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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

This will be my last column as President of the Country Club Hills Civic Association.

For a number of reasons, I've had to make the difficult decision to step down as of September 1.

I've worked with some great people on the board in the last year and a half, and it's been a pleasure to get to know them. But, sometimes we have to make hard choices about where to spend our limited time and energy.

As much as I wish I could do everything I'd like, life doesn't work that way.

The board is also losing Joe Estabrooks, the VP for Civic Affairs, who is moving. We all wish him and his family the best; the neighborhood will miss them.

Ernie Klimonda has decided to step down as chair of the Welcoming Committee. Ernie has been the person making sure that as each new family moved in, they were the happy recipients of a basket full of goodies. Ernie will be staying on the board, but he's had to give up one of the several roles he's had.

This means that there are opportunities for you to join the board of CCHCA. It's a great chance to get to know your neighbors and to help make your neighborhood a little bit brighter. I hope you'll seriously consider giving it a chance.

Country Club Hills is a genuinely nice place to live, mainly because of the people who live here. I'm very grateful to have gotten the chance to serve you all.

Thank you,

Matt

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BLOCK CAPTAIN'S CORNER

We want to welcome our newest Block Captain, Renae Myers. She took over Jennifer Passey's route (4F) which includes these houses on Farmington Drive (10103, 10105, 10107, 10109, 10111, 10113, 10115, 10117 10119, 10121, and 10123).

So if you see her out delivering newsletters and flyers to your homes, please say Hi and welcome her.

DO YOU KNOW YOUR BLOCK CAPTAIN?

Submitted by Brian Fraser

Lara Hughes (3407 Andover Drive) Route 2A - (3403, 3405, 3407, 3409, 3411, 3413, 3415 Andover; 10010, 10012 Cornwall)

Lara Hughes is the Block Captain for homes on the west side of Andover Drive and around the corner on Cornwall . She and her husband Andy and daughter moved to CCH in 2004 from nearby Arlington . They saw CCH and the City of Fairfax as a nice place to start building a family life. Truer words perhaps were never spoken because in 2011 Lara's twins were born and now their house is a busy place for sure. Our interview took place when Lara was enjoying what was likely a rare moment of quiet thanks to nap time. Their daughter is headed into first grade at Daniels Run Elementary and the twins are now three. Lara has been a Block Captain since 2008. She really loves that there are so many original and long time owners here and is happy to welcome new owners to the neighborhood. Thanks to Lara for your dedication to CCH!

The photo is of Lara (National's shirt, second from right), her husband Andrew next to her, her sister and brother-in-law, and the two families' children. The little boys are Lara's as is the shortest girl.



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COMMUNITY LIBRARY

Have you stopped by the Commons and checked out our new Community Library?

Chris Gagen built and installed the library box.

Please feel free to take a book to read, or drop off one to share with your neighbors.

Your Neighborhood Needs You!

Do you have a couple of hours to spare? CCHCA is looking for volunteers to help manage our many social activities.

Contact any board member to learn how you can help.

ADVERTISING COMMITTEE

Submitted by Hildie Carney, Chair

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NEIGHBOR TO NEIGHBOR

By David Stearman, N2N Chair

One of the things that makes CCH such a special place to live is the sense of connection among residents. It may seem a little “old-fashioned,” but our neighborhood really is a *community*, in the true sense of the word. We know each other, we talk to each other, we share our lives with each other—the good and the bad, the ups and the downs.

Sadly, over the past several months we have seen more than our share of loss, as several long-time members of the CCH community have passed away:

- Michael Shen passed away on March 13. He was born in Shanghai, China, and came to the United States in 1953, where he worked as a ship designer for the Department of the Navy. He had served as a dedicated Boy Scout adult leader since 1970. He is survived by his wife, Mae; his son Jeffrey and daughter Julia; and his grandson Timothy.

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WELCOMING COMMITTEE

Submitted by: Ernie Klimonda, Welcoming Committee

CCHCA would like to welcome it's newest residents. More information may be found at the Online Directory

Bill and Erin Matlock,
10111 Spring Lake Terrace
703-628-8557

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SMOKE DETECTORS

Submitted by: Ernie Klimonda

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BEAUTY SPOTS

Have you ever seen a yard that had luscious, vibrant, colorful landscaping and wished someone were around to give you a tour? Stop by this month's Beauty Spot and your wish may be granted. Congratulations Jaime and Carmen Figueroa of 3507 Pinehurst. You are the recipients of the August 2014 Beauty Spot award.

While out looking for this month's winner, someone suggested we check out the house on Pinehurst with the Pineapple Fountain. We are certainly glad we did, for that is where we met our young docent, Justin, the Figueros' 7-year-old nephew. He took us around to each bed, pointing out his favorite things.

On the right side of the driveway, a row of trees: crepe myrtles, dogwood, Japanese Red maple. Justin made sure we noticed the daisies, Black-eyed Susans (which are interspersed throughout the yard) and the shells that his aunt placed around the tree beds.

