MONTHLY WATER REPORT

The following report is for the month of November, 2010.
Total home water usage for November 2010 was 11,779,600 gallons.
Average usage per home for November 2010 was 9,932 gallons. (Based on 1186 homes), gallons.
Average year-to-date monthly home usage is 12,375 gallons.
The maximum allowable water usage from St. John's River Water Management is 124,000,000 gallons per year or an average of 8,800 gallons per home per month.

Total gallons left for home use for the rest of the year are 12,123,300
Rainfall for the month of November was 1.26 inches. Rainfall for the same month last year was 1.55 inches.
Rainfall year to date is 39.94 inches.
Rainfall for the same period last year was 49.01 inches.
(Keith Slone, Chief Plant Operator submitted the preceding report).

ZONE SOCIAL

Our Zone Social this month will be held on Friday, January 7th. This will be for Zones 51 thru 63 and the color is Blue.

HAWTHORNE
“ARTIST OF THE MONTH”

Artist of the Month for January, 2011 is Sherese Mesko
Be sure to visit the Library where our artist of the month is featured.

Tax Exemption Signup

Due to cutbacks the Property Appraiser’s Office no longer comes to Hawthorne for you to sign up for the different Tax Exemptions.
Tax Exemptions that you can sign up for are: homestead exemption, widower, widow tax exemption, disability or blind tax exemption, you will also be able to apply for senior citizen low income exemption.
You may apply in person at one of the following locations Monday through Friday and bring proper documentation with you.

Main Office:
317 W. Main Street
Historical Courthouse, 3rd Floor
Tavares
8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m

The Villages Office
902 Avenida Central
Village Green Office Center
Lady Lake
8:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

South Lake Office
1060 E. State Road 50
K-Mart Shopping Center
Clermont
8:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

If you have any questions you can call the Lake County Property Appraiser at 352-343-9748 or go to their website WWW.LCPAFL.ORG

DEATH NOTICES

Jack Kohnke Nov. 10
Al Trundle Dec. 3

Former Residents

Clara Hendricks Nov. 14

Thank you to Ursula Yount and Kay Waldron for hosting the Christmas Potluck that was held on Christmas Day, December 25th.

ACTIVITY ELECTIONS

Club Hawthorne election time is upon us. It is time to think about electing officers for your activities.

Each activity must elect prior to March 1st, a Chairman, Co-Chairman, Secretary/Treasurer, and a Steering Committee of three or more members.

Remember – no Chairman or Co-Chairman shall hold that office for more than two consecutive years with the term of office being one year beginning April 1.

Also, when a member of Club Hawthorne is elected as Chairman or Co-Chairman of an activity, he or she may hold no more than one Chairmanship or Co-Chairmanship of separate activities at any one time. This term of office shall not exceed two full years.

FAILURE TO ELECT OFFICERS TERMINATES AN ACTIVITY. Council will not recognize the activity and your right to a meeting time and place will be preempted by recognized activities and functions.

One of the duties of the present Activity Chairman is to form a nominating committee to nominate members for the position of Council Officer and Deputy Council Officer. Said Officers will be elected at the March Group meeting. It is important that the nominee has an interest, be willing to serve if elected, and be available to attend the regular meeting of the Council on the second Thursday of the month as well as the Group meetings held on the third Thursday of the month. These meetings usually recess during the summer months unless a special meeting is called.

The Council is the governing body of Club Hawthorne. No Council Member or Deputy shall serve more than three consecutive terms and the term of office is for one year.

The Council Officers are elected representatives of activities in a category. There is one Council Officer and one Deputy Council Officer for each of these categories. Categories are: Communication/Education, Arts and Crafts, Musical, Physical, Social-Community, Social-Game, Sports, State and Zone Clubs.

Remember – volunteers run Hawthorne. You are encouraged to get involved and be part of this successful organization. We always need new ideas and new faces to help keep things going.

Election forms may be picked up in the Program Office. The completed form must have nominees for Council or they will be returned to the activity to be completed. Turn the forms into your Council Officer and not the Program Office.

