Cary Wiest Named Grand Marshal of the 4th of July Parade

by Sylvia Merkadeau & Rick Priola

Naming someone the Grand Marshal of the 4th of July parade is the highest honor the HCA 4th of July committee can bestow on a Highlander. This year’s honoree is Cary Wiest, the immediate past president of the HCA, who has led the community as it dealt with some of its most crucial issues, including the renewed Chamberlain development project, the escape from the Youth Services Center, and the rising costs of the sewer systems.

Cary grew up in Santa Clara County with a house full of boys, including two foster children. To keep them busy and out of trouble, his father taught them the importance of giving to the community. He encouraged Cary from a young age to volunteer to help out the neighbors. It was good training for Cary’s future, and the Highlands has clearly benefited.

In 1999 while living in Walnut Creek, Cary and his better half, Pam Merkadeau, decided it was time to move closer to family. Pam had grown up in the Highlands, and the location made it an excellent commute to school, jobs, and Cary’s family in San Jose. Having worked on radiant systems for over three years, Cary had sworn he would never own a house with that type of heating, but the beauty of the area and the sense of community won him over.

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50th Celebration Brings Paraders from All Over!

by Florence Beier

Once you’ve been in a Highlands July 4th parade, it’s a lifelong dream. So four former Highlanders are coming back for our 50th celebration and plan to march in the parade again – after 40 years away. Many residents remember the Watkins family, who lived on New Brunswick with their seven children from 1958 to 1970. Ruth Watkins painted portraits of about half the youngsters in the community during those years, and some residents are proud owners of paintings by Bob Watkins.

The four Watkins offspring who will parade on the 4th can illustrate the theme of “Around the World” by coming from four different states: Heidi from Oklahoma, Piper from Iowa, Heather from Minnesota, and Jed from Alaska!

This year’s parade will be a special time for the old, new, and young who live here, visit, or return from afar.

4th of July - Volunteer for an Easy Shift!

We can really use help with the Food Booth, Fireworks, Midway, or Parade.
Meet some neighbors while you give back to the community.

To sign up for an open shift, go to http://www.lhkang.net/j4

HRD Meeting
Tuesday, July 13, 7 p.m.
Rec Center Social Room

lowdown Deadline
Friday, July 9

HCA Meeting
Tuesday, June 22, 7:30 p.m.
Rec Center Social Room
FROM THE HIGHLANDS COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

Updated website: The big news for the HCA this month is the launching of our great updated website, www.highlandscommunity.org. Not only will you be able to read the lowdowns and other community information online, but you’ll also be able to pay your HCA dues and make July 4th contributions through your bank, credit card, or PayPal account on our interactive site. We’ll be able to post photos of community events and alert our residents when there are last minute changes to public meeting dates, as happened often during the negotiations on the Chamberlain Project. Many thanks to Uy Ut and Beverly Madden for this great work.

Election: The June election is over, and changes are coming in many San Mateo County offices. We congratulate our District 3 Supervisor, Mark Church, who will become the new San Mateo County Assessor/Clerk/Recorder when the new terms start on January 1. He ran unopposed in his election and will be following in the footsteps of his father, who also served in this position. Supervisor Church has been extremely helpful to our community, and we wish him well.

In the election to fill the District 3 Supervisor seat, no candidate received more than 50% of the vote, so there will be a runoff in November between the top two vote getters: Don Horsley, who received 39%, and April Vargas, who received 23.7%. Don Horsley spoke at our April HCA meeting, and several residents expressed appreciation for his assistance while he was County Sheriff. There will be no runoff for District 2 Supervisor since Carole Groom received almost 75% of the vote in that election.

July 4th: This lowdown is full of information about our July 4th celebration. You can find out about the parade route, foot race, tennis tournament and golf tournament, as well as how to volunteer. An hour of your time can serve the community while giving you a good time too. To volunteer for the Fireworks, Midway, Food Booth, or Parade, go to http://www.hlkang/j4. You won’t regret it. On page 5 you can find out how to join our early July 4th supporters listed there--local businesses and neighbors who have become sponsors of the celebration with their contributions. We appreciate all their help.