The top of the driveway was home to a container garden: overflowing pots of begonias,


lilies, petunias, and Gerber daisies. Also a mini vegetable garden of green bean and tomato plants bursting with produce ripe for the picking. (I can practically taste those beans cooked up with some tomatoes and a bit of garlic... Yum!)

The left side of the driveway had an assortment of evergreens and a dogwood to create the structure for the bed, and hostas, Black-eyed Susans, begonias and mint to fill in. Justin pointed out his favorite in the bed, the Butterfly Bushes, blooming purple and white flowers. And yes, Justin said, he has seen many butterflies.

This is a yard chock-full of beautiful, interesting plantings and we are thrilled to see such a young person interested in all that it has to offer. Perhaps we have the next generation of gardeners sprouting right here in Country Club Hills.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Judelsohn with Joyce Skoglund for Country Hills Garden Club



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In the December newsletter you will find more detailed instructions as well as the planned dates and a sign-up form. As was done last year, all requests for visits should be made using the form and submitted either in person or electronically. No requests can be taken over the phone (unless there is an volunteer willing to accept these calls).

Anyone interested in helping to organize and/or drive Santa for his rounds is invited to contact newsletter@cchca.org. We expect Santa to need drivers for three different nights. Due to the overwhelming number of requests, families willing to host other families are greatly appreciated.

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MEMBERSHIP

Submitted by: Judy Fraser VP Membership membership@cchca.org

Join or renew your CCHCA membership today!

Our neighborhood is a great place to live in good part because neighbors are neighborly and residents feel welcomed and connected. That doesn't happen by chance. The CCH Civic Association has been a great way to help build that great spirit by sponsoring neighborhood social activities, our yahoo group, website, welcoming activities and much more. CCHCA membership can be a way for you to contribute your talents and skills too. The more volunteers we have the more we can accomplish. You've probably read in the newsletter or emails about the Neighbor to Neighbor committee of the CCHCA. The board established it so that the association has a way to reach out to neighbors who are in need of help due to illness or other difficulties, but it wouldn't be happening without the volunteer efforts of David Stearman and Jennifer Judelsohn. Please consider volunteering some time as well and you will enjoy your membership, and life in CCH, that much more.

Thank you to all our neighbors who have joined or renewed their membership for 2014! If you haven't yet joined or renewed please fill out the form on the back of this newsletter or on our website at <http://www.cchca.org/testwp/wp-content/uploads/2013/12/Application-2014R3.pdf>. If you can volunteer or support the association in other ways, you can note that on the application as well.

If you aren't sure if you have already paid your dues for this year or next, feel free to contact me at jrobbfraser@gmail.com or (703) 825-7022. You can also check our current membership list online at http://www.cchca.org/membership/Membership_2014.pdf. And thanks to Ernie Klimonda for, among many, many other things, his work on keeping our membership records current.

HELPFUL HINTS AND REMINDERS

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Visit our website www.cchca.org and click on "Homes for sale in CCH" to find the updated list of homes on the market and recently sold homes.

CCH Directory 2015

We are in the midst of updating and preparing our CCH directory for next year. Please verify your entries in the 2014 directory (available online!) and let us know if you'd like to make any changes. Thank you.

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NEIGHBORTO NEIGHBOR

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- Jean Benneche, an original owner in CCH, died July 24 of Alzheimer's disease. Over the years, Jean was active in the CCH community, such as being a block captain, as well as many other volunteer activities, including working the polls. Her son Joe says she spent many happy hours walking through CCH with Frisky, a little black and white dog, and was always ready to give a smile and start up a conversation.
- Long-time resident Lou Frank passed away on July 25 after a long bout with cancer. Lou served with the U.S. Marine Corps for 21 years, including two tours in Vietnam. He then worked as Animal Warden for the Fairfax City Police Department until his retirement in 1993. He is survived by his wife, Donna; daughter, Tracey; and sons Chesty, Kevin; as well as five grandchildren.
- Alicia Thomas died on August 14 after a 5-year battle with breast cancer. She was very active in CCH, particularly within the pool community; she had served for several years on the board of the CCHRC. Alicia is survived by her husband, Patrick; her three daughters, Sydney, Emma, and Caitlin; her parents, Dot and Paul Hutchison; her brother Paul Hutchison; her parents-in-law, Eileen and Phil Thomas; and her dear friend Anne Barlas. Community members who wish to help ease the Thomas family's financial burden during this difficulty time may make a donation at www.gofundme.com/aliciathomas.

I know that all CCH residents join me in offering sincere condolences to the families of these departed members of our community.

On the positive side, in June, the CCH community celebrated the Passey family with a festive sendoff as they prepared to depart for Dhaka, Bangladesh, for two years. Over the past several years Jennifer Passey had been a very active member of the community, serving on the CCHCA board as well as participating in Fairfax City governance. While the family is away, Mike Passey's brother and sister-in-law will be occupying their house—which will be renovated by the time the Passeys' return.

If you or one of your neighbors need a helping hand, please contact neighbor@cchca.org.

For other board member and committee contact information, please see the entire list at cchca.org

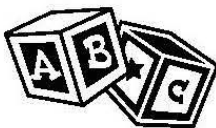
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