THANKS” TO OUR DECORATORS

Hawthorne was beautiful for the Christmas holidays, both inside and out. Our volunteers did a great job this year as always.

Indoor Christmas Decorators: Ron & Kaye Miller and their committee.
Outdoor Christmas Decorators: Cliff & Carolyn Frazier and committee
Outside of homes for the mobility impaired: Steve & Sharon Doody and committee
Tree Lighting: Cliff Frazier and committee
Christmas Caroling: Jane Lichtenberger and Lucinda Karlskin
Pickle Ball – Golf Cart Parade
Santa & Mrs. Santa – Charles Richardson & Sherrie Flashofsky
Hawthorne Players – Inside Entertainment
Boat Club – Decorating the Marina outside

So many people are involved to make the holiday season a nice one. Thank you to each and everyone who had a part in this year’s decorations both inside and out.

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Memorial Fund Annual Meeting
The Hawthorne Memorial Fund will conduct their Annual Meeting on Friday, January 28, 2011 in the Lime Room. This meeting is open to all residents of our community and begins at 2:30 PM. We encourage you to attend this important meeting as every resident is considered a member of the Memorial Fund. At this meeting Officers will be elected, bylaw changes voted, and other items of interest to Hawthorne will be acted upon. Put this date on your calendar. Thank you.

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AARP CHAPTER 1775
The American Association of Retired Persons of Hawthorne was established in 1973. The motto of AARP Chapter 1885 is, “To Serve and Not To Be Served”.

The overall goals of AARP 1775 are:
• Coordinating AARP in the community.
• Providing an AARP community access point.
• Expanding community service.
• Enhancing legislative advocacy.
• Encouraging volunteer service.
• Increasing membership attendance at functions.

AARP will work in partnerships and coalitions, and utilize information and education, advocacy, community service/volunteers, products and services and other means to achieve these goals.

To be eligible for membership in the Local Chapter one member of a household must belong to the National Association of Retired Persons and each member of a household must pay $1.00 annual dues to the Local Chapter.

AARP 1775 Board Meetings are held on the first Friday of each month at 10 AM in the Conference Room. These meetings are held to:
• Identify service needs.
• Make recommendations.
• Comply with Chapter By-laws.
• Receive and act on suggestions from the membership.
• Vote on matters pertaining to the Chapter operations.

The AARP General membership Meetings are held on the third Friday of each month at 1 PM in the Lemon/Lime Rooms. These meetings are designed to:
• Provide a forum for members to discuss Chapter and Association activities.
• Provide programs that inform, educate and motivate actions that will improve community life.
• Promote fellowship and social interaction.

Educational programs sponsored by AARP are SHINE, Habitat and the Sheriff’s Department. Health Services sponsored by our AARP Chapter are the Blood Bank, blood pressure, hearing and glaucoma/vision screenings, plus the Loan Closet.

Community Services include our Driver Safety program, Tax Aide, and Meals on Wheels. AARP also has special programs such as Luminaries at Christmas and the Fashion Show in March. The monies made from the sale of luminaries have made it possible for AARP to purchase the third computer for Tax Aide use.

The aluminum recycling program is very important to our chapter. The money received from this project is in turn recycled into AARP service programs.

The AARP General Meeting on Friday, January 21st we will have a speaker from the Sheriff’s Department regarding crime watch for
Lake County. We are working on getting someone from RBC Bank in April to discuss identity theft.

Besides the monies given for a new computer, AARP has given money to Bingo for the new Bingo machine.

Our residents are encouraged to join our chapter of AARP. AARP is very important in helping to promote the well-being of chapter members and older persons in our community through community service projects, educational programs and cooperative efforts with other like minded community groups.

We hope to see you at our next AARP meeting on the 21st of January. For more information on AARP go to AARP.org.

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HEALTH FAIR

TUESDAY, February 15, 2011

11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

We will be holding a "HEALTH FAIR" in the Clubhouse and we are excited to offer you the opportunity to come and meet the area health facilitators.