Hillcrest: The County has started the process of demolishing the old Hillcrest building on the Youth Services Center complex. We are pleased that the Probation Department is committed to being good neighbors and keeping us informed as the work goes on. See page 9 for more details. We’ll keep you up to date in the lowdown and on the website as the work goes on.

Earthquake hints: For some quick hints on how to prepare for earthquakes and what to do if one should occur, see page 10. If you haven’t given much thought to this issue, it’s a good place to start your planning.

As always, I look forward to meeting you and seeing you at the HCA meetings. If you have questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at hcapres@gmail.com.

HCA Meeting Tuesday, April 22, 7:30 p.m.
Agenda
I. Call to Order
II. Review and Approval of the Minutes
III. Sheriff’s Dept/CHP/CDR Cal Fire
IV. Treasurer’s Report
V. Reports
A. First Vice President
B. Second Vice President
C. Treasurer
D. Membership
E. lowdown
F. Public Utilities Committee
G. Emergency Services Committee
H. Land Committee
VI. Old Business
VII. New Business/Announcements
VIII. Adjournment

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Emergency Services: Pam Merkadeau 280-9046
Membership: Liesje Nicolas 773-7805
Technology: Beverley Madden 574-1593
HCA Board Meeting, May 25, 2010

I. Call to Order – the meeting was called to order at 7:44 p.m. by President Rick Priola.

II. Review & Approval of the Minutes – A motion to approve the minutes of April 27, 2010, was made by Wil Pinney, seconded by Bob Gutierrez, and unanimously approved.

III. Sheriff’s Department/CHP/CDR Cal Fire – The Sheriff’s Department introduced the new night shift team and reported a decrease in burglaries over the January to March period.

IV. Reports
A. 1st Vice President – HRD news presented by Margaret Glomstad included the coming departure of Aimee Lemoine, current Childcare Director, and the announcement of her replacement by Mike Coney, as well as the announcement of the 10-year renovation of the pool next spring.

B. Treasure – Treasurer David Krakower presented the finalized budget. A motion to approve the budget was made by 1st Vice-President JP Bernard, seconded by Dixon Reilley, and unanimously approved.

C. 2nd Vice-President - The 2nd Vice-President, Gene McKenna, gave a brief status report on the 4th of July preparation. An incorrect URL was published in the May lowdown – will be corrected in the June issue.

D. Membership – Membership Chair Liesje Nicolas reported good progress in membership enrollments for the year, currently at 64% of her target (336 members). Work on the HCA website will soon enable dues payments and donations to be made online.

E. lowdown – Dorothy Greene announced the deadline for the next lowdown as June 4, 2010.

F. Public Utilities Committee – Public Utilities Committee Chair Wil Pinney announced that the Board of Supervisors of San Mateo County is considering making periodical (every 5 years) inspection of sewer laterals mandatory. Cost of County inspection may represent $300 per dwelling and would likely be included in residents’ sewer utility invoices. People who would have recently renovated their laterals could be exempted from the charge.

G. Emergency Services Committee – No report

H. Land Committee – Land Committee Chair Sam Naifeh mentioned the possibility of hiring our consultants to track the execution of the Chamberlain project.

V. Old Business - None

VI. New Business/Announcements

County Board of Supervisors candidate Don Horsley made a presentation to the meeting, and several attendees commented on his long-standing interaction with our community.

VII. Adjournment – Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by JP Bernard, seconded by James Goodman, and unanimously approved at 8:35 p.m.
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Summer Guitar Lessons
all ages, including adults
M 8/2-8/30  3-5 p.m.  $100/105
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Learn how to play the guitar by focusing on technique and ear training. The approach and method is beginner-friendly and aims to make each lesson a productive and enjoyable experience. Call 341-4251 to sign up for your 30 minute lesson time slot. Times vary. Lessons begin every half-hour. Three kids max per time slot.

