

HOA ANNUAL MEETING

GOLF KNOLLS ASSOCIATION, INC.

**Monday, January 13, 2025, at 6:00 PM
in the Banquet Room**

Recap of last year's highlights from your:

2024 Board of Directors

Community Club

Women's Society

Emergency Response Team

Reservations

and more

FREE SURPRISE DRAWINGS

(get your ticket when you sign in)

At the conclusion of the meeting, your **2025 Board of Directors** will be installed, then we'll enjoy pizza, soft drinks, and dessert.

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Golf Knolls News

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Miscellaneous Trivia (not officially part of the *Golf Knolls News*).

Top 10 Commonly Broken **New Year's Resolutions** (according to a *New York Times* list)

- Lose Weight and Get Fit.
- Quit Smoking (Break an Addiction).
- Learn Something New.
- Eat Healthier and Diet.
- Get Out of Debt and Save Money.
- Spend More Time with Family.
- Travel to New Places.
- Be Less Stressed.
- Volunteer.
- Drink Less.

Research shows that 23% of people quit their resolutions by the end of the first week, and **43% quit by the end of January**.

They also suggest that only 8% to 9% of Americans that make resolutions complete them.

What day is the most popular to drop resolutions? It's the second Friday of the month—dubbing it *Quitter's Day*.

Looking for a simple, no-cost resolution? Try a *digital detox*. What's that? One definition is:

"a period of time during which you do not use mobile phones, computers, etc."

It doesn't have to be for an entire week...just try it for a few hours a day. Don't keep your phone on your bed stand. Social media sites are compelling, but how about taking the time to interact face-to-face? Emails and texts often fail to show accurate emotions.

Just who is this smiling lady standing to the right? If you said, "Mrs. Claus," you'd only be partially correct. Then, another question, what's her *first* name?

Some North American sources claim that Santa Claus' original name was Kris Kringle. Kris was a toymaker who married *Jessica*.

A book published in 1849 by James Rees was the first to name Mrs. Claus, giving her the first name of *Gertrude*.

Other more recent sources named her Anya, Margaret, Ruth, Holly, Mary or Carol. In British English she's known at Mother Christmas or Mrs. Christmas.



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Mick Herod, Editor



WHAT'S NEW?

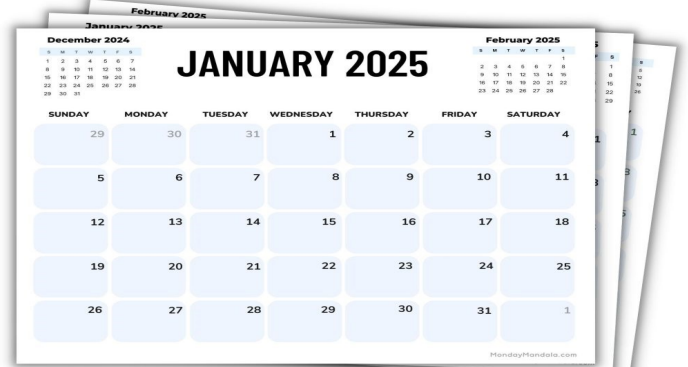
By Mick Herod

SOME RESIDENTS HAVE OR WILL RECEIVE A CREDIT ON THEIR 2025 HOA ANNUAL STATEMENT. If you paid your 2024 dues **in full** in January, 2024, you will be receiving a CREDIT on your 2025 statement to offset the full-year Waste Management fees that you paid to the HOA. For those who paid dues quarterly or semi-annually, those credits were already deducted from your payment plans for 2024.

So, what's with the flags (/)? Well, it's an easy way to let you know that you've reached the end of an article. Some contributors require more than one column. If you don't see the flag, then keep on reading into the next column.

Which Directors will be in what positions for 2025? To find the answers, you'll need to attend two meetings. The first is the Annual Meeting on Monday, January 13 at 6pm in the Meeting Room. There, each new Director will take the oath of office and be sworn in. However, it won't be until the meeting the following day, Tuesday, January 14 at 9am in the Meeting Room that the Board will decide amongst themselves who will fill which position. There will be a special "EXTRA" mid-month edition of the GK News published, showing all the names and 2025 positions.

Residents may attend either meeting, but there will be no input taken from the floor. /



WHAT'S INSIDE THIS EDITION?

There is fun to be had at the monthly Bingo games. There will be exciting changes for 2025, starting this month. Come on out and join in the fun. See page 8.

Want to visit a National Park for FREE, or just pay ONCE for a LIFETIME Pass? See Page 10.

Have you observed drones flying over your neighborhood? See Page 15 for some information you will find interesting.

A new crossword puzzle is available on Page 11. All of the words can be found inside this Newsletter. If you want to see the answers to the December puzzle, go to Page 6

Are you new to Golf Knolls (either as a renter or owner)? If so, you are required to attend an Orientation. You can find all of the details on Page 6.

The Women's Society and the Community Club are making some great changes for 2025. See Pages 7 and 8, respectively.

