

# The Wood Valley & Heavenridge Times

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### Help! Corresponding Secretary Still Open!

We are still trying to fill the position of Corresponding Secretary. If you are interested in coming on board, please let us know.



### Sarah, we'll see you at the "Rainbow Bridge"!

Many of you that walk the neighborhood will remember Sarah, Bill Watson's cat, running out to say "Hi!" whenever anyone was in the vicinity of her house at 5009 Wood Valley Dr. 18 year old Sarah has passed on

and we will miss our unofficial Wood Valley Welcoming Committee. For the poem "Rainbow Bridge" go to:  
<http://www.petloss.com/poems/maingrp/rainbowb.htm>

## Dear Neighbors,

Summer is winding down but you would never know it by the heat. Soon, the traditional school schedule kicks in along with all the fall sports and activities.

And its time for the fall Homeowner's Association meeting. We hope you will attend the meeting on Tuesday, September 20<sup>th</sup>, 7:00pm at the Wood Valley Swim & Racquet Clubhouse. **The main item on the agenda will be a vote by the membership on proposed revisions to the bylaws.**

You may recall that our goal for the May meeting was to vote on proposed changes to the bylaws. Unfortunately, we did not have enough attendees for a quorum, so no vote was taken. We did have a pleasant discussion of the proposed bylaws with several suggestions.

The bylaws issues generally fall into three categories: covenants, membership, and other items. The WVHOA board proposed bylaw changes in May that dealt exclusively with the covenants, striking all reference to the covenants from the bylaws as required by law. That seems to be OK with most everyone.

It seems that the bylaws definition of membership is confusing to some homeowners. Based on the input from the meeting, we have added proposed changes to the bylaws to clarify membership in the WVHOA.

Let's clarify the opinion of the Board's attorney on the current definition of membership in the bylaws. There is a difference between consent to being a member and becoming a member. You give your consent to become a member by paying dues or attending an annual meeting. However, you become a member only by paying annual dues. Consent does not equal membership. Not everyone agrees with this interpretation and that is why we need to clarify it.

We also added a proposed amendment to provide eligibility of the Heavenridge homeowners for membership in the WVHOA.

The proposed bylaws are attached to this newsletter for your review. Deleted text is indicated with a ~~strike through~~ and new text is shown as ***bold italic***.

After the May meeting the Board discussed the dilemma of how to get enough votes to change the bylaws. Is everyone too busy? Are people frustrated by the prior meetings? Is the previous controversy regarding covenants still keeping people away? We decided to try another vote at the September meeting plus a **mail-in ballot**. You may vote by mail-in ballot, proxy, or in person. If you choose to vote by mail, you will find a ballot attached to this newsletter. Simply, fill out the ballot and send it in postmarked on or before September 20<sup>th</sup>. You may also hand deliver your ballot to any Board Member. Mail-in ballots will not be opened until after the vote at the September meeting has been taken.

If you have any questions about voting or the Board's thoughts behind the proposed changes, please contact anyone of us. And please talk to your neighbors, we respect that there are other opinions and you should consider all opinions and then make your choice.

**Please vote so we can move on to more useful activities!**

Respectfully,  
Your WVHOA Board

## Wood Valley Groups & Clubs

### **Sew & Sew Group** **Elke Whaley 847-3865**

The Sew and So group is a group of ladies from our neighborhood who meet on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month at 2:00 pm at the home of one of the group members (except for summer months).

Over a cup of coffee or tea, we chat, sew, quilt, knit, crochet, mend and share our joys as well as our problems.

We cordially invite everybody who would like to come and spend a nice and relaxing afternoon with us. Just call Elke!

Sept. 13<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 pm at the home of Elke Whaley, 10509 Winding Wood Trail (847-3865)

Sept. 27<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 pm at the home of Helen Keller, 10008 Bushveld lane (847-3649)

### **Evening Book Club** **Theresa Van Ollefen 676-9388**

The evening book club meets once a month at a member's house. A wide range of books are read and at each meeting there is a lively discussion of the book content. We're always looking for new members

### **Book Club** **Judy Godwin 848-9192**

The Book Club typically meets the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of the month at 9:30 am. New members welcome.

