



# THE HIGHLANDS NIFTY FIFTIES...PLUS

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## Quarterly Newsletter

Spring 2025



### April 2025

After a long winter, I look forward to Spring (minus the pollen) and outdoor activities with family, friends, and NFP Members. Activity Leaders have prepared a variety of NFP activities, and the 1<sup>st</sup> VP has planned several special outings and events for this year. If you would like to get involved and help with planning or preparation for an upcoming event, reach out! Your help and participation are always appreciated and help create a memorable activity or event.

The NFP Calendar of events is a great resource to see what is scheduled and planned. If you have not already done so, bookmarking the NFP Web page and staying "logged-in" makes finding information fast and easy. The NFP website is well laid out, easy to navigate, and is a great resource for historical information.

### News From the Board

Sylvia Fetty volunteered to complete Dale's 2<sup>nd</sup> VP 2025 term, and I obtained the Board approval over email. She will coordinate the participant members for Activity Leaders and be the first contact for new members.

The Board has also been busy making plans for our Annual Meeting. It will be held on Sunday Oct. 12th at The Woodland Pond Clubhouse. Look for details from our Event Planner, Georgia Blackwell, in the next newsletter.

The HOA Board met on Thursday, April 10, 2025 at 6PM at the Reserve. They have asked the NFP group to assist in refreshing some of the furniture in the Lake Margaret Clubhouse. The HOA Board has requested 2-3 options for replacing the center seating areas including sofas and rugs, additional

gaming tables, and other minor furniture that is not functioning properly. We will select a small group of shoppers and meet with an assessment group at Lake Margaret to determine what needs to be replaced and compile a list of wants so the HOA Board can prioritize the spending.

Our next NFP Board meeting is June 23, 2025 @ 1-3PM at the Lake Margaret Clubhouse. All NFP members are welcome to attend. Your suggestions and ideas are always welcome, just send me a text, email or phone me. Jeff



### Did You Know...

All members are able to view Guidelines (Suggested working documents that are able to be updated by the board). that were developed this past year by board members. These guidelines are intended to help future and current board members and activity leaders. They may be accessed by all membership on our NFP website under [NFP Admin Documents](#).

The board will continue to revise current guidelines and develop others related to processes our leadership should be aware of. Current guidelines include Board Position Descriptions, Finance, Dues, Budgeting and Reserve Fund, Board Nominations and Elections, Regular Activities and Activity Leaders, Annual Leadership Schedule, and NFP use of "Highlands Clubhouse". If you have any suggestions for future guidelines, please contact [pres@highlandsnf.org](mailto:pres@highlandsnf.org)

### Group Photos

A reminder that anyone is welcome to share photos from any of our events on our Highlands Nifty Fifties...Plus Facebook page. This is where all photos of our group are stored and may be accessed. The Fun Photo section of our newsletter has been discontinued. If you're not a member of the Facebook page or prefer not to make a post, please email your pictures to [vp2@highlandsnf.org](mailto:vp2@highlandsnf.org)



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### *In Remembrance*

*It is with great sadness that we have lost 3 members of our community this past quarter.*

*Steven Lynn Cason: November 1, 1949 - January 28, 2025*

*R. Nancy Bergen: April 20, 1931 - February 27, 2025*

*Dale Alan Jones: January 17, 1959 — February 28, 2025*

*Many NFP members attended the visitation or Celebration of Life services for these NFP members.*

*Nancy and her late husband, Dan, were charter members of NFP and were both a great asset to our NFP group.*

*Our presiding 2<sup>nd</sup> VP Dale Jones and his wife Sandy were active in several NFP Activities and often attended special events.*

*Steve Cason and Patrice have been long time NFP members and Patrice is currently the Activity Leader for Chick Flicks.*

*Please keep Patrice and Sandy and their families in your thoughts and prayers during this challenging time.*

### Service Spotlight

We are collecting food and cash donations for the Kids Summer Food Program in Chesterfield County from April 10 until May 10, 2025. Our donations to the Chesterfield Food Bank Outreach Center (CFBOC) will provide breakfast & lunch meals for local children during the summer break from school.

Activity Leanders will have food donation bags at many NF+ activities, (Bocce Ball, Mah Jongg, Walking Club, Hand & Foot, Pickleball, Game Night, Men's & Women's Lunch, Duplicate Bridge, etc,) for drop off donations when attending NFP Activities, or you can call the Food Drive committee and they will pick it up and take to the Food Pantry as needed. Check your emails for Food Drive details.