Stay vigilant about a text scam involving bogus Toll Road violations, described on Page 9. /

GKA UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

(Also see the Calendar on the back cover)

Annual HOA Meeting 6pm ----- Monday, 1/13
HOA Meeting-New Board 9am----- Tues, 1/14
Bingo 5:30pm ----- Wednesday, 1/23
Women's Society Lunch, 12pm ---- Mon., 1/27

Who's Who?

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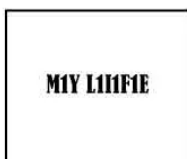
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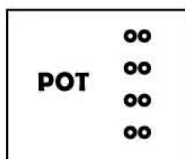
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Find the answers
somewhere in this
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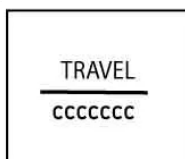
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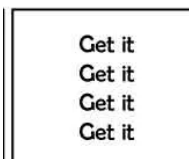
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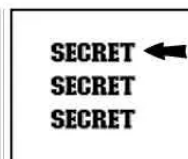
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FROM THE PRESIDENT

By Pat Pipher

This message will arrive after the Holidays so I hope everyone enjoyed family and friends and had a very wonderful holiday season.

I want to thank everyone for the privilege of serving on your Board of Directors as the 2024 President. I especially want to thank the other Board Directors for their service, including the Community Club, Women's Society, Reservations and all committees and their dedicated volunteers. We learned a lot and worked hard and I hope it was evident in the various accomplishments and the maintenance of the Association.

I also want to remind everyone, but especially those that live on the golf course, that the course is PRIVATE PROPERTY and not for personal use. It is not a practice area nor is it a playground for anyone, especially children. Please respect our neighbor's property and their rules.

At some point in 2025, SCE will be connecting their easement to the DISH meter pedestal already installed in front of the GKA property. It should be a minimal inconvenience and properly marked off. I'm told it will not close access to the facility or Camino Alba, but some areas may be partially closed. The work will be done on SCE's schedule so the Board will be advised when it happens and not in advance.

RESERVATIONS

Thank you to Beth Harvey for handling Reservations. She did a wonderful job but now it's time to pass the torch and appoint a new Reservations leader. **PLEASE LET ME KNOW IF YOU HAVE AN INTEREST.** Beth will train the incoming person and you can appoint a committee to share some of the duties and responsibilities.

GKA ANNUAL MEETING

Attached to this Newsletter is a flyer reminding all that the annual meeting will be held on Monday, January 13, 2025, at 6:00 pm in the Banquet Room. The Directors and Committee leaders will give a recap of accomplishments for 2024. If you ever wanted to know what the Board does, this is your opportunity to learn. Also, a key

highlight will be the Motion to accept the incoming 2025 Directors by acclamation, followed by their Oath of Office.

VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

By Vicki Davis

Here we are in 2025. Where does the time go? I want to wish all of you a Very Happy New Year. May it be filled with many blessings and few hurdles!

There were two violations of underage persons living with residents; one completed the required paperwork and I am waiting for paperwork from the second.

Collections started with five delinquent accounts. Three accounts have been paid and two have been referred to attorneys for filing of liens.

Two long-standing accounts are in default. One property is listed for sale. Hopefully we will see some revenue from this account soon. Between these two accounts there are over \$15,000 in past-due fees. Escrows for the year included 28 closings, 5 were dismissed and 1 closed in November.

Welcome to all of you who made Golf Knolls your home in 2024! Once again, a Very Happy New Year!!!

LANDSCAPING REPORT

By Judy Kirkpatrick

Several hours were spent with our Excel weekly gardeners to cut and clean up other areas.

A separate gardener was hired to do special jobs over and above Excel's contract.

Lot "A" has been an ongoing project this year, with large-scale cutting and cleaning of debris. Planning has begun for future maintenance and long-term permits.

Many clean-up projects were overseen behind the Gym and Card Rooms, and the area along the fencing behind the BBQ patio.

There is a new rock and plant area next to the BBQ patio.

Old plants were removed from two planters near the pool entry gates and two sago palms were planted.

Front lawn was sectioned off for a designated "Dog Area" and a dog waste bin was added.

TREASURER'S REPORT

By Frank Lippman

The 2025 Annual Assessment is \$1020. The first payment is due by January 15th to avoid a late fee. The back of your statement shows what will be due, depending on if you want to pay annually, semi-annually, or quarterly. Make sure to check your statement to see if you have a credit due. If you do have a credit, you can reduce your first payment by that amount. If you are paying annually, it is easy; just pay the total shown on the bottom of your statement.

