renewed Yet?

Membership renewals for 2016 are now due. You can obtain your form from Cyndy Bartolomucci at 961 SE Serendipity Place (352-601-3330) or at the Clubhouse. Please return the form to Cyndy or bring it to the February 2nd HOA meeting. Note any changes to your contact information, emergency contacts, and email address, so the website directory listing can be updated. The membership fee for 2016 remains the same, **\$15 per year.**

### In Memoriam

Shirley Suiter, a longtime resident of our community, passed away on Friday, January 22. She will be missed by all who knew her. We send our condolences to her family, friends, and neighbors.

## Upcoming Special Events

Jan 30: Saturday Breakfast Resumes  
Feb 7: Super Bowl Party  
Feb 14: Valentine's Day Dinner  
Mar. 17: St. Patrick's Day Dinner  
Late Mar-Early April: Annual Garage Sale  
Early April: Spring Fling

## February Ladies Luncheon

The February Ladies Luncheon will be held at noon on **February 25** at a location to be determined. Your hostesses are Joan Helms, 352-794-6220 and Cathy Boccuti, 610-247-4745. The location, a menu and sign-up sheet will be posted at the Clubhouse on the bulletin board. If you are new to our Village, this is a great opportunity to meet and get to know your fellow residents and neighbors. All ladies of our Village are invited to attend, including renters.

## CRV New Year's Eve

More than 80 residents gathered at the Clubhouse to help ring in the New Year. The food was delicious with a great variety of appetizers and side dishes brought to accompany the ham sandwich fixings. "Magic Rik", a magician from Canada who is a renter here this winter, delighted and astounded us with several clever tricks. We hope to be amazed by him on other occasions this season. Rick Decker provided a great mix of CD music for our dancing and listening pleasure. A traditional midnight toast was held at 10:00 pm so those who wished could have an early night, but many hearty souls hung around for midnight. Thanks to Carole & Bob Frank for heading up this event and to their visiting family, Melissa, Travis and Emmaleigh for their help.

## Irish Dinner & Music

Looking ahead to March, the annual **Irish Dinner and Dance** will be held on **Thursday, March 17**. Chef Leo Lumpiesz and his crew will once again prepare a traditional Irish meal of corned beef & cabbage with all the fixings. The cost has not been determined yet, but will cover the meal and music provided by DJ Ric Standard. Watch for ticket sales to begin in late February. This event will be held in place of the March Pot Luck.

## Thank You from Christmas Children in Citrus County

A great big thank you to all of you who sponsored children and donated money to our Christmas Project this year. This is the 8<sup>th</sup> year we have had this project. CRV residents donated \$700 and made over 34 children very happy on Christmas morning.

The Family Resource Center coordinated community sponsors for the over 2000 children in Citrus County who received gifts from our Christmas project. It's hard to believe there are so many children needing our help. They are all referred by a number of sources; nearly 100 agency workers, counselors and teachers make the referrals to us. Some of the children have been removed from abusive homes and are living in some sort of shelter. Others, though not abused, may be sharing one pair of shoes, or have no blankets for cold weather. Many of our children are living without the basic things most of us consider necessities.

The Resource Center is always looking for volunteers. If you are interested, please let us know, Lee & Mary Stiles 564-0391.

Many thanks from Ginger West and all the Volunteers at the Family Resource Center

## Groundhog Day

Groundhog Day is a traditional celebration on February 2. It began as a custom in Pennsylvania brought by European immigrants. They had used a badger or similar animal as a prognosticator there as opposed to a groundhog, but the idea was the same. According to folklore, if it was cloudy when the animal emerged from his burrow, spring would come early. If it was sunny, the animal would see its shadow, be frightened, and retreat into its burrow. Winter would persist for six more weeks.



In the 1880's the editor of a local newspaper *Punxsutawney Spirit* began promoting the town's groundhog as the official "Groundhog Day Meteorologist." Punxsutawney, Pennsylvania now has the largest Groundhog Day celebration with Punxsutawney Phil as the featured prognosticator.

(Information paraphrased from Wikipedia)

## January HOA Annual Meeting Summary

The January meeting of the CRV HOA was held on January 5, 2016. A moment of silence was observed for Lou Talamo following the pledge. Bill Pickett administered the Oath of Office to the new HOA Board, President Leo Lumpiesz, Vice President Suzanne Dost, Secretary Rick Decker, Treasurer Maryann Sine, and Directors Michael Kinnison, Marsha Gibson, and Harry Rundle. All Board members were in attendance except Director Don Law. A quorum was in attendance, with 56 present of the 121 members to date. The secretary and treasurer reports were given and accepted.

Some highlights from Committee reports are:

- We need someone to do the Welcome Wagon; that person welcomes new residents to our Village and provides them with a packet of helpful information including an HOA membership form.
- Plans are underway for a Super Bowl Party (2-7), Valentine's Day Dinner (2-14), St. Patrick's Day Dinner (3-17), Garage Sale (end of March, early April), and Spring Fling (early April).
- Second Saturday Breakfast will resume soon. Ken Gigante has volunteered to head that up. He will need some help, so give it some thought. It's only once a month and a lot of fun.
- Bingo will have repairs done to the board, hopefully before the next session.
- Aluminum Cans are ready to be taken to recycling. Mike Kinnison could use the offer of a truck for that.
- Mary Stiles thanked everyone for support of the Family Resource Center Christmas Project. She will place a bin in the Clubhouse for food donations to the Center. They receive a lot of donations around the holidays, but the needs continue all year round.
- Bud Shott will continue administering the website and Susie Lunney has agreed to do the newsletter again.