Bonnie Reidy the Marketing Director of Lexington Park, Assisted Living Facility is setting up our Health Fair again this year.

We will have a variety of different services and products such as hearing tests, assisted living, home health companion services, physicians, orthopedics, podiatry, vision, Medicare Plans, nutrition, diabetic products, and medical equipment. These are just a few of the many services offered to you free of charge and this is your opportunity to take advantage of them.

Once again we will have lunch prepared by Caroline Lo available for you to purchase at a small cost.

Prevention Plus will be here to offer blood screenings and other tests such as Thyroid Ultrasound, Abdominal Ultrasound, Echocardiogram/Heart Scan, Stroke/Carotid Ultrasound, and more. For these tests you will have to make an appointment and for some you will have to fast. A flyer will be distributed.

Besides receiving handouts from the participants, they will also be giving $25.00 gift certificates.

Please mark your calendars and plan to join us during this time. You will receive many handouts from the participants.

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FREE INCOME TAX ASSISTANCE

Need help with your income tax forms? Starting Tuesday, February 1, 2010 from 8:30 AM to 1:00 PM and then every Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, until April 14, 2010, you will be able to go to the Marina and get the help you need.

Volunteer counselors are trained and certified through the cooperation of the Internal Revenue Service. They will be available to prepare income tax returns with special emphasis on those over 60.

This year you will have to make an appointment. Appointments can be made by calling 352-360-6219. You may also come to the Marina to make an appointment for another day if you wish.

Persons using this free service must bring:

- Photo ID
- Social Security card for all dependents or SSA-1099 in lieu of SSA cards;
- Copy of last year’s income tax return(s);
- SSA-1099 form if you received Social Security Benefits;
- All copies of W-2s from each employer;
- Unemployment Compensation statements;
- All interest statements (1099-Int);
- All dividend statements (1099-Div);
• All miscellaneous income statements (1099-Misc);
• All stock, bond or mutual fund sale statements (1099-B);
• New Vehicle Sales Tax Information
• First Time Home Purchase Information
• Residential Energy Credit Information
You must have documentation showing purchase price and date of purchase
• Retirement and pension statements (1099-R);
• All forms including federal estimated income tax paid;
• All receipts and documentation if itemizing deductions;

Remember you must total all items before coming to Marina.

Please, sort in the following order:
Medical
Donations
Taxes
Mortgage interest
Other
The free Income Tax Assistance is a nationwide program of the AARP and is offered through the cooperation of the Internal Revenue Service for low to middle income taxpayers, with emphasis on those 60 and older. AARP Membership is not required.

WE CAN NO LONGER PREPARE STATE RETURNS
(Information provided by Bob Ferguson, Site Coordinator)

Hawthorne's Long Range Plan

In 2008 HRCA made a change in the term limits of Planning Committee members, allowing greater continuity of the work of this group. They began with a review of the recommendations from the Town Hall Meeting held in January 2007. For those who were not here or have forgotten, this meeting had some 450 residents in attendance that identified 10 major items of concern plus 37 additional items for consideration. The purpose of the Town Meeting was to provide the directors of HRCA with a priority of items to be addressed and financed.

This list of nearly 50 items was grouped into 4 areas: fixed items; items not actual projects — recommendations only; possible good projects — but lacking needed data; and items that were not projects, but complaints relative to enforcement issues. The committee needed additional input to evaluate these possibilities. Five study groups were formed in June 2009 and 18 to 20 additional residents were delegated to gather data and investigate these projects.

To determine the priority of projects a measuring device was needed. They were set as: Basic Systems infrastructure — streets and utilities that must be maintained; preservation of an attractive community — involving volunteer participation; and meeting the needs of our long time residents. The study groups examined 6 areas relating to our infrastructure, 8 areas concerning our facilities, 3

organist will be Gayle Burch. The afternoon promises to be most pleasant.