Cash & Accounts Receivable as of November 30, 2024

Cash Operating Funds:

California B & T Checking -----	\$197,939
California B & T Money Market -----	\$31,337
Petty Cash -----	<u>\$116</u>
Total Operating Funds -----	\$229,392

Reserve Funds:

Wells Fargo Bank Checking -----	\$204,588
Wells Fargo Bank CD -----	\$101,575
US Bank Money Market -----	<u>\$250,943</u>
Total Reserve Funds -----	<u>\$557,106</u>

Total Operating & Reserve Funds	<u>\$786,498</u>
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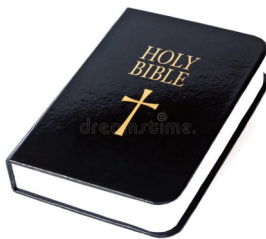
Accounts Receivable* -----	(\$41,985)
Delinquent Dues -----	\$843
2 Accounts in Collection -----	<u>\$15,073</u>
Total Accounts Receivable -----	(\$26,069)

	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>
Year-to-Date Operations Income -----	\$461,615	\$455,143
Year-to-Date Operations Expenses		<u>\$390,667</u>
		\$74,466

*Includes Waste Management credits

INSPIRATION

By Lyn Mari



For a Happy New Year:

Isaiah 43:18-19 *Forget the former things. Do not dwell on the past.*

Behold, I will do a New thing, like streams in the desert.

Ephesians 4:23 *Be continually renewed in the spirit of your mind, have a fresh, untarnished mental and spiritual attitude.*

Ephesians 4:25 *Put off falsehood and speak truth.*

Revelation 21:5 *Behold, I make all things New.*

These Words are faithful and True.

Thank you, Mick, for serving our community.
Thank you all who serve here. Lord bless you all! 🚩

FACILITIES

By Roger Marceau

All the completed projects, whether I was directly or indirectly involved in the management of time and quality.

Any good facilities manager oversees any and all actions happening in or on facilities property.

ADT alarm pad in office was replaced.

2 bees' nests were removed in front of bldg. 1 and back of bldg. 5.

Trash bins were returned back to WM for cost savings.

Washing machines in Laundry room were repaired (no hot water).

18th Jan—largest event held at GKA. I did the setup differently and we had 179 folks in attendance.

All fire extinguishers were serviced twice this year for safety.

Toilet in poolside women's room was repaired.

Elite Fire Protection, Inc. checked out our kitchen stove pilot light.

The pool deck water level was too high during rainy season and overflowed—sump pump was replaced with properly-sized sump pump.

I built Chuck's memorial bench.

Problem with pool contractor not understanding new contract was resolved. Payment was held until problems were remedied.

Urinal in Men's Room in Banquet Room was replaced.

Power issue for BBQ in Kitchen area was resolved.

Three flood lights were installed in front of Clubhouse.

Two light fixtures were repaired in bathroom near Office.

New dishwasher was installed in the Cottage.

Lights in Meeting Room were repaired.

Clean-up done after 65mph winds.

"Those who love deeply never grow old; they may die of old age, but they die young." Ben Franklin

I built the utility box for storage of pool noodles and toys.

Pool solar equipment was adjusted.

Indoor and outdoor spas were repaired.

Spa jets were replaced, allowing higher pressure,

New 8' lighting fixtures were installed to improve illumination.

All outdoor lighting was changed to LED lights for savings.

There have been numerous issues in the Cottage (water, electric and lighting) that were all repaired.

Why did I have you see all of the projects? So you know how your money is being spent, wisely and frugally. ↗

STREETS/SAFETY/SIGNS

By Hilary Wiley

Three flashing STOP signs will be placed on Calle Cervato, El Brazo and Via Zapata. Please stop at ALL STOP signs (flashing or not).

Mick Herod made a suggestion to add 3-way and 4-way signs to the STOP signs, so residents are aware to look all ways before proceeding. Great Idea, Mick - thank you!

I would like to thank all residents in Golf Knolls for putting up with me this past year. THANK YOU, especially the Board of Directors of our HOA. Thank you all!

Thank you, Pat Pipher. You put up with me the most! Your guidance and patience have been invaluable!

When I was appointed to the Board in 2022, my brother did warn everyone to expect the unexpected from me. I hope I didn't disappoint anyone 😊

To the Golf Knolls Residents - 2025 will be amazing!

Each day is a blessing - LIVE, LOVE AND LAUGH. ↗



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For once in my life

SECRETARY'S REPORT

By Jane Recht

Well guys, it's been fun but after 2 1/2 years as your GKA Secretary and short term Treasurer and ACC, it is time to let someone else pick up the reins. I have enjoyed working as a Board member. I have made lots of friends and will miss the close working relationship with my fellow Board members.

I have learned many things and have some advice I would like to share with you. Never criticize another person's work unless you want to do it. Always approach new situations as a learning experience. Stop talking and do more listening. Lastly, it is up to you because if you want to have a good neighbor you must first be a good neighbor.

I will be seeing you around the neighborhood. Signing off - Jane

HELPING HANDS

By Peter Kofoed

This is the Helping Hands final Report for 2024. I want to thank those residents that have volunteered and helped our neighbors in different ways. I also want to recognize a fairly large number of residents who volunteer and help their neighbors in many different ways, even though they are not part of the Helping Hands Program! Thanks to all of you who continue to keep the spirit of "giving" and "helping" others alive!

We started our program in April 2024. Although I do not have the exact number of assists we have completed, the total number is near "60!" Considering all that is involved in providing a "Helping Hand" to others, it is a good start.