Saturday Summer Tennis Lessons
Pre-T 6/12-7/17  1:30-2 p.m.
$40/45
Youth I 6/12-7/17  2-3 p.m.
$60/65
Youth II 6/12-7/17  3-4 p.m.
$60/65
Pre-T is an introductory tennis class for children ages 3-6 that teaches balanced movement, footwork skills, and eye-hand coordination. (ASP fee & camp fee: $5 less than resident fee.)

Youth I is for youth with little experience or instruction. They will learn the basic fundamentals of proper backswing, grip, forearm, backhand, serve, and volley. Although the age range is flexible, Youth Tennis I students typically range from 7-10 years old. (ASP fee & camp fee: $5 less than resident fee.)

Youth II improves upon what was learned in Youth Tennis I and introduces tennis strategy to the students. Youth Tennis II students typically range in age from 8-13 years. (ASP fee & camp fee: $5 less than resident fee.)

Adult Swimming Lessons
Beginner Adult Group Lessons
Sat 9:30 a.m.  6/19-7/24 (no class 7/3)
& 7/31-8/28  $47/52 per session
This class is for those afraid of and uncomfortable in the water. It is taught with each participant working at his or her own pace. Participants learn water safety skills, floating, developing confidence in deep water, and basic swimming skills. Ages 16 and up.

Intermediate Adult Group Lessons
Sun 9:30 a.m.  6/20-7/25 (no class 7/4)
& 8/1-8/29  $47/52 per session
This class is for those who are not afraid of the water and are looking to improve their swimming skills. Participants learn floating, rhythmic breathing, crawl stroke, elementary backstroke, treading water, and other swimming skills. Ages 16 and up.

Highlands Masters
MWF 8 a.m.-9 a.m.
6/14-7/16  $75/80
7/19-8/20  $75/80
T/TH 8-9 p.m.
6/15-7/15  $50/55
7/20-8/21  $50/55
Masters Drop-ins $10

Junior Lifeguarding
M-F 9 a.m.-4 p.m.  $175/180/wk
Jr. Guards will work out daily to improve their physical fitness both on land and in the water. They will learn about causes of and ways to prevent drowning and diving accidents; how to supervise others around water; how to recognize when someone is in trouble; and basic first aid, CPR, and AED. Jr. Guards will develop leadership skills necessary to become successful lifeguards, including effective communication, how to make informed decisions, how to work as a team, and about customer service. Fridays, the Junior Lifeguards will participate in staff trainings and then be taken on different aquatic-themed field trips throughout the Bay Area. On some of the longer field trip days they will not participate in trainings. NOTE: Field trips are subject to change and may require different fees.

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When they moved here in June of 1999, he began volunteering immediately. That first summer he worked in the food booth at the 4th of July midway, and it was the beginning of years of increasing involvement. Cary served as HCA President from 2005 to 2009, and was Vice President for the preceding four years. In addition to the Land, Sewer, and Youth Services Committees where Cary has been actively involved representing the Highlands, he has become increasingly concerned about County issues as well. He is now serving on the Jail Planning Advisory Committee, the San Mateo Charter Review Committee, the Youth Services Outreach, and the Crystal Springs County Sanitation District Committee.

Cary has been in many aspects of real estate for over 25 years, and when there’s time, he enjoys working on his house, helping neighbors (his Dad’s early lessons stayed with him), martial arts, thoroughbred horse racing, fishing, and golf.

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There are many ways to participate in the 4th of July parade—the more creative you are the better! Ribbons will be awarded in the categories listed left, plus trophies for Best of Parade and Best Use of Theme. All entries are welcome, whether you follow this year’s theme or go with a traditional July 4th idea.

Registration: 9-9:45 a.m.
Pre-judging: 9:15 a.m.    Parade: 10 a.m.
Awards Ceremony: 1 p.m.
Questions? call Patricia, 572-2433, or email Patricia Gill-Thielen@hp.com

PARADE CATEGORIES: Trikes (& bikes with training wheels), Family (& Multi-Family) Groups, Bikes & Blades, Individuals (with or without pets), and Organizations.

