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Hilltop Events

Board of Directors: Meet the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 10 AM at Hilltop House. Agendas are posted in the lobby and residents are welcome to attend.

Road to Independence: Wednesday, August 11 at 10 AM. A Newport based non-profit organization assisting the physically and mentally challenged. Coffee will be served on the HT patio. What!! Donkeys?? Come join us!

Reminder: Cluster 2-Meet and Greet Your Neighbor! Saturday August 21st at 4pm on the patio. Fun, frolic, and fellowship to be shared by all! Details available in Cluster 2 cubbies.

Reminder: Cluster 5 Party! Plans are in the works! Check those cubbies to see what, and where the end of August brings this very active cluster together!

Hilltop Players Present: Wednesday September 8th at 4 PM. Our talented neighbors will perform play readings under the direction of Nancy Stone. A social hour will follow the performance. BYOB

EXTRA! Kearsarge Community Band: Tentatively scheduled for September.. Time to be announced. A special performance will be given for Hilltop residents. Enjoy an afternoon of festive music on the patio. Tune up those singing voices!

Oktoberfest: Wednesday, October 13th at 4PM. Food, fun, music, and lots of beer! More information to follow.

Thank You!

The HPCA is extending warm wishes to Joan Ebberson and Ralph Perkins as they actively pursue a new venue. Thanks to their efforts the Hilltopper has reached our homes for the past several years keeping us apprised of current events, activities, and who or what lurks in our yards and surrounding fields. Best of luck and happiness as you move on to new challenging adventures!



Life is a circus!—Just ask us!

That is correct! Come and meet a real ass—the four legged kind that is also called a donkey! The picture above shows two of the family of donkeys on the road during a Christmas parade.

The Road to Independence is a non-profit prevocational training program. Participants with differing abilities learn valuable life skills through meaningful prevocational training programs such as horticultural and farming, non-riding equine programs, bakery, and “on the road” community events.

The Aurora Bakery participants will be providing sweet treats on the patio. A special surprise for all!



Don't forget to ask to greet one of their Four legged friends!

Teach this triple truth to all: a generous heart, kind speech, and a life of service and compassion are the things which renew humanity.

—BUDDAH

BOOK NOTES



Like book lovers everywhere, over the years I've read a ton of books ranging from poor to excellent, but rarely do I find one that falls into the "must read" category. The award winning *The Warmth of Other Suns* by Isabel Wilkerson, the story of America's Great Migration, is a "must read" for several reasons. First, this is an important part of American history that has never been told in the voices of the migrants. Also, the author's extraordinary personal involvement in gathering her research is another first; in her interviews Wilkerson established relationships which lasted for life.

Black Americans migrated from the South to the North as early as 1917. They left their rural homes and families for uncertain futures in strange urban cities to escape backbreaking labor in the cotton fields, poverty, violence, and unrelenting discrimination. To tell this story Wilkerson interviewed more than 1200 people before she zeroed in on the lives of George Starling, and Robert Foster. Over a period of years she sat in each of their homes and talked with them about their quest for human dignity and freedom. In their own words they shared their interior lives and motivations for leaving, as well as their failures and successes in their northern homes.

Wilkerson uses her talents as a journalist to write a compelling history of the lives of these migrants and the "larger emotional truths" which the author calls "a singular gift" of their story..

-Fay Bronstein

Fay would love to share your enthusiasm for interesting books you have read. Please leave all information in her cubby #36.



Garden News

While strolling along County Road, stop by the community gardens to see the bodacious bounty of beautiful wild flowers. So many varieties! Thank you Brad Leavit for the surprise garden! Want to join the community garden folks next year? Contact Brad & Jay -cubby #9.

*Jill, cubby #8, will help assign spaces in the green house to start your new summer



Photo by Ann Paulson

The Garden Group

Have you ever observed a group of delightful ladies sharing thoughts about your garden or your neighbors garden? They are enjoying the rewards of hours of preparation and hard work. If you have questions, or need to solve a garden problem, these are the folks to ask. Thank them cheerfully with a celebratory toast to beautiful gardens! Contact Nina Rogers, cubby #128, to join the Group.

Kudos

to Linda Colby and the House Committee for a gathering worthy of Hollywood celebrating 50 years at Hilltop. Decorations fit for the ballroom. Appetizers and buffet beyond expectations. Music on the patio by The Nancy Trip Quartet took us back to those thrilling days of yesteryear. What a wonderful evening for all!