I want to thank those who volunteered and to our neighbors who reached out for our assistance.

I am hoping that in January, those still interested in helping others, will attend another scheduled meeting so we can discuss how we can improve our program and continue to help our neighbors. I will provide the date, time and location to each of our residents in early January, 2025. Our

program welcomes everyone who is interested!

We may need to reconstruct the types of assistance that were available in 2024. Some assists will require teams of at least three volunteers. I am talking here about "gardening." Due to the nature of this assist and the weather in our community it became difficult to find enough volunteers. Please think about this and provide me with your opinions. (If you don't want to call me, you can text me your thoughts and ideas.)

NEW RESIDENTS' ORIENTATION

By Steve & Marlene Phelps

Attention new GKA residents! Did you know that you are required to attend a new resident orientation within 30 days after the close of escrow or within 30 days of moving in if you are a renter? If this is you, give me, Steve Phelps, a call at 760-214-3553 to set up an orientation for you. There's a lot of good information to be had. Orientations are on Wednesdays at 9:00 am in the meeting room. I am looking forward to meeting you.

GKA Alerts

By Marti Gabriel

Join the Alert system. This is a voluntary email 'blast' to Knolls residents providing urgent communications. To subscribe, contact Marti Gabriel at 951-553-1259 or by email at: marilynngabriel@gmail.com

DECEMBER CROSSWORD PUZZLE ANSWERS

DOWN

1. Nativity
2. Tinsel
3. Navidad
4. Matzo Balls
5. Wreath
10. Rudolph
11. Menorah
16. Advent

ACROSS

6. Presents
7. Candy Cane
8. Mistletoe
9. Christmas
12. Fruitcake
13. North Pole
14. Carols
15. Hanukkah
17. Sleigh
18. Latkes

"Life is like a roll of toilet paper. The closer you get to the end, the faster it goes." Anonymous

WOMEN'S SOCIETY

By Glenda Smith

Hello & Happy New Year to all !!

2024 was a very busy year for our Women's Society. We enjoyed so many delicious luncheons and great get-togethers, with old friends and new.

In October, we celebrated our very special birthdays, spotlighting 13 young ladies who've reached a hallmark of 90+ years. Congratulations once again !

December was our Christmas party where we all shared our pot luck talents. Wow !! What a FEAST !!

We held a raffle where everyone had many chances to win the beautiful centerpieces, courtesy of our outgoing VP Pam Byers. And speaking of Pam, It has been your President's honor and privilege to work alongside Pam, with her many talents and

dedication. I am confident I can speak for everyone in wishing Pam our very best in her new position as Community Club President.

January rings in a new year with unlimited possibilities. Our Women's Society membership drive begins, with annual dues increased slightly to \$30.00 per year. Ladies, that's only \$2.72 per lunch. For comparison, a Big Mac (sandwich only) will cost you at least \$5.29, with a Big Mac Meal costing \$9.29. (\$30 for the year is a bargain!)

We want to congratulate and welcome back the City of Murrieta's new Mayor, Cindy Warren, as guest speaker this month. It will give everyone an opportunity to cheer her on, as well as get the latest info describing what's going on in and around this beautiful city.

This year there will be some changes coming. I will share everything with you at the Luncheon on Monday, January 27. 🚩

SPECIAL GUESTS

Look who showed up at our Christmas Cart Parade on December 7. Santa, Mrs. Claus and their helpful elf led the parade, then greeted the little ones once everyone adjourned to the Banquet Room. Free hot dogs, hot chocolate and cookies were enjoyed by all. 🚩



COMMUNITY CLUB (2025)

By Pam Byers

Happy New Year!

As we come into 2025, I am excited for the year ahead and new beginnings. As your new Community Club President, I look forward to rejuvenating The Community Club with the help of my board and the community. Thank you to those who have gone before us for their dedication and commitment.

As many of you know, I have worked alongside Glenda Smith, serving as her VP for Women's Society for the past two years. We work well together, and we have already implemented combining Community Club resources with the Women's Society resources. It saves the community money and makes life a lot easier for us.

It is our goal to welcome all men and women and come together as a community with enthusiasm to volunteer and new ideas.

The Community Club hosted the annual Golf Cart Parade and a special evening of holiday cheer and fun as we celebrated the season.

You've heard the saying "It takes a village?" So true. We have some amazing volunteers who work tirelessly to bring you these events. I am so grateful to those who volunteer and would encourage everyone to step up and help. It's a great way to meet new friends and stay active.

We welcome all the community to our meetings which are held the second Wednesday of the month at 1:00 p.m. in the Meeting Room.

There will be prizes at our meetings for a few lucky folks who attend.

In closing, please welcome your new 2025 Community Club board:

Pam Byers-President

Leslie Larson—Vice President. So excited to have Leslie on the board.

Peggy Donnelly—Secretary. Peggy is remaining on the board

Pat Pipher—Treasurer. Pat graciously offered to step up to this position. Thank you, Pat. 🚩



BINGO!