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Highlands Book Group
by Jo Nassutti

The Book Club meets on the first Tuesday of the month, at 10:15 a.m., in the Exercise Room at the Rec Center.

For July 6 we will read The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo by Stieg Larsson and Reg Keeland. At its core, this is a fascinating character study of a young woman who easily masters computer code but has trouble with human interaction, and a lazy investigative reporter who in the end digs deep to uncover the true story of the young woman and other involved characters.

Our selection for August 3 is The Heretic's Daughter by Kathleen Kent. She takes us back to the Salem, Massachusetts, witch trials of the 1690s. Sarah Carrier and her family arrive in Andover, a town near Salem, where they find a community gripped by superstition and fear. The Puritans come to believe that heretics in their midst are responsible for the increase in Indian attacks and the spread of the plague.

Based on the accusations of a few young girls, hysteria mounts and ends with more than 200 men, women, and children sent to jail on charges of witchcraft. Among these unfortunate ones is Sarah’s mother.

Questions? call Jo Nassutti at 650-345-8915.
Curious? come by and observe.

Senior Network Sets Summer Schedule
by Cliff Donely

Before writing about the HSN summer schedule, we seniors want to express our gratitude to the HCA Land Committee, led by Sam Naifeh, and negotiators Cary Wiest and our neighbors across Polhemus, Alan and Cathy Palter, for their expertise, diligence, and persistence in preserving our open space and the character of our neighborhood. We thank you for hanging in there for over two decades and doing a valuable service.

During the busy summer months we will limit our activity. On Tuesday, July 27th, at 12:30 p.m., Trudy Huygen will be hosting a potluck luncheon at her home on Cobblehill. Our past potlucks have been well attended and very enjoyable. We will need a head count, so if you can make it, please phone Trudy at 341-5969 or Cliff at 349-5290.

On August 18th at 12:30 p.m. we plan to return to Harry’s Hofbrau at 1297 Chess Drive in Foster City. We were royally treated on our first visit with a room all to ourselves. I’ll try to reserve it again. If you need more information or directions, check highlands-senior-network@googlegroups.com or phone Cliff, 349-5290.

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HIGHLANDS RESIDENT
Safety Reminder
For the July 3rd
Fireworks

by Peter Cajthaml

Along with the July 3rd fireworks fun we are planning this year, we must remind everyone that in the interest of public safety, much of the schoolyard will again be closed to the public for most of that day.

On July 3rd from 2 p.m. through the rest of the evening, please enter and exit the schoolyard spectator area through the two gates on Bunker Hill Drive only; both before and after the fireworks show. All other gates to the school will be blocked. Yellow caution tape will be displayed as a reminder to indicate the restricted areas. Please note that the section of Yorktown between Bunker Hill and Newport needs to be closed to vehicle traffic, and no foot traffic is allowed on the sidewalk that is next to the school. Foot traffic will be allowed on the far sidewalk where the houses are located.

We apologize for any inconvenience and very much appreciate your cooperation. The fireworks will start at approximately 9:30 p.m. Please come and enjoy a safe and spectacular show!

Exciting Membership News

by Liesje Nicolas, HCA Membership Chair

The HCA’s website, www.highlandscommunity.org, has been updated, and you can now pay annual membership dues and make July 4th contributions online with a credit card, bank account, or PayPal account. Check it out!

We’ve reached 70% of our 2010 membership goal, but we still need those who haven’t joined to pay their dues. The festivities are just around the corner! There is still time to mail your $30 dues and donations for the 4th of July celebrations to: HCA, 205 De Anza Blvd. #49, San Mateo, 94402.

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As I write this, the 2009-2010 school year is quickly coming to a close, and the Highlands staff and PTA are hard at work planning the new school year. Budget cuts on the state and local levels continue to make this job a challenging one. One big change that will affect the Highlands community is the school start and end times. Next year all grades will start school at 8 a.m. Kindergarteners will release at noon on all five days. Grades 1, 2, and 3 will release at 2:21 p.m. on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays. Grades 4 and 5 will release at 2:51 p.m. on those days. Grades 1 through 5 will release at 12:05 p.m. on minimum day Wednesdays.