For other business, a suggestion was made to purchase a defibrillator for the Clubhouse. Many residents were in favor of the idea. Some felt it should be supplied by the park owners. The Board will look into it further.

Residents expressed concern about speeders, both in cars and in golf carts. One resident also mentioned golf carts running at night without lights. They are quiet, and can be dangerous coming up on those walking their dogs after dark.

(This is only a summary of the minutes. A full report can be viewed on the Clubhouse bulletin board.)

## PLEASE DRIVE CAREFULLY AND SLOWLY And Please Obey the Signs

We know this is a message that is repeated often, but it is so important! We have many new residents in our Village who may not have heard this message before, so it bears repeating.

This is a senior's park, and with advanced years come some not so wonderful challenges. Many of our older residents are out walking on doctor's orders to recover from hip and or knee replacement surgery. Some are

recovering from a stroke and struggling to regain strength and health. There are those among us who are just out walking trying to maintain our health. Some might also be out walking a dog, which can dart quickly even while on a leash. Senses, like eyesight and hearing, may not be as sharp as they once were. A quiet vehicle coming up behind a person can startle or even scare them or their pet. We may not be able to move out of the way as quickly as we once did. So there are many good reasons for the **15 MPH Speed Limit** within the Village. And it isn't just speeding cars – speeding golf carts are an issue as well.

Seniors have moved here to enjoy this safe environment. We want to feel comfortable to walk about and enjoy the Florida climate without fear of a car or cart coming around a corner at us. When you are in a hurry and frustrated because you must go slower than you would like, just remember you may someday be the one with advanced years and some not so wonderful challenges! Please respect our right to a safe environment, and follow the posted speed limit.



# Crystal River Village - February 2016 - Calendar of Events

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<b>1</b> 9:30 am - CRV Golf 6 pm - Women's Pool 6:30 pm - Poker	<b>2 Groundhog Day</b> 8 am - Men's Breakfast 9 am - Bone Builders 10 am - Shuffleboard 12:30 pm - Dominos 7 pm - <b>HOA Meeting</b>	<b>3</b> 10 am - Bible Study 1 pm - Bridge 7 pm - Bingo 7 pm - Men's Pool	<b>4</b> 8 am - <b>ALUM CANS AT CURB</b> 10 am - Painting Grp 1 pm - Mah-jongg	<b>5</b> 9 am - Bone Builders 9:30 am - CRV Golf 1 pm - Cards & Games 6:30 pm - Poker	<b>6</b> 10:00 am - Horseshoes
<b>7</b> <b>SUPER BOWL 50 PARTY</b> <b>6:00 pm</b>	<b>8</b> 9:30 am - CRV Golf 6 pm - Women's Pool 6:30 pm - Poker	<b>9</b> 8 am - Men's Breakfast 9 am - Bone Builders 10 am - Shuffleboard 12:30 pm - Dominos	<b>10</b> 10 am - Bible Study 1 pm - Bridge 7 pm - Bingo 7 pm - Men's Pool	<b>11</b> 10 am - Painting Grp 1 pm - Mah-jongg	<b>12</b> 9 am - Bone Builders 9:30 am - CRV Golf 1 pm - Cards & Games 6:30 pm - Poker	<b>13</b> 10:00 am - Horseshoes
<b>14</b> <b>VALENTINE'S DAY DINNER &amp; PARTY</b> 	<b>15</b> 9:30 am - CRV Golf 6 pm - Women's Pool 6:30 pm - Poker	<b>16</b> 8 am - Men's Breakfast 9 am - Bone Builders 10 am - Shuffleboard 12:30 pm - Dominos 7 pm - <b>HOA Board</b>	<b>17</b> 10 am - Bible Study 1 pm - Bridge 7 pm - Bingo 7 pm - Men's Pool	<b>18</b> 10 am - Painting Grp 1 pm - Mah-jongg 6 pm - <b>POT LUCK</b>	<b>19</b> 9 am - Bone Builders 9:30 am - CRV Golf 1 pm - Cards & Games 6:30 pm - Poker	<b>20</b> 8-10 am - Saturday Breakfast 10:00 am - Horseshoes
<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> 9:30 am - CRV Golf 6 pm - Women's Pool 6:30 pm - Poker	<b>23</b> 8 am - Men's Breakfast 9 am - Bone Builders 10 am - Shuffleboard 12:30 pm - Dominos	<b>24</b> 10 am - Bible Study 1 pm - Bridge 7 pm - Bingo 7 pm - Men's Pool	<b>25</b> 10 am - Painting Grp 1 pm - Mah-jongg 12 noon - <b>LADIES LUNCHEON</b>	<b>26</b> 9 am - Bone Builders 9:30 am - CRV Golf 1 pm - Cards & Games 6:30 pm - Poker	<b>27</b> 10:00 am - Horseshoes
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