By Marti Gabriel

Bingo play will continue to be on the fourth Thursday of each month. With a new year ahead of us I hope this brings along new bingo players too.

We plan on initiating a fun, new process for 2025. Each player will receive a free ticket upon entering. Before play begins, a bingo number will be randomly selected by the bingo machine. This will be the "Baby Ball." The Power Ball number will also be selected.

A drawing from the free tickets will be held to determine who will be Baby Ball player for the evening.

In each bingo game, the selected player will ring a bell whenever the Baby Ball number is called. Each time they ring the bell on the Baby Ball they will receive a dollar. That player does NOT have to have Bingo to win the Baby Ball.

It sounds more complicated than it really is, so just come on out and have fun. And don't worry...the Power Ball is still around (see the December *GKA Newsletter* for the details). 🚩

UNSUNG HEROES

I would like to recognize Beth Harvey and Don and Donna Fortney.

These three have given of their time and energy to thoroughly clean our Banquet Room. They saw a need and did it. Beth, Donna and Don are always ready to help this community. They don't need to be asked. They all have many talents and gifts that they continuously and tirelessly share with our community. I thank you all and applaud your efforts.

With deepest appreciation,

Pam Byers 🚩

"I don't plan to grow old gracefully. I plan to have face-lifts until my ears meet." Rita Rudner

WELCOME NEW RESIDENTS

By Linda Fuller

Hello everyone – HAPPY NEW YEAR - 2025

Please join me and welcome two of our newest residents to the GOLF KNOLLS COMMUNITY.

DENNIS & TOMI ROBINSON Lot #67

38263 Calle Quedo - Phone: 951-541-4872 and 951-212-4292

Dennis & Tomi moved here from another home in Murrieta, Dennis was born in Kent St. Ohio and Tomi was born in Torrance, CA.

Dennis was self-employed before retiring and Tomi was a checker at Lucky's. Dennis enjoys golf and wood work.

They have several grandchildren.

"Be the light in someone's darkness" /

YET ANOTHER SCAM (VIA TEXT MSG)

By Mick Herod

Local residents (including yours truly) have begun to receive text messages about a Toll Road violation, with a threat of excessive fees and/or legal action. Shown below is a sample message that was posted on *Next Door*.

Please pay for FastTrak Lane on December 21, 2024. In order to avoid excessive late fees and potential legal action on the bill, please pay the fee in time. Thank you for your cooperation and wish you a happy holiday.

<https://thetollroads.com-c49t.cfd/us>

(Please reply Y, then exit the text message and open it again to activate the link, or copy the link to your Safari browser and open it)

The text that I received appeared to be from *The Toll Roads* (with whom I have an account) and the threats and bogus link were very similar. If a text or email contains a sense of urgency on your part to act quickly, the scammer is preying on your discomfort.

Creditors, banks, IRS, Social Security, etc. will NEVER ask you to click on a link inside a text. If you are unsure if it's legitimate, it's best to contact the organization directly, using their published phone numbers or web addresses.

A good practice is to search *Google* to see if the scam is listed there. A warning about this one was posted by the FTC on May 8, 2024, so it's been around for a while.

If you receive such a text, send a copy to '7726' (SPAM), then DELETE the message and (if possible) BLOCK the sender. /

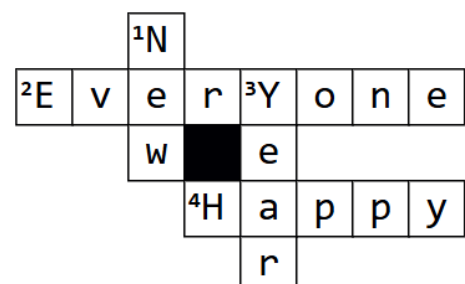
EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM

By Mick Herod



The Emergency Response Team has been purchasing many items that will be essential in an emergency. Spread among the five First Aid Tents throughout Golf Knolls are numerous survival items. With an emphasis on rapidly-draining cell phone batteries, we have purchased lanterns, radios and other equipment capable of charging USB devices and being recharged themselves by the sun. These items will benefit us if we were to lose power for a number of days. /

BT2 POTATOES (POT + 8 o's)



2025 BOARD MEMBER CHANGEOVER PROCESS

By Mick Herod

As mentioned in the December *Golf Knolls News*, the existing Board will be in place until the Annual Open Meeting (in the Banquet Room) on Monday, January 13, 2025 at 6pm. All five new Directors will take the oath of office at this (first) meeting.

There will be a second open meeting the next day, Tuesday, January 14, 2025 at 9am in the Meeting Room. You may attend this meeting, but there will be NO input from the floor. Retiring President Pat Pipher will perform her last official duty, calling the meeting to order and asking for nominations for President. Once the new President is seated, she will step down as a Director.