Did you catch the Highlands Theater Group’s production of Disney’s Alice in Wonderland, Jr.? As Highlands teacher and show director Diana Jang puts it, “It was 39 children, 8 weeks, less than 40 hours of rehearsal time, and 1 spectacular show!” Parent volunteers including Shannon Dobbs, Diana Jang, Kaaren Sipes, Kathy Shield, Terri Nghiem, Tricia Schroeter, Debbie Tobin, and Laura Wratten joined other volunteers in helping to produce a fabulous show that was performed twice over the Memorial Day weekend. The cast of three Alices (Joan Lee, Naomi Schroeter, and Genevieve Sipes) and numerous other students sang and acted their way into the hearts of the enthusiastic crowd. The show was free, but donations and proceeds from refreshment sales went towards the Highlands Theater Group and the music program at Highlands Elementary School.

The 2010-2011 school year will start on Wednesday, September 1. The next Highlands School News update will be in the September issue of the lowdown and will include lots of information on the Highlands Fall Gala and Auction to be held in November. From all of us at Highlands, have a wonderful summer!

**UMC News**

*by Steve Schlichter*

Vacation Bible School - Joseph’s Journey in Egypt: Crystal Springs United Methodist Church invites children to a week of Vacation Bible School. The summer children’s event, Joseph’s Journey in Egypt, will take place at the church at 2145 Bunker Hill Road, from Monday, July 19th, to Friday, July 23rd, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Dinner will be served along with lots of fun, fun, fun! This program is for children ages 2 to 12. Family members and friends are encouraged to join in.

For more information, call the church office: 650-345-2381; Louis Vaili: 650-278-7554, email tavail@yahoo.com; or Ivoni Maama, 650-430-4101, email utulongoaa@yahoo.com

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Hillcrest to be Demolished

*by Dorothy Greene*

In mid-June, the County began the long-planned process of removing the old Hillcrest building from the Youth Services Center complex. The project will have three phases: deconstruction, abatement, and demolition, and the Probation Department is committed to keeping us informed as it proceeds.

At the start there will be trucks that make one to two trips a day to the area. At the end of June the volume of traffic will increase to one to two trucks per hour. The roads in the complex will remain open, but the area should not be used for recreation during the project.

According to the Probation Department, plans for the Hillcrest site include seeding and grading for erosion control, and they are gathering information about a possible garden, berm alteration, and security improvements to the Youth Services Center. Our input will be sought before any changes are made. A new jail will not be built on the site.

With questions about the project, contact Larry Silver, Deputy Chief, at lsilver@co.sanmateo.ca.us or 650-312-5247.
**Rec Programs:** from page 4
Trip fee $35 per week.
Pre-requisite: Ability to swim front crawl 25 yards continuously using side breathing, tread water for one-minute, submerge and swim a distance of 10 feet. Age 11+
6/14-6/18 Reach or Throw-then Go! Linda Mar Beach
6/21-6/25 If it Bleeds, Bandage it. If it Breaks, Splint it. Quarry Lake
6/28-7/2 Breath of Life. Coyote Point
6/6-7/9 Save a Life, Shock ‘em! Trout Fishing
7/12-7/16 Be Kind C-spine Montara Beach
7/19-7/23 Master Disaster. X marks the spot. Aquarium of the Bay
7/26-7/30 Burns, Poisons, Bites and Stings Tilden Lake
8/2-8/6 So You Want to be a Lifeguard? Memorial Park
8/9-8/13 Junior Guard Olympics 2009 Discovery Kingdom

