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Newsletter

The intent of this newsletter is to provide information for the residents of Castle Pointe about social activities, introduce new neighbors, and more.

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Castle Pointe Social News

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Welcome to Castle Pointe!

INTRODUCTION

By Betsy Vyce

Greetings and Happy New Year!

At the recent Holiday Party at the Ridge, Janice Gonzales with the Castle Pointe Social Committee solicited my help in taking responsibility for our neighborhood newsletter.

Janice, who has resided in Castle Pointe with her husband, Lorenzo, since 1998, previously managed this task and created the last issue 2017. Due to other commitments and time restraints on her part, I have taken on the task in the hopes of producing a quarterly newsletter sharing information and events relating to and of interest to the residents living in Castle Pointe.



Janice Gonzales passing the Castle Pointe newsletter" torch" to Betsy Vyce at the Holiday Party at the Ridge Country Club (*what was in your cup, Janice?*)!!

The main purpose of this newsletter is to share information on recent and upcoming neighborhood activities and to encourage participation from others who might be interested in these activities, such as Bunco, Mahjong, hiking, book clubs.

Other activities consist of a monthly get-together (or "Flamingle") on the first Friday of the month at someone's home. These are hosted most frequently at the home of Bob & Carla Almer, and anyone who is willing to host is welcome to volunteer at their home. The "Flamingle" is a wonderful way to meet new neighbors and socialize with each other.

There is also a neighborhood progressive dinner in the spring, a summer barbeque, and a festive Holiday party in December.

The Social Committee, consisting of Carla Almer, Carol Bell and Janice Gonzales, has responsibility of communicating to the homeowners of Castle Pointe pertinent social information.

We welcome your ideas for other activities you might be interested in and, of course, anyone who would like to help, please contact us using the email:
Castlepointe-social@cpnhoa.org

CASTLEPOINTE HOLIDAY PARTY

VENUE:

The Ridge Golf Club
1414 Castle Pines Parkway
Castle Pines, CO 80108

WHEN:

December 7, 2024

MENU:

- Caesar or Greek Salad
- Hot Smoked Salmon with dill-lemon butter or Herb Crusted Beef Tenderloin with red wine demi glaze.
- Au gratin potatoes, grilled asparagus with lemon and parmesan
- Apple Cobbler with whipped cream OR Chocolate & Cherry Cheesecake

HOLIDAY FESTIVITIES

Special thanks to Carla, Carol, and Janice for once again organizing a wonderful holiday gathering for Castle Pointe.

This event, attended by over 40 Castle Pointe residents, all had the opportunity to share their singing and dancing skills with a fun-filled Karaoke sing along to various Christmas songs!

The food was fabulous, and the local entertainment was the “icing on the cake”!





LADIES BUNCO GROUP

On the last Tuesday of each month, Carla Almer organizes a Bunco game.

Each month, Carla will send out an email, and the first 12-16 people to respond are invited to the home where the host provides snacks, dessert, and beverages.

There are also 2 or 3 ladies participating from our surrounding area.

If you are interested in joining the Bunco group, please reach out to Carla to have your name/email added to the monthly email invitation.

Email:

castlepointe-social@cpn.org

Just Put "BUNCO" in the subject line.

ANNUAL BUNCO GIFT EXCHANGE

Last month, the BUNCO group was hosted by Janice Gonzales in their home, where she provided a delicious Beef Stroganoff main course. Partners were invited to share the meal and exchange Christmas gifts. This year, the gift began with the letter "U" from the word, BUNCO (*hmmm, wonder if anyone got underwear, hee hee!*)

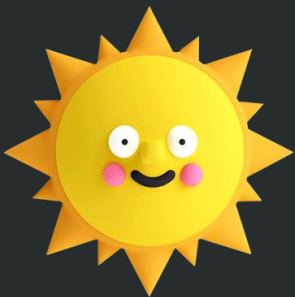




Hi there, new neighbors!

We welcome you to our little oasis of a neighborhood. We hope you love it as much as we have over the years. We are so excited to have you join our community!

Please do not hesitate to reach out if you need anything or have any questions about the neighborhood.



WELCOME TO THE NEIGHBORHOOD

By Betsy Vyce

My husband, Bryan & I, are the original owners of our house at 1402 Castlepoint Circle (directly across from the group mailboxes) and we LOVE our community and the beautiful nature that surrounds us!

The past few years have seen several people come and go for assorted reasons. In this section of the Newsletter, we will feature introductions to some of the fresh faces that have come to reside in Castle Pointe.

MEET THE KOLTON'S:



Heidi & Greg Kolton

Heidi & Greg recently moved to Castle Pointe from Cave