Sept. 22: hosted by Nancy Ward, 4709 Wood Valley Drive. Book: "I Am Charlotte Simmons" by Tom Wolfe.

Oct. 27: hosted by Melissa Jessen, 4921 Misty Oak Drive. Book: "life of pi" by Yann Martel

Nov. 17: host to be determined. Book: "Fast Food Nation"

### **Adult Tennis Club** **Frank Adamek 847-2121**

If interested in setting up a game or getting together, call Frank!

### **Children Playgroup** **Moira West-Brown 845-4338**

The Wood Valley playgroup has several different groups for infants through pre-schoolers. It's a great way to meet others in the neighborhood with small children!

### **Garden Club** **Misty Brazelton 847-5868**

The Wood Valley Garden Club would like to invite one and all to our first meeting of the year on Tuesday, September 27<sup>th</sup>, 2005, at 7:30 P.M. The Garden Club is an educational and social club which attempts to not only improve our neighborhood but provides a relaxing yet informative atmosphere in which to learn about North Carolina gardening. Our meetings start with a social hour (including hors d'oeuvres and drinks) and then moves on to either a presentation by an expert or a hands-on workshop to create something attractive to take home.

As a special service for this year's members we will be distributing soil testing kits for those interested at our September 27<sup>th</sup> meeting and collecting them at the October meeting. The Garden Club will deliver all the soil samples to the Extension Service and each member will receive their own soil report in time to make all necessary soil amendments by planting time!

Our first meeting will also include a swap. If you are interested in participating, please bring one of the following:

1. One gardening book you are not likely to read again (or several gardening magazines),
2. A successful houseplant you are willing to divide and share, or
3. Something from your garden you need to divide (bulbs, lilies, etc.)

Below are the dates for our 2005-2006 year:

- Sept. 27 Swap and Soil Tests  
Oct. 25 Workshop TBA (Return Soil Tests)  
Dec. 13 Dirty Santa Gift Exchange and Appetizers  
Jan. 24 speaker TBA  
Feb. 28 workshop TBA  
Mar. 28 speaker TBA  
Apr. 25 Annual Plant Sale and Potluck  
May 14 Neighborhood Garden Walk (raindate May 21st)

### **Couples Bridge Club** **Nancy or Don Coey at 848-9743**

Play bridge? The Couples Bridge Group meets one Saturday evening each month. Join us as a sub, or a regular!

### **Wood Valley Social & Supper Club**

**Lisa Merrill 522-3055**  
**Laurie Kelly 845-9454**

The purpose of the Wood Valley Supper and Social Club is to enjoy getting together with friends, new and old, without leaving the neighborhood. The dinners provide an excellent opportunity to enjoy great food, try different wines/drinks, and spend a fun evening with your neighbors.

There are 6 supper club events this year, which include an end of the year Tapas cocktail party and an end of season outdoor Low Country Boil. We generally meet for each dinner in groups of six to ten people on pre-determined Saturday nights at 7:30 pm. The host couple has the option of selecting a different time. If you are single for the evening, please do not hesitate to come on your own or invite a friend. Out-of-town guests are also welcome to join in the fun.

Recipe booklets can be obtained for a small fee after Sept. 5, 2005.

Here is the program for the 2005/2006 gourmet season:

- Sept. 24 East meets West  
Oct. 29 Invitation to Indian  
Dec. 10 Holiday Extravaganza with Tapas  
Jan. 21 New Orleans Style Mardi Gras  
Mar. 18 Brazilian Carnival  
May 20 Grand Finale with a Low Country Boil

### **Ladies Bible Study** **Lois Arnold 846-5334**

The bible study group meets once a week at member's homes. We read various books of the Bible and other Christian books. Women of all denominations welcome.

### **WVHOA Events**

- Sept. 20 WVHOA Meeting  
Oct. 1 Neighborhood Yard Sale  
Contact: David Cherveney  
848-6683  
Oct. 31 Hot Dog Roast at the WVS&R Clubhouse