As an added feature, a meet the artist session is offered to those who wish to speak with our Conductor/Music Director, Mizzette Fuenzalida, our violin soloist, Sheryl Genco, and our Organist, Gayle Burch. This informal gathering will be held in the Green Room at 2:15 PM. You will have the opportunity to meet these gifted artists and speak with them about their musical careers, their love of music, and your own concerns about the performing arts.

Plan to share the tradition of the Hawthorne Community Winter Concert with us. Sunday, January 23 at 3:00 PM.
George Wolf – Chairman

Hawthorne Community Orchestra

You are invited to our Winter Concert on Sunday, January 23, 2011. The program begins at 3:00 PM in the Great Hall. This is a free concert, however, we will accept your donation to our organization with an offering during the concert.

Selections for this concert are by Bizet, Bach, Mozart, Beethoven and Brahms. Included will be the Mozart Concert for Violin in D featuring Sheryl Genco, our Concertmistress in residence for the winter session. Also, we will feature our organ with the famous Sleepers Awake composition by J. S. Bach. Our
items specifically for the marina, 9 items that concern activities – both those in the Clubhouse and those outdoor, and 5 areas labeled under community study. Literally, hundreds of hours went into this effort.

In April 2010 the Long Range Planning Committee submitted to the HRCA Board of Directors their recommendations. The Board approved this plan and requested an updated report yearly. Several items from 2007 have already been addressed and resolved. We have new lighting in the auxiliary rooms of the clubhouse and the restrooms have been upgraded. The north and south parking lots at the clubhouse now have bright lighting. Incidentally, this is an ongoing project for our entire community.

The work of the Long Range Planning Committee is a continuing process. A questionnaire was sent to every club and is to be evaluated as to the need for space and/or scheduling changes. Major upgrading of our marina is an item to be addressed – we will require permits from St. Johns Water Management District for any changes at the marina.

The Long Range Planning Committee will submit a yearly report of their activities and recommendations to the Board of Directors this month. Fay Farrington has been the Chairman of this committee for two years. John Haig, Elsetta Ervin and James Cook have headed the studies and coordinated the work of the study groups. Data is compiled from many sources and the numbers crunched. A basic question is “What brings people to Hawthorne for retirement?” We have established that 70% of those who leave Hawthorne do so because of death or serious illness. Those who move from our community because they are unhappy with our cooperative are less than 10%.

The key person in developing the long-range plan has been Jim Cook. He has served as City Manager in Oklahoma City, OK and in other places, including Saudi Arabia (3 years). He also served the Diocese of the Episcopal Church for the state of Oklahoma as Long Range Planner. His leadership and counsel have been invaluable to the committee. Many others have volunteered their expertise to the Committee – each with valuable contributions. The Hawthorne community is certain to benefit from the recommendations by the Long Range Planning Committee.

(Article submitted by George Wolf)

Note: You may read the April 2010 report in our Library.

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HEALTH CORNER

What Is Acid Reflux? What Causes Acid Reflux?
The word “reflux” comes from the Medieval Latin word refluxus which comes from the Latin word refluere, meaning “to flow back, to recede”. If you suffer from acid reflux the acids from your stomach “flow back” into your esophagus, causing discomfort and pain - this discomfort is known as heartburn.

What is the esophagus?
In simple terms, the esophagus is the tube between the stomach and the pharynx, which is at the back of your throat.

The esophageal sphincter
The esophageal sphincter lies at the junction where the stomach and the esophagus join. Your stomach produces strong acids and enzymes (gastric juices) which are used in food digestion. The inner lining of your stomach has several mechanisms to protect itself from the effect of the gastric juices on itself, but the lining of the esophagus does not. There is a valve that stops the gastric juices from going up the esophagus - it is called the lower esophageal sphincter.

When the lower esophageal sphincter becomes weakened gastric juices can seep upwards into the esophagus.

Most of us have acid reflux problems now and again. In majority of cases this is harmless. If the problem becomes persistent and goes untreated, the heartburn can develop into GERD (Gastroesophageal Reflux Disease). In chronic and severe cases the esophagus can become scarred - the patient may have difficulty swallowing, and the risk of developing cancer of the esophagus increases significantly.