The new Board will determine amongst themselves which position each Director will fill. If two or more Directors are vying for a particular position (including the President), the new Board (not the residents) will conduct a secret vote (administered by the Director of Elections). The voting for each contested position will continue until there is a majority vote for that position. 🚩

FREE NATIONAL PARKS DAY

By Mick Herod

If you don't already have a Senior Pass (age 62+), there are a few days in 2025 where entrance to National Parks is FREE:

Jan 20 MLK Day

Apr 19 First day of National Park Week

Jun 19 Juneteenth Nat'l Independence Day

Aug 4 Great American Outdoors Act signing day

Sep 27 National Public Lands Day

Nov 11 Veterans Day

If you would like to purchase a Senior Pass, you have two options:

Annual Pass is \$20 (good for 365 days)

Lifetime Pass is \$80

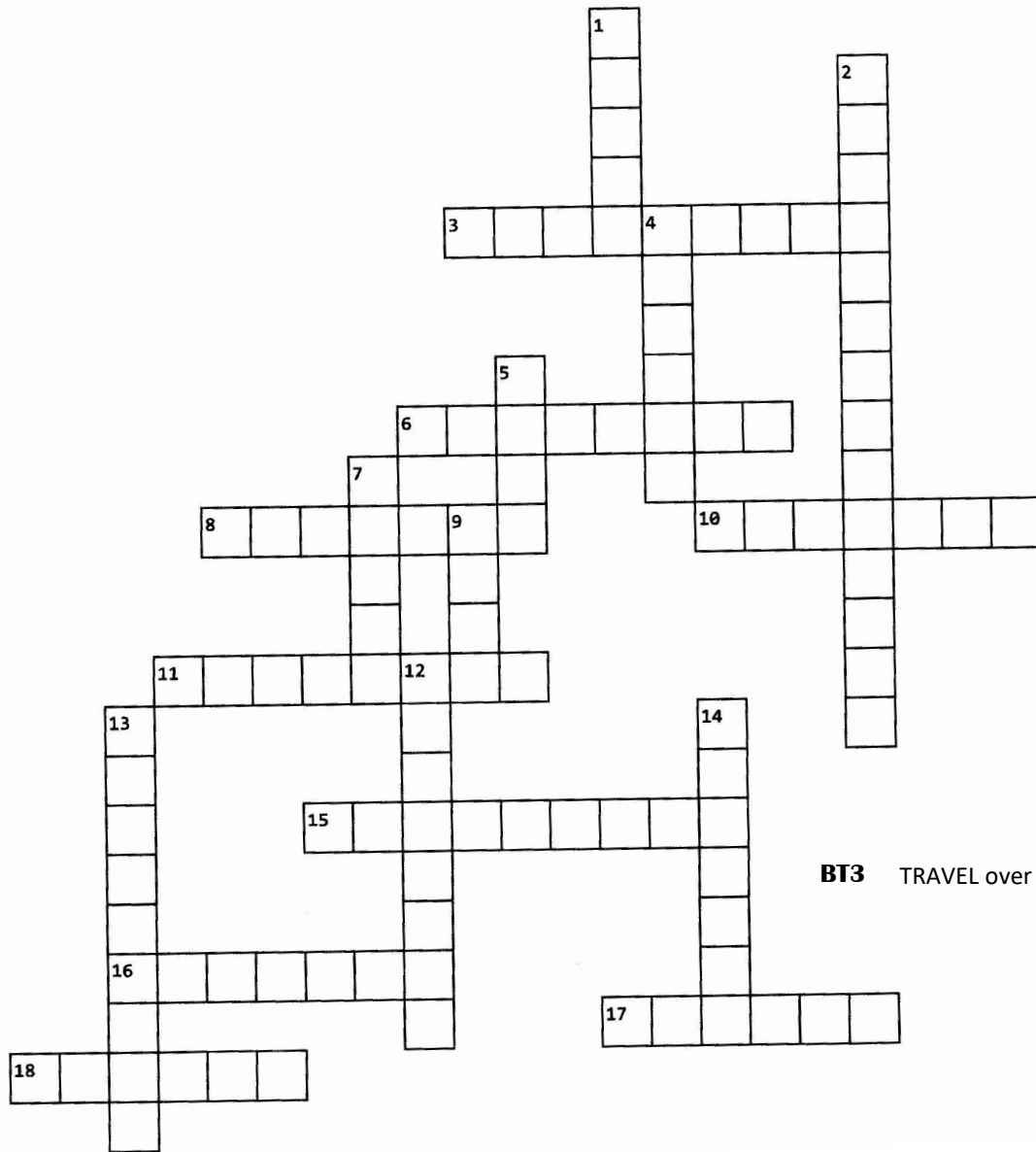
Passes may be purchased online (with a handling fee of \$10), but you won't pay a handling fee if you purchase it at the entrance to a National Park or National Monument (such as Cabrillo National Monument at Point Loma or Joshua Tree National Park near 29 Palms). 🚩

PASSING OF THE GAVEL

Our Councilmember, Cindy Warren, is seen presenting the former City Mayor (Lori Stone) with a plaque, thanking Mayor Stone for her service to the City of Murrieta. A few GKA residents attended the Council Meeting, supporting the election of Cindy Warren as Mayor. Just before this photo was taken the Council had voted—unanimously—to elect Cindy Warren as our new Mayor.