Kathy Pratt, the CFBOC Partnership and Event Coordinator, stated that, with their buying power, every \$10 donation can provide 40 Meals for the Kids Summer Food Program, if you choose a monetary donation. Please note that all food donation will be accepted; items not used in the Summer Food Program, will be put into the Food Pantry for Chesterfield Seniors and Families requiring food assistance. There is still time to donate before the food drive ends. We will update everyone with the Food Drive tally after May 10<sup>th</sup>.





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This year's Highlands-Massey Classic golf tournament is scheduled for the afternoon of Thursday, September 18th. It will be our 20th year of raising money for the VCU Massey Cancer Center, and thus far we have raised over \$3 million. This money goes to fund both research and cancer treatment at VCU.

We are able to put on this wonderful tournament because of all of the volunteers we get from the Nifty Fifties Plus organization and the Highlands golfing groups. Your support is crucial to our success. We always need people to help out on the course, especially spotting holes.

If you would like to volunteer, please let me know. If you would like to donate money to this cause, one way is to purchase an In-Honor Banner (\$25) to honor a loved one with their name displayed. These banners are prominently placed around the Highlands Golf Club for all to see. Your support to this worthy cause is greatly appreciated. Elliot

### Special Activities

#### **May 2025:**

##### **Sip & Paint**

**Tuesday, May 20<sup>th</sup>, 2:00 -5:00 pm**

**Lake Margaret Clubhouse**

**Cost: \$30.00**



This event is for both men and women.

This is presented by Kathy Lee of "Pretty in Paint Parties with Kathy Lee." She has been hosting these paint parties since 2014. This is for painters of all levels. Kathy will lead and instruct the group on painting techniques. All supplies are provided and included in the cost. Payment is due on May 20<sup>th</sup> and cash or check is accepted. Make checks payable to Kathy Lee.

The picture above is what we are painting and you are able to change the colors of the flowers.

### **Squirrels Baseball Game and Fireworks**

**Thursday, May 29<sup>th</sup>, 6:35 - 8:00 pm**

**The Diamond, Richmond**

**Cost: \$15.00 per seat, VIP Parking \$5.00**

Field-level seats are \$15 each (tax included) and you can pre-purchase a parking pass for \$5 (or pay \$8 on game night).

After the game, there will be a fireworks display! Please let [Georgia](#) know if you want to ride with someone or if you are willing to drive when you RSVP. RSVP no later than May 1<sup>st</sup>.



### **June 2025:**

#### **Agecroft Hall & Gardens Guided Tour**

**Thursday, June 12<sup>th</sup>, 11:00 am**

**4305 Sulgrave Rd, Richmond**

On Thursday, June 12<sup>th</sup> we will travel to Agecroft Hall & Gardens 4305 Sulgrave Rd, Richmond, VA 23221 @ 11am, for a 1hr guided tour for \$12. You are welcome to explore the gardens after the guided tour as well.

I will collect \$12 by June 5<sup>th</sup>. We can plan to have lunch nearby afterwards if you like. Any and all suggestions are welcome. There is Joe's Inn and The Mosaic Restaurant.

Limited seating PLEASE RSVP TO [Georgia Blackwell](#) BY 2/26/25.





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### Volunteers Needed!!

#### 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade Committee

Monday, June 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2:45 pm  
Lake Margaret Clubhouse

On Monday, June 23<sup>rd</sup> at 2:45 pm after the board meeting, Georgia will meet with the volunteers for a parade committee. Please let Georgia know by June 20<sup>th</sup> @ [gblackwell1169@gmail.com](mailto:gblackwell1169@gmail.com) or call 910-988-2922.

### July 2025:

#### 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade

Friday, July 4<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 – 12:00 pm  
The Highlands

More information to come. Entries: cars, bikes, golf carts, and walking. Parade begins at The Reserve and ends at the pool.



#### Colonial Downs and Rosie's Casino

Thursday, July 24<sup>th</sup>, 2025, 1:30 PM Post Time

10515 Colonial Downs Parkway, New Kent

Cost: \$10 - \$12 Per Person

...And they're off...on Thursday, July 24<sup>th</sup> at Colonial Downs and Rosie's Casino, view races from the Grandstand Box Seats. Step inside Rosies Casino if you wish to partake before, during or after the races. (Grandstand box seat costs are \$10.00 + Ticketmaster fees (to be confirmed). Gates open at 12:00 PM, which gives us the opportunity to get a better parking place and grab a bite to eat from concessions before first post time at 1:30 PM. The last race typically concludes around 5:45 PM.