What is the difference between acid reflux and heartburn?
Acid reflux is the action, while heartburn is the sensation. The pain is heartburn, while the movement of acid into the esophagus from the stomach is acid reflux.

What are the symptoms of acid reflux?
• Asthma - gastric juices seep upwards into the throat, mouth and air passages of the lungs
• Chest pain - part of the heartburn sensation
• Dental erosion
• Dysphagia - difficulty swallowing
• Heartburn - a burning feeling rising from the stomach or lower chest towards the neck
• Hoarseness
• Regurgitation - bringing food back up into the mouth

What causes acid reflux?
Acid reflux commonly occurs when the lower esophageal sphincter (LES) does not work properly, and allows acid to seep upwards from the stomach to the esophagus. Although we know that a faulty LES is a common cause, we are not sure why it becomes faulty. One of many reasons could be that pressure in the stomach rises higher than the LES can withstand.

Here are some common causes of acid reflux:

• Pregnancy - more commonly found during the third trimester of a pregnancy.
• Large meals and eating habits - people who have large meals will usually find that their acid reflux will improve if they cut down portion sizes.
• Bending forward - this movement will not usually cause acid reflux unless there is another underlying trigger or problem.
• Hiatus hernia (hiatal hernia) - a condition where the upper part of the stomach protrudes into the chest through a small opening in the diaphragm. Hiatal hernias are commonly caused by severe coughing, vomiting, straining, sudden physical exertion, pregnancy, and obesity.
• Peptic ulcers and insufficient digestive enzymes - peptic ulcers and not enough digestive enzymes in the stomach may slow down the digestive process, causing an accumulation of gastric acids that back up into the esophagus.
• Asthma - experts still argue about which came first, the asthma or the acid reflux - did the asthma cause the acid reflux or did the acid reflux cause the asthma? Nobody has a definite answer to the relationship between asthma and acid reflux. Some say that the coughing and sneezing brought on by asthmatic attacks can cause changes in the chest which trigger acid reflux. Others blame asthma medications - they are taken to dilate the airways, but might also relax the esophageal sphincter. Most asthma sufferers say that their asthma is worsened by acid reflux because the acid that seeps into the esophagus from the stomach stimulates the nerves along the neck into the chest, causing bronchial constriction and breathing problems.
• Smoking - research has shown that the saliva of smokers contain lower levels of bicarbonates, which neutralize acids. Cigarette smoking also reduces the production of saliva. Smoking also stimulates the production of stomach acid, weakens the esophageal sphincter, promotes the movement of bile salts from the intestine to the stomach (making the acids more harmful), and slows down digestion (making stomach pressure last longer because it takes more time to empty).
• Alcohol - patients have commented that quitting alcohol, or cutting down consumption significantly improved their symptoms.

What is the treatment for acid reflux?

Diet
The vast majority of people with acid reflux will get better if they make some changes to their diet. Some foods are safe for heartburn sufferers, while others are major triggers of it.

It would be easy to say that there is a reflux diet. Unfortunately, we all react differently to different foods.

Medications

• Acid suppressant - these have been shown to be effective, such as histamine2-receptor antagonists (blockers). Histamines are good at reducing inflammation. An inflamed stomach produces more acid - blocking this extra production of acid helps prevent the acids from building up and seeping upwards.
• Proton pump inhibitors - these reduce the production of acid in the stomach. They act on cells in the stomach wall and produce stomach acids.
• Prokinetic agents - these promote the emptying of the stomach, stopping it from becoming overfull.
• Antiacids - commonly used to treat mild acid-related symptoms, such as heartburn or indigestion. They neutralize the acids in the stomach.