JANUARY CROSSWORD PUZZLE



BT3 TRAVEL over seas

Across

- 3.** Members of an organized group of leaders
- 6.** Intermittently light and dark
- 8.** To make generally known
- 10.** To suspend indefinitely or until a later stated time
- 11.** From birth to death
- 15.** A building used for club activities
- 16.** A failure to pay financial debts
- 17.** A public procession
- 18.** Occurring yearly

Down

- 1.** An uncrewed aircraft guided by remote control
- 2.** (2 words) A person who quickly responds in an emergency
- 4.** A small file placed on your computer by a web page
- 5.** A solemn attestation of the truth
- 7.** An explosion or violent detonation
- 9.** A fraudulent or deceptive act or operation
- 12.** An exception from legal action
- 13.** The chief officer of an organization
- 14.** A device used to project amplified sound

"Do not grow old, no matter how long you live. Never cease to stand like curious children before the great mystery into which we were born." Albert Einstein



JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

By Gloria Bachmann



Ronald Adler	16
Becky Anderson	26
Rob Baxter	17
Raul Bedoya	31
Jeff Berzon	20
Pamela Bryant	4
Michelle Cahill	1
Donna Fortney	3
Karen Dehlinger	5
Bob Freiberg	8
Barbara French	19
Melora Gebbie	18
Lauren Gleason	31
Vince Grammatico	23
Rachel Grimes	5
Bridget Hawk	26
Darlene Heine	30
Rita Jacoby	2
Jerry Kanow	26
Margot Kody	1
Greg Kreinbring	25
Brenda LeGrand	19
Jeanette Leichty	7
Frank Lippman	28
Moe Luyben	23
Patricia Lynn	24

Trudy Manders	4
Roger Marceau	24
Donna Martin	13
Linda Matkins	6
Diane McKellep	30
William McNevin	12
Sandra Miller	23
Brian Moe	29
Reyna Moe	6
Lucille Mora	18
Allen Motew	1
Marlene Palermo	25
Steve Phelps	1
Connie Pinckard	21
Terry Potts	26
Lura Press	24
Teri Sands	1
Brenda Schindler	7
Doug Schmidt	24
Lawrence Shackelford	2
Maria Torres	15
Jackie Trosclair	7
Rich Valentine	8
Betty Wagner	15
Gene Walston	30
Barbara Westbrook	22



JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES

By Gloria Bachmann

Mike and Dora Anderson	26
Jun and Nancy Arpon, Jr.	12
Edward and Gay Brewer	4
Mike and Virginia Jones	25

Ed Lehman and Kathy Ginest	10
Bill and Marian O'Dell	14
Albert and Nancy Silva	31
Salavdor and Maria Torres	29

Please contact GLORIA BACHMANN (951-696-8253), to notify her of any BIRTHDAYS and ANNIVERSARIES, illnesses or deaths IN WRITING AND place in tube at 28760 VIA DEL SOL. (No notices will be printed in the *Golf Knolls News* without written notification.) WE WANT YOU TO BE A PART OF OUR COMMUNITY, so keep us posted. If you don't see your birthday or anniversary, please call. /

BT4 FORGET it

Golf Knolls Neighbor to Neighbor

January 2025

In Search Of:

The GKA Emergency Response Team needs gently-used equipment, which we then loan to residents for short-term use.

Our two biggest requests are wheelchairs with footrests and 4-wheel walkers with seats (Rollators).

If you have either of these items and would like to donate them for use by your GKA neighbors, please leave a message for me at 951-453-4379 or mick@herod.com

Share your recommendations, list items for sale, and items wanted. The preferred method for submitting your ad is by sending Email to

peggydonnellysemail@yahoo.com

You may also place your notice in Peggy's mail tube at 29055 Calle Alta by the 15th of each month.

PLEASE INCLUDE YOUR NAME AND PHONE NUMBER.

For Free:

1 small ramp, 2 steps for dog and 1 large ramp from floor to top of bed. Please call Peggy at 949-500-4099.

Services Offered:

Private Chauffeur. Ted or Linda will drive you to your doctor, market, shopping, local airports for a reasonable fee to and from your destination 7 days a week. We pick you up at your door, assist you, help you back into your home etc. Better than Uber. Call Ted at 951-316-4971.

For Sale:

1 Moen Pulldown Kitchen 3 Function Faucet Chrome Finish Never used. In unopened box. \$160.00

1 Pendant Light 26" pole length with gold hardware & white glass shade. \$50.00

2 Gray Neoprene 10 lb. Dumbbells \$15.00/pr.

Please call Barbara Wesselmann at 951-477-9142 or send Email to bwesselmann@yahoo.com

Services Offered:

NOTARY PUBLIC

Peggy, (AKA Margaret) Donnelly, (a GKA homeowner) is a fully commissioned Notary Public, she will happily come to your home for Notary services.

Margaret Donnelly Notary Public commission number 2460354. Please call 949-500-4099.