**Registration in Progress for 2010-2011 Child Care Programs**

**Early Education Program**
2.5-5 years old M-F
$105 non-refundable registration fee

**After School Program**
K-5th Grade $75 supply fee non-refundable deposit

**In Crowd Program**
6th-8th Grade $75 supply fee non-refundable deposit

**Junior Adventure Camp**
M-F 8 a.m.-12:30 p.m. 6/21-8/20
$160/165/wk
2.5 yrs old – entering Kindergarten
Wk 1: Dino Adventures
Wk 2: Red, White, Blue Adventures
Wk 3: Aloha Adventures
Wk 4: Pirate Adventures
Wk 5: Musical Adventures
Wk 6: Space Adventures
Wk 7: Insect Adventures
Wk 8: Jungle Adventures
Wk 9: Ocean Adventures

**4th of July Tennis Tournament**

_by Paul Fisher_

_Everybody can play! High School students are welcome._

We are again forming two teams (red and blue) to play against each other on the 4th of July. Your match could be Mixed, Women’s or Men’s Doubles. All you have to do is let the organizers know that you want to play, and if we don’t know you, please indicate the level of play. We usually have some 3.0 players, 3.5 and a few 4.0. Each player on the winning team gets a prize at the end of the day. Play starts about 11 a.m., right after the parade. You will get an e-mail (or phone call if you prefer) on Friday, July 3, telling you the color of your team and the approximate starting time. You play two sets, and in case of a tie, a third set tiebreaker. Wear an item in your team color. The cost is $10 per player. Sign up deadline is July 1.

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**Earthquake Preparedness Hints**

**Before**
Create an earthquake preparedness plan.
Prepare a disaster supply kit.
Identify and secure furniture and heavy items that could fall and cause injury.
Inform your family, and practice what to do in an emergency.

**During**
Take cover under a sturdy piece of furniture and hold on.
If outside, go into an open area, away from buildings, walls, trees, or power lines.
If driving, pull over into a clear location and stop. Avoid overpasses and power lines.

**After**
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Reprising Humor from the 30th Highlands 4th of July

by Dorothy Greene

Anticipating the upcoming 30th celebration in 1990, the late Gus Pagels, a Professor of English at Cañada College, mused in the low-down about what the founding fathers would say about the Highlands fund drive to pay for its fabulous fourth fireworks. Here are some of his “interviews.”

GEORGE WASHINGTON: “We must seek to avoid foreign entanglements, but I saw nothing intrinsically amiss in a rip-roaring fireworks show to celebrate our country’s birth. Were I still alive, I would be proud to contribute the silver dollar I threw across the Potomac. Of course a dollar went further in those days and would be worth ten or twenty today.”

THOMAS JEFFERSON: “When in the course of human events the Fourth of July descends upon us, it would indeed be mean-spirited of any citizen not to do his part, particularly those who are associated with any locale known as Monticello.”

BENJAMIN FRANKLIN: “A penny saved is a penny earned. Yet I believe a generous contribution to the Highlands Fireworks Fund to be a wise investment in instilling in our children a sense of the greatness and glory of our country’s past. After all, it’s not as if that penny is going to be shot all to hell; it will arc heavenwards in a glorious burst of red, white, blue, and chartreuse, gratifying not only the eye, but yea, the very heart of the beholder. Therefore, both I and Poor Richard advise, ‘Why not cough up ten or twenty bucks?’”

SAMUEL ADAMS: “We must all hang together, or we will all hang separately. Consequently, along with my great compatriot-to-be, Admiral Farragut, I say, ‘Damn the torpedoes; we want red rocket flares, blue star streamers, and golden sunburst!’ And lots of ‘em.”

PATRICK HENRY: “A heartfelt contribution to the Highlands Fireworks Fund in no way negates my famous maxim, ‘No taxation without representation--read my lips!’ To which I would add, ‘Give me liberty and give me fireworks!’”

FRANCIS SCOTT KEY: “To alter a few of my most famous lyrics for the occasion, ‘And the rockets’ red glare, gave proof through the night, that the Highlands does care!’”

BENEDICT ARNOLD: “Not even one damned Benedict Arnold Boulevard in the whole Highlands! I hope their lousy Fund Drive fizzles!”