Facts about JANUARY

Most of the world uses the Georgian calendar, which has January as the first month of the year. It is named for Janus, a Roman god. Roman legend has it that the ruler Numa Pompilius added January and February to the end of the 10-month Roman calendar in about 700 B.C. Pompilius gave the month 30 days. Romans later made January the first month. In 46 B.C., the Roman statesman Julius Caesar added a day to January, making it 31 days long. The Anglo-Saxons called the first month Wolfmonth because wolves came into the villages in winter in search of food.

In the northern half of the world, January is the coldest month. Nature is quiet and the birds travel less. The woodchucks and bears sleep day and night, in hibernation. The plants are resting, waiting for the warmer temperatures of the Spring. In the southern half of the world, January is the warmest month. Animals are very active, and plants are growing.

Information taken from World Book Millennium 2000
JANUARY UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER
January Birthstone – Garnet
January Flower – Carnation

Saturday, January 1 – New Year’s Day
Tuesday, January 4 – Newcomer’s Social
Saturday, January 8 – Saturday Breakfast
Sunday, January 9 – Memorial service for deceased 2010 residents
Monday, January 10 – Maintenance Day
Wednesday, January 12 – AARP Driver Training
Saturday, January 15 – Fine Arts Luncheon
Sunday, January 16 – Concert Series
Monday, January 17 – Martin Luther King Day
HRCA Holiday – all offices will be closed
Wednesday, January 19 – AARP Driver Training
Wednesday, January 19 – Full Moon
Sunday, January 23 – Orchestra Concert
Monday, January 24 – New Residents Reception
Tuesday, January 25 – HRCA Meeting
Friday, January 28 – Annual Meeting of Memorial Fund

Please read your calendar and weekly bulletin for more info

PRACTICING PRESENCE

Did you know that people who meditate for a short time each day are much happier than people who don’t? Meditators are much healthier with greatly extended life spans, too. As a matter of fact, their health is so much better that a number of insurance companies have reduced premiums for people who meditate.

Did you know that experienced meditators have developed many latent abilities that they never knew they had, abilities that exist within every person? And they have gotten much closer to answering life’s mysterious questions.

We have a meditation class right here at Hawthorne!

We are teaching people to work lovingly and creatively with their mind and their emotions in a way that is allowing them to become more truly present for themselves and for each other, and to bring a new level of functioning into their lives.

Come, join us. For more information call Steve Collins 207-323-3911.

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BOCCE BALL IS FOR EVERYONE

Midge Bushnell started playing Bocce Ball at Hawthorne when the club was formed in 1991. She will be 96 years young on her next birthday and has macular degeneration, making it difficult at times to see the pallino ball. When this occurs the other players point it out to her. She is still actively playing and brings fun and enthusiasm to the game. Midge gives us all hope for the future and is truly our mentor. We think she is special and last year, she was made an honorary member of the bocce ball club.

We have second generation players as both of Midge’s daughters (Sally Boulet and Susan Delaney) are members of the bocce ball club. Sally is the coordinator of the Hawthorne bocce travel team. They seem to have inherited their mother’s talents.

Mark Philotoff is a long time bocce ball player who has macular holes in both eyes, but continues to be an excellent player and participant in our travel team.

Paul (92) and Kay Kolaida are also excellent bocce ball players and certainly add a level of spirit and skill to our travel team.

Age and having a disability do not keep people from participating in this game. We have one bocce ball court that is wheel chair accessible. We play to have fun, enjoy each other and help each other to do better. It is great to be outdoors in the fresh air and sunshine. Sound like something you would like to do? Then come down to the bocce ball courts (next to the garden area) and join us. We play on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday at 9:00 A.M. If you have any questions, call 360-0736 or 638-9076.

(Submitted by Marty Tambasco and Gil Schleweis, Chairperson and Co-Chairperson, Hawthorne Bocce Ball Club.)