NOT AN ATTORNEY OR PARALEGAL

For Sale:

1). Oak Couch Table \$50.00

2). Bed Lift \$200.00

3). Outdoor Cocktail Station \$250.00

All items are Used-Good condition.

All prices are negotiable, special deals for GKA residences.

All items must be picked-up

Please call Beth at 714-349-4087

In Search of:

Mary is in search of a gardener and tree trimer. If you can offer a recommendation or referral please call Mary at 951-640-8646

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DRONE SIGHTINGS AND THE LAW

By Mick Herod

Many people have been eyewitnesses to what they believe are unmanned drones in the skies above, including right here in the Temecula Valley. Without taking a side, drones can be used in place of manned aircraft to do mundane chores, such as inspecting powerlines, pipelines and infrastructure such as automobile or railway bridges. They can also be used for nefarious purposes, including spying on your neighborhood or home.

Most people believe that drones flying overhead are, in fact, trespassing, and they are correct IF the drone interferes with the owner's use of the property. So, the big question is, can you legally shoot down a drone, even if it is trespassing? The short answer is "NO!"

The Federal Aviation Administration considers drones to be aircraft—meaning that you could be charged with shooting at an aircraft, which is a federal crime. You may say that they (the Feds) have to catch you first. Know that most modern drones have a camera and a GPS tracker. THEY (the drone pilots) KNOW where YOU are. And they likely have a clear video of you aiming your shotgun in the direction of the drone, making the shooter's identification easy for the authorities.

What about the pilots? Don't they get in trouble? The chance of them being located are fairly slim, which only encourages drone pilots to break the law for their own entertainment.

California lawmakers have passed rules about using drones in the state. They include:

- Using a drone to photograph or film people in a private activity without permission is prohibited. This legislation responded to the paparazzi's use of drones to cover celebrities and other public figures.
- Laws provide immunity for first responders who damage a drone interfering with them during an emergency.
- It is a misdemeanor to interfere with the activities of first responders during an emergency when flying a drone.



The Sun City Travel Club hosts day and multi-day trips. For more information or to sign up, contact Nyla (951-757-6760) or Debbie (858-442-1677) between 9am-7pm. Trips depart from and return to Sun City.

Wednesday, Jan. 22-----	Valley View Casino -----	\$57
Tuesday, Feb. 18-----	Viejas Casino (Alpine) -----	\$25
Sunday, Feb. 23-28-----	New Orleans Pre-Mardi Gras -----	\$3499d/\$3999s
Saturday, Mar. 1-----	Great Junk Hunt (San Diego) -----	\$72
Monday, Mar. 17-----	Luck of the Irish (Party/Alhambra) -----	\$135
Tuesday, Mar. 25-----	Fantasy Springs Casino (Indio)-----	\$58
Wednesday, April 2-5 ----	Savannah & Charleston -----	\$3899d/\$5099s
Saturday, April 5-----	The Winter's Tale/Segerstrom Hall -----	\$97
Tuesday, Sept. 23-Oct. 1	Tuscan Culinary-Italy -----	\$4899d/\$5849s

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GKA Community Calendar

January 2025



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
GKA Mandatory Orientation Wednesday's by Appointment Only 9:00 to 12:00 ~ Meeting RM Contact: Steve Phelps (760) 214-3553			Happy New Year! 1	2	3	4 Private Party - BR
Bible Study - MR 10:00 - 11:00 AM			GKA Community Club Mtg - MR 1:00 PM	2	Private Party - BR 10 am - 10 pm	
5	6 GKA Exe Mtg - MR 10 AM WS Mtg - BR 11 AM GKA HOA Mtg - BR 6:00 PM	7 GKA New Board of Director Appointing Positions - MFR 9:00 am		8	9	10
Bible Study - MR 10:00 - 11:00 AM			ERT Mtg - 1:00 PM CR	ERT Mtg - 7:00 PM CR		11
12	13	14 Private Party - CR Noon - 4:00 pm	15	Financial Oversight Cmt MR - 10:00 am	16	17
Bible Study - MR 10:00 - 11:00 AM				Bingo - BR Doors Open 5:30 pm	18	19
19	20 Women's Soc. Lunch - 12:00 PM BR LADIES LUNCHEON	21	22	23	24	25
Bible Study - MR 10:00 - 11:00 AM						
26	27	28	29	30	31	
LEGEND: BR- Banquet Room, MR- Meeting Room, CR- Card Room						
Activity	Unit	Day	Time	For Facilities Reservation Contact: Beth Harvey ~ 714-349-4087 (Temporary)		
BIBLE STUDY	Unit III	Tues - Card Room	10:00 - Noon			
BIBLE STUDY	Unit I	Tues - Clubhouse	10:00 - Noon			
BIBLE STUDY (non-demonational)	Unit III	Sun - Meeting Room	10:00 - 11:00 AM			
MEN'S BIBLE STUDY	Unit III	Thurs - Card Room	10:00 - Noon			
POKER	Unit III	Wed - Card Room	6:00 - 9:00 PM			