



Committee & Group Reports – May 2024

Foundation Report (Cathy Schar)

How do your donations to your Foundation go to work for our community?

* Full or Partial Assistance to Residents is the largest part (to date, \$149,000 this year) plus Mini Assistance Grants. **Pillar 1**

* Learning presentations and workshops, including upcoming programs like “Befriending Mortality” the May Movie Series with Holly Pruett, the "Top Tips for Brain Health" presentation, and for fun -- Drag Queen Bingo on June 3 plus past Trivia Nights. **This is Pillar 2.**

* Financial Coaching and on-site Clinics, including a Financial Fitness Clinic with CPA Debbie Suchan coming your way on May 28 from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm in the Board Room. Sign up with Courtesy Services for your time with the coach. Also available, the vetted Preferred Providers List. **These make up Pillar 3.**

* Community Benefit Grants are available -- this includes but is not limited to equipment and start-up initiatives. Groups like the Green Team, Ready Force, Hearing Support Group, Pottery Team, Pill Bottle Project -- all have received funding. Staff Education Assistance also falls under this Pillar, **Pillar 4.** As does the Madrona Grove Quality of Life Fund.

** Phew! That’s just the start, with more services coming as we grow into the future.

Are you seeing the Pillar Talk newsletter? It is emailed to the community and can also be found on Touchtown under the Foundation icon.

Employee Appreciation Gift Fund (Judy Francis)

In 2023 we had \$198,719 in the Fund -- only \$1,281 shy of \$200,000!

In 2024 we have a new name, a new look and a new goal -- \$200,000. As of April 30, there was \$16,837 in the fund, only \$183,163 to go. We can do it! You can contribute anytime during the year. If you would like to set up an automatic transfer from your bank account, contact Paul Wathen, the Resident Council Treasurer at 503-367-832 (mobile) or paul@paulwathen.com.

Committee Members are Judy Francis (Chair), Joncile Martin, Susie Petterson, and Mary Claire Phelan.

Food Think Tank Notes (Anna Van Tyne)

Norine reviewed the Harvest Grill Mother’s and Father’s Day offerings. Norine announced plans to begin brunch weekend table service by the end of summer. We discussed meal service in the Atrium and the success of the BYOM project. Some time was also spent on how the F&B budget is impacted by minimum wage increases and the rise in food costs. A summer

cookout to recognize Gay Pride, the Stonewall anniversary, and to celebrate Fourth of July is proposed for June 26, 2024. Details of the meeting discussion can be found in the Food Think Tank minutes under the Work Groups & Reports icon on Touchtown.

Green Team (Paula Wiiken)

This month the Green Team wants to focus on the work of our **Third Act Committee**. Third Act meets on the 2nd and 4th Mondays at 11:00 am in the Board Room, *writing postcards to turn out the vote nationwide*. (Visit thirdact.org for more information). All are welcome to join us in this effort. We have been using Activate America as our address source, addressing many social issues, but we are switching to Environmental Voter Project (EVP), which focuses on younger voters and climate change. <https://www.environmentalvoter.org/updates/abc-news-live-prime-turning-out-climate-change-vote>

EVP has scheduled a postcard orientation for their next campaign. You can [sign up here](#) if you would like to attend May 20 at 9:00 am. Please join the Green Team Third Act Committee on May 27 for our next postcard writing campaign. Contact Felicia Kongable so she can order enough addresses for all writers. We hope to see you there.

The Green Team is also presenting a REDUCE REUSE RECYCLE UPCYCLE event on June 6. There will be local experts speaking, displays, a light lunch, and fun. We are also busy planting native trees with the help of our Rose Villa Grounds team. There are plans afoot to help residents add native plants to their yards this fall.

Madrona Grove (Norma Martin)

May at Madrona Grove is buzzing with activities. Spring has brought with it a delightful Mother's Day Tea on May 11, complete with festively decorated hats and delicious and beautiful treats with an assortment of teas and even wine. It was thoroughly enjoyed by many mothers, daughters, as well as friends.

Movin' and Groovin' is gaining attendance and has added Matthew Ansly leading Wednesday classes with a new vibe. On Fridays, the Rosebuds children join in on the fun with lots of energy and joy. All Rose Villa residents are welcome to attend any class anytime. Class is every day at 11:00:am except Thursday and Sunday.

Residents love visits from well-behaved dogs and their companions. If that might be something you'd like to share some puppy love with our friends living at MG, please give Marianna Iverson a call to co-ordinate the best times and days.

Coming up later this month are Horticulture Club, Yum Box and an International Dinner, the famous Ice Cream Truck, Cooking Club, and a bus trip to Clackamette Park. There are so many activities each month and with summer coming, there will be even more. Here are some in the making: Look for a picnic in a beautiful nearby park and a day trip to the Coast.

Volunteers are always needed and so appreciated! Besides, the friends you'll make will fill your heart with memories worth keeping.

Rose Villa Choir (Andrea Drury)

The choir's final rehearsal will be on May 24 at 11:15 am in the PAC. Please join us as we sing the pieces we've worked on this term. Our choir members have worked overtime -- coming to sectional rehearsals and practicing on their own at home. These extra efforts are paying off and we're making beautiful music together! Hope to see you on the 24th.

Sewing & Quilting (Mary Claire Phelan)

The quilting group meets the second and fourth Mondays from 2:00-4:00 PM. Pam Duren will be there to hear your quilting project interests should you care to attend.

On Thursdays 9:30 until 11:30 am volunteers continue to be in the sewing room to help residents with alteration or mending for donations that help maintain equipment and mostly to go to our Foundation. It is time to evaluate your summer clothes to see if our volunteers can save you the cost of replacing those now necessary items.

Treasure House (Judith Hansen)

April brought no book sales or sneak peeks, and donations were a bit down. We added several new volunteers and that is encouraging. Beginning on Friday, May 4, we opened the Treasure House at 10:00 AM and continued until 4:00 PM. On our first day, we had 20 visitors -- an encouraging beginning.

Woodshop (Joel Metzger)

The Woodshop accomplishments for April included three projects for resident groups: 1) Fabricated upper and lower rails for a lobby art piece and assisted with installation, 2) Cut and painted letters for the ceramics studio sign and 3) Cut and assembled DVD spacers for the RV library. We did one project for a resident which was repairing the handle on a roll aboard suitcase. We have also upgraded the Woodshop page on Touchtown to include more recent and varied photographs.

In March, we completed three projects, as well: 1) repaired and refinished a stool for a resident, 2) painted and assembled display panels to welcome our new CEO and to use for future displays, and 3) built two tables for the ceramics makers' space.