HAWTHORNE HIGHLIGHTS

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Words from the Hawthorne Historical Society

Ice Cream Social To Benefit Historical Society’s Vital Preservation Efforts
The Hawthorne Historical Society will sponsor an Ice Cream Social and Card Bingo Sunday, January 9th at 6:30. The Hawthorne community is invited to support this event. Tickets will be on sale for $3.00 per person from December 27 through January 6 in the auditorium. This fundraiser will benefit the Society’s efforts to preserve many of the now deteriorating articles, photographs and historical records in the Museum’s archives. With limited space in the Museum, it is imperative that historic materials be transferred to digital imaging for long term and safer storage. The goal of the group is to raise funds to purchase a computer and a scanning device that will allow this major preservation effort to get started.

A very special event is being planned by the Historical Society for February 28, 2011. A luncheon will be held to celebrate the many “Family Connections” within our community. Any resident in Hawthorne who has a family member who lives here or has lived here in the past, is encouraged to plan on attending this first of it’s kind celebration. The Kitchen Club will serve a tasty lunch and special recognition of the family’s of Hawthorne will be shared. Watch for the details of this event in upcoming publications. In the meantime, plug in the Feb. 28th date on your calendar. You will be amazed at how many family connections we have in Hawthorne.

Interested in helping the Historical Society in developing programs, digitizing materials, working on the ice cream social or writing articles of Hawthorne Remembers? We would welcome your interest and your participation. Please speak with our ticket sellers or call Pat Hurlburt at 315-1131.

History of Club Hawthorne

In the early 1970’s Dr. Earl Kauffman was hired by Colonial Penn as the Program Director for the Hawthorne Community. A specialist in gerontology from the University of Kentucky, Dr. K. was to work with the residents “in the development of a program manual based on their needs and expectations.” Each resident received a copy of this manual with the goal that everyone will find the happiness they seek in retirement at Hawthorne.

This article presents excerpts from the early newsletter published by Club Hawthorne volunteers under the supervision of Dr. K and with the cooperation of the Husebo Agency.

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The March 1974 Penn Notes reports: “Practically every resident came to the club house to take part in our first Program Planning Conference. The leaders now serve as members of the Program Activity Group, which meets weekly with the Director. Here plans for the coming week are developed. Past programs are evaluated and suggestions for improvement are offered. New ideas are presented, often by visitors who know they are welcome at meetings.” Advisors were chosen at this first Program Planning Conference.

Dr. K reported in the April 1974 Penn Notes “A rich variety of experiences has been the rewards of the first two months of our activities program at Hawthorne. . . Our PAG is a highly unique structure that translates into action, providing the
coordinates necessary to have all elements mesh with a minimum of conflict. Every Monday at 8:30 AM each member reports on his area or special program of interest. . . . At this session the weekly Bulletin is compiled by 17 activities and advisors.” A special committee delivers the Bulletins – the Zone Watch Program was not organized at this early date.

What began as an annual Program Planning Conference was expanded – as reported in the October 1975 Penn Notes: “The new Program Activities Cabinet was chosen at the semi-annual Program Conference. The Groups were: Arts and Crafts, Cultural, Spiritual, Physical, Social, Education, Communication and Long Range Planning.”

In the May 1976 Penn Notes we learn: “There was a semi-annual Community Wide Conference in April where leadership changes were made.”

The March 1977 Penn Notes enlightens us with additional details of organization. “Chairmen and Co-chairmen are members of the PAG which meets monthly with the Director to advise on conduct and progress of their activities. They also meet on a regular basis with their twelve Cabinet Officers: 5 regular members and 5 deputies, elected by their activities. There were two appointed members and the Program Director.”

It was in April 1982 the title of Club Hawthorne was adopted. The group still met semi-annually and the Cabinet kept its name.

Today the Club Hawthorne program manual is 41 pages in length. The organizational chart of Recognized Activities and Groups is a living, ever expanding document. The Cabinet is now recognized as the Club Hawthorne Council and is comprised of members elected by each activity to represent their group or club. The Council meets on the first Thursday of the month in the marina. Anyone may come to observe the procedures. The third Thursday of the month is the time when Club Hawthorne conducts their business meeting. The Chairs and or Co-Chair of each activity are requested to meet with their Council Officers and report on their respective activities. The purpose and duties of these groups have not changed appreciably since the early organization in the 1970’s. A grievance committee was added over ten years ago to moderate disputes.