NOTE: The easiest entry point is going through the Casino entrance, take the elevator or escalator upstairs and walk down to the Grandstand Box seats. The Driver may have to let people off at the door and park. If you get there early, you'll get better parking, and you can also grab a bite to eat before going to the Grandstand Box seats (or do a little gambling).

Contact Georgia Blackwell @ [Georgia Blackwell](mailto:gblackwell1169@gmail.com)

### August 2025:

#### Flat-Water Rafting

Thursday, August 21<sup>st</sup> or 25<sup>th</sup>

James River Reeling and Rafting,

Cost: \$28.09 (with tax) per person

Advance



It doesn't get much lazier than this! On a hot summer day, you can pack up some friends and your favorite goodies in a cooler for a picnic lunch on the water to enjoy.

The shuttle will take you upriver from our HQ and you will drift back to where your car is parked in Scottsville (≈4 hrs.). This section is great for beginners and those wanting the river to do the work.

**MUST WEAR SHOES** (beach/sand shoes or old tennis shoes) and sign a waiver for tubing. Good idea to bring sunscreen and a hat for the float.

For more information click [HERE](#)





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### Special Activities



#### **September**

Polo Match

#### **October**

Annual Meeting

#### **November**

Who Did It?

#### **December**

Cookie Exchange  
NYE Party

I am open to any suggestions you may want to do as a group. Please email, text, post to NFP Facebook, or call me (910-988-2922 with any suggestions. All suggestions will be considered.

Click Here:

[Georgia Blackwell](#)



### Activities & Events Calendar

Click here for the website calendar:

<https://highlandsnf.org/calendar/>

### Social Groups



#### **Bocce Ball –**

#### **Having a Ball with Bocce!**

Welcome back to BOCCE for the 2025

Season. There was an oversight which led to a double booking of the Clubhouse for April. To avoid future issues, and to comply with Clubhouse usage rules, we have confirmed the below dates and times.

#### **2025 Bocce Ball Schedule**

Sunday, May 4	1:00pm
Sunday, June 8	4:00pm
Sunday, July 13	5:30pm
Sunday, August 10	5:30pm
Sunday, Sep 14	4:00pm
Sunday, Oct 5	4:00pm
Sunday Nov 9	1:00pm

Our next session will take place on Sunday, May 6 at 1:00pm at the Lake Margaret Clubhouse. We are happy to report that the Bocce court has been resurfaced, packed down and is ready to go!

**Donations for the NFP Food Bank Drive will be collected at this event.**

Please RSVP by 01 May and indicate if you play to play or just watch. Either way, you're welcome to join the fun.

Karen Christian / [jk71322@hotmail.com](mailto:jk71322@hotmail.com)

Diana Carman / [fraucarman@hotmail.com](mailto:fraucarman@hotmail.com)





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### 2025 Golf for Fun Schedule

Wednesday, May 7	4:30pm
Wednesday, May 21	4:30pm
Monday, June 2	4:30pm
Monday, June 16	4:30pm
Monday, July 7	4:30pm
Monday, July 22	4:30pm*
Monday, August 4	4:30pm
Monday, August 18	4:30pm
Monday, September 8	4:30pm
Monday, September 22	4:30pm
Wednesday, October 1	4:30pm
Monday, October 20	4:30pm

This a tentative schedule due to tournament demand throughout the year. A few of these dates could change.

Hope we can rock and roll with these dates!

**\*Please note date change from July 21<sup>st</sup> to July 22<sup>nd</sup>**



### Swim Finners – Come Make a Splash!

Plans are to start our water exercise program on or about June 14th at 11:00am each morning on Monday, Wednesday and Saturday until Labor Day when the pool officially closes for the summer. Everyone must join the pool by paying the pool fee shortly. Each participant must bring a noodle to exercise with. The exercise program will last about 30 to 45 minutes. This is a Nifty Fifty Plus activity so everyone must be a member of Nifty Fifties Plus. Looking forward to having a good healthy exercise program this summer. If you are not signed up for Swim Finners then contact Pat Serrill at 804-706-1101 or email at [hkspjs333@aol.com](mailto:hkspjs333@aol.com).



### Wine & Beer Tasting Club!

Our 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting will be on April 27<sup>th</sup> from 5-7 pm at Lake Margaret clubhouse. The theme for April is Spring Fling! We look forward to sharing drink, food, fun and friendship.

**Donations for the NFP Food Bank Drive will be collected at this event.**

Mark your calendar as we will meet on the following dates.



