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PRINCETON VILLAGE

STATE OF THE HMSG 2019

The year started off on a sad note, with the passing of Reade Nimick on February 22<sup>nd</sup>. Reade has lived in The Mill for over 20 years, was an avid squash player, belonged to Bob Bevan's Thursday morning tennis group and chaired a bible study. He and I lobbied to move the 8:00 time slot back to 9:30 and threatened to come in our PJ's if it stayed at 8:00. He had been the HMSG treasurer for 8+ plus years and provided the comfort of our funds being in good hands.. In September of 2018 he and Pam sold their home in Lincoln village and moved to Wellington. Always a gentleman and added a touch of class to our organization and The Mill. He will be missed.

In March, we lost another valued person in Bruce Sellers. Many do not know him, but all have been effected by him. He was the guy that fixed what was broken or built things from scratch. He always had a smile on his face and a demeanor to be envied. He was not employed by Hershey's Mill but always seemed to be here. I worked with him for many years and never ceased to be amazed at his talents, from designing and building the bocce courts to running a back hoe when installing the sidewalks. I will miss his smiling face.

Unlike years past, the 2019 spring meeting is a shift away from the traditional report by the management and activity leaders, The meeting is being replaced with an activity EXPO format. The purpose is to attract more HMSG members and invite those residents who are not members. This report covers those subjects which will not be on display at the EXPO.

Some would say, "everyone knows who we are and what we do". I would argue that 50% of the residents do not know what we do!

I would also argue that, of our members, few know "all" we do.

The EXPO will provide the opportunity to see "all" we do, plus what is new for the 2019 season.

As an enticement, there will be free wine and snacks. "Bring a Neighbor"

We have new representative for the HMSG, on the MA BOD. It is Karl Grentz and he is a true supporter of the HMSG. Welcome and thank you Karl. He has already made his presence known by encouraging the other presidents to communicate with their residents. In addition, he recognizes the importance of the marketing of "life style" both within the community and to the outside world. He feels the importance of the HMSG deserves a full time attendant.

I have announced that I am retiring as the HMSG president. Having served in different capacities of president for 8+ years, it is time to pass the baton to those who see a vision beyond mine. It has been a wonderful ride and were it not for the volunteers who step forward, we never would have seen the tennis group of 2010 become the HMSG of today. THANK YOU.

Petitions for the office must be in my hands no later then July 10<sup>th</sup>. Step forward and experience new friends, and emotional rewards.

Gary Habbersett has replaced Reade and his report will follow. Because of Reade's passing and Gary stepping in January, and with the election for treasurer scheduled for this September, as was advertised and agreed to, the next election for treasurer will be in 2021. I would be remiss if I did not mention the financial success is primarily because of Nancy Sullivan and Sharon Kope and their tireless effort associated with the socials, John McGinty's membership drive and our sponsors, Wagner Real Estate and John Clarke, Realtor.

John DeVol's report will cover the facilities, both the maintenance and additions. His efforts are just making us better each year. Below is a summary of accomplishments since our meeting last fall and committee reports.

Elections: Because of Reade Nimick's passing and Gary assuming the treasurer's role in January, that office will not be up for election until 2021.

The office of president is up for election and the filing date is July 10<sup>th</sup>, 60 days prior to the Fall meeting, in accordance to our bylaws. (See attached)

Minutes may be seen on the HM web site.

Treasurer: Gary Habbersett

Facilitates; John DeVol

Treasury:

Gary Habbersett assumed the responsibility in January, upon the death of Reade. The year-end balance was \$11,362.73. We have had sponsorship donations of \$2,450.00, leaving a May first balance of \$13,812.73.

Please see John's following letter which outlines how our funds are being used.

**BE SURE TO ATTEND THE EXPO ON THE 22ND FOR 2019 DETAILS ON EACH ACTIVITY**