In order for our community to expand and make the best use of our facilities, it is important that those who enjoy our many activities cooperate and work within the existing system – Club Hawthorne. In this way we continue to uphold the Spirit of Hawthorne.

Research and article by Barbara Weese

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**Family Connections in Hawthorne**

I’m certain you know or have heard of some family connections here at Hawthorne, but knowing about the Dvorak, Andrew, Zatarski, Staros and Nowakowski families is most interesting. Here is their story.

Rubye and Leonard Dvorak are shown in the first phone directory at Hawthorne in September 1974. Their address was 532 Palo Verde Drive. Coming from the Chicago area, Leonard served as Zone
Captain for 25 years. Don Nowakowski, a nephew, for many years the caregiver of his mother, Mary Nowakowski, brought her to visit her sister on several occasions in the 70’s and 80’s. Don recalls when Disney World was under construction.

Jeanette Andrews completes the trio of sisters that have spent time at Hawthorne. She moved to Hawthorne in the late 1980’s and lived with her sister, Rubye and brother-in-law, Leonard. Jeanette joined in the activities and loved her connection with family and many new friends at Hawthorne.

Rubye and Leonard spread the word about Hawthorne. In 1988, a niece, Rosemary Staros and her husband, James moved to 349 Palo Verde Drive. Rosemary was a “Classy Lady” and soon had the reputation as the embodiment of the Spirit of Hawthorne. Rosemary was a regular on TV7 and always startled us with her jewelry, especially her earrings! She became a friend to many and helper to all. Her husband’s final illness took her from us and in 2009 she found it necessary to remain in the Chicago area with her family.

Don’s sister, Diane Zatarski, with her husband, Ted checked on several locations when thinking of retiring and leaving the Chicago area. It seems Chicago is a great place to be from. Over a ten-year search for the right place to retire; from Arizona to Florida, they chose Hawthorne and in 1990 became permanent residents at 170 Azalea Trail. Today, they have a twenty-year history in our community. You can ask them if there are any regrets.

Ted and Diane have three daughters and five grandchildren. Summer vacation at Hawthorne is always a treat for the children. They look forward to a month with Gram & Gramps every summer.

The Zatarski’s have been active in many endeavors in our community. The list includes: Newcomers, Shuffleboard, Van Driver (Sales tours), Ambassador, Kitchen Club volunteers, Organizer of special programs as Field Day, Christmas Tree Lighting and Fourth of July, assisting as caterers for various private functions, workers with the Auctioneers - the list goes on and on. Diane has served on the Club Hawthorne Council, has participated in the Theatre group (Players), and is one of our talented vocalists. Ted and Diane have been a genuine blessing to our Hawthorne community.

In 2002, Don reached the eligible age for retirement. A lifelong bachelor, Don settled in at 112 Willow Lane. Don’s career involved corporate accounting. He lived and worked for 22 years in Grand Rapids, IL. Following in the paths of his relatives, Don is involved in many activities. He was a Zone Captain, has sung with the Chorus and Harmonizers, is active in the Players and served as Chairman of this elite group. He is presently an active director of the Memorial Fund and is a member of the Concert Series committee.

Jeanette passed away in 1992. Her brief retirement at Hawthorne of a little over five years was enjoyable. She left her own stamp on the activities she shared – especially the Dare To Be Aware club.

Rubye passed away in September 2000 and Leonard died in February 2003. They had over 25 years of happy retirement in our community.

What a great imprint this family connection has made on Hawthorne over the years! And another generation is awaiting their opportunity down the road.

Reporter – Nancy Apsey
May I suggest a word for 2011? Tolerance. We have seen too much intolerance in our world in recent times. This enters the realms of religion, politics and personalities. Let's be tolerant in our interpersonal relationships in 2011.
George Wolf

Here's a view when Hawthorne was brand spankin' new.