



Greetings from Grenelefe!

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Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays to you and your families. This truly is the most wonderful time of the year! Try to relax, and renew your spirit. Focus on what is important and you will find that the details will take care of themselves.

Christmas is not a time or a season but a state of mind. To cherish peace and good will, to be plenteous in mercy, is to have the real spirit of Christmas." ~ Calvin Coolidge

The Association's annual meeting for 2015 was held on November 7th. There was an election and Randy Kuhl, Joyce Morris, Carl Bauer and Richard Moore were elected. The board members held an organizational meeting immediately following the annual meeting and decided the following slate of officers would serve in 2016: John Rasmussen, president; Glenn Norton, vice president; Randy Kuhl, treasurer; and Bryon Smith, secretary. All the board members are serving two-year staggered terms (approved at the 2011 annual meeting).

The board meetings for 2016 have been preset in an effort to let owners who want to attend be able to mark their calendars in advance. The 2016 board meetings will be February 4, June 2, September 1 and November 3. The annual meeting is scheduled for November 5.

I need to point out a correction to the meeting minutes for the annual meeting that were recently mailed out.

The minutes stated the following: "Dan Rieth stated that Westgate beautified the golf course then raised the rates." This is incorrect.

The minutes should have stated the following and will be corrected: "Dan Rieth stated that the volunteers beautified the golf course then Westgate raised the rates."

Our apologies to Dan and especially his wife Ellie because she is one of the hard working volunteers who has sacrificed her time and money to help spruce up areas around Grenelefe. It is important to give credit where credit is due! Ellie Reith and Ruth Norton along with others have done a fabulous job planting trees and flowers out on the golf courses as well as at some of the entrances to Grenelefe. There seems to be a movement toward volunteering to help beautify Grenelefe. I understand from Randy Kuhl that there

were 38 people at the homeowner's welcome back dinner that signed up to help. This is fantastic and I am excited that residents of the community are willing to roll up their sleeves and help out. If you are interested and want to be a part of this, send an e-mail to the following : grenevols@yahoo.com.

I mentioned the Grenelefe Homeowner's Association and I wanted to make sure that everyone is clear that this is different from the Condominium Association. The Homeowner's Association (Arrowhead Lakes, Aspenwood, Club Estates, Country Homes and Grenelefe Estates) has a directory and also sponsors four or five social events throughout the year. You will receive newsletters as well as a homeowner's directory. Condominium owners are welcome to join this group. The fee is \$30 per year. If you are interested in joining, mail a check to Grenelefe Homeowners Association, P.O. Box 5192, Haines City, FL 33845. This is a great way to get connected with others in the community.

We will be adding a fourth dumpster to the east side to try to alleviate some of the overflow of garbage that seems to happen during these months of higher occupancy. We ask that everyone do their part to reduce the amount of waste that is produced, especially during the holidays. I know it is tempting to drop off that perfectly good old TV that someone may want, because you just got a new flat screen, or furniture because you got a new couch, but please don't do this. Call the office at 863-422-0077 and arrange to have us pick these old items up for you. There is a small fee involved to cover the cost of maintaining a separate roll-off dumpster, but it makes everyone's life better. Breaking down boxes is another way to help out and make room for everyone's trash.

I want to remind you about our website at www.grenelefecondominium.com. There is a wealth of information that we have put up on the site for you. There is an area where units can be listed for rent or sale. This is a great way to get your contact information out there for potential renters or buyers or to look for yourself. All of the board meeting minutes are posted on the site, along with the condominium rules and regulations. The website is a great way to stay connected with what is happening with your association.

The entire Grenelefe Condominium Association staff sends you warm holiday wishes, and as always, it is a pleasure for us to serve you. We look forward to seeing you soon.

Sincerely,

Chris Gourdie
General Manager