### 2025 Wine/Beer Club Dates

April 27  
July 20  
October 26



All you need to bring is an uncorked bottle of wine or beers, (if you don't drink alcohol, feel free to bring a beverage of your choice) a dish to share to compliment your drink, and glasses to drink from. Paper goods will be provided. **\*Please note change for July's date.**

Contact Susan or Debbie to be added to the list.

Susan Siegel [seagullva@aol.com](mailto:seagullva@aol.com)

Debbie Allen [debbiej07@yahoo.com](mailto:debbiej07@yahoo.com)







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### Tech Corner

#### How to Post on Facebook

Website users can change their own online profile data (note, this is not the official NFP roster data). All other website changes must be made by the Webmaster.

Publishing event updates and event photos for the entire membership would become a full-time job if it all had to be done by a single individual. This is the reason we have a (private) **Facebook NFP Group page** ([LINK](#)) where individual members can publish their own updates, comments, posts, and photos.



#### **Five types of Facebook Activities.**

1. **Look / Read** – Simply peruse the “Feed” (column of articles) and see what the NFP is up to.
2. **“Like” / React** – Click the “Thumbs-Up” icon button to “Like” (show agreement or appreciation) a post or comment. Hover over this icon and other reactions will pop up including “Love”, “Care”, “Ha-ha”, “Wow”, “Sad”, and “Angry”.
3. **“Comment”** – If you have something to say about someone else’s post. You can add a “Comment” to it or “Reply” to someone else’s comment.
  - a. Comments can be edited or deleted. Click and hold the comment until possible actions pop up. Select the desired action.
4. **“Post”** - Create your own post. First, find the blank space near the top of the feed (below the group photo) labeled, **“Write something...”** (PC) or, “What’s on your mind?” (iPhone). Click in this box and start typing. Click “Enter” to submit the post.
  - a. Posts can be edited or deleted by clicking the triple-dot icon at the upper right corner of the post and selecting the desired action.
5. **“Post Photos”** – one or many photos can be posted or included in a post. There are two basic ways to do this – “Pull” or “Push”.
  - a. Pull from phone into Facebook:
    - i. Start on the Facebook NFP Group page.
    - ii. Start a post (click on “Write something...” and click the “Add Photo/video” icon (📷)).
    - iii. Select all the photos you want to “share” (post) by swiping and clicking the circle in each photos’ corner.,
    - iv. Click, “Done”.
    - v. Add a message if desired.

- vi. Select “Post”.
- b. Push – Push from Photo Viewer (iPhone):
  - i. On your smart phone, open your photo viewer and find the first photo to post.
  - ii. Click the “Share” icon (📎).
  - iii. Select all the photos you want to “share” (post) by swiping and checking the circle in each photos’ corner.
  - iv. Below the row of photos, find and select the Facebook icon (to share on Facebook).
  - v. Select “Groups” & the NFP group.
  - vi. Add a message if desired.
  - vii. Select “Post”.

A single photo can be posted in a comment using the camera icon while commenting

#### **Facebook Usage / Tips:**

1. A good YouTube video primer on Facebook for beginners is [HERE](#). Others can be found with simple searches on, for example, Google.
2. Search for (and join) our group by clicking on the “search” tool (magnifying glass) and searching for **“Highlands Nifty Fifties...Plus”**.
3. Once a Facebook NFP group member, quickly find our group on your mobile device by clicking on the Facebook “Menu” (triple bars lower left corner) and clicking “Groups”.
  - a. Alternatively, click on the “search” tool (magnifying glass). This pulls up “recent searches”.
4. When using your PC to make a post or comment, create a “line-break” (a “return” without entering/submitting the post or comment) by using “shift-enter”. This works in most applications

Remember, if you have any computer related concerns or questions, contact the [NFP Tech Helpline](#) at [Tech@highlandsnf.org](mailto:Tech@highlandsnf.org).





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### **New Members**

Peter and Jill Petrilli  
Sangita Kling

This brings our membership to 183 members!



Congratulations to all who are celebrating birthdays and anniversaries in the months of February, March and April.

Wishing you a truly happy day, with much joy and fun!

Click [Here](#). for this quarter's anniversaries and birthday.



### **Celebration Breakfast**



### **Email the Board of Directors:**

All Officers	-	<a href="mailto:board@highlandsnf.org">board@highlandsnf.org</a>
President	-	<a href="mailto:president@highlandsnf.org">president@highlandsnf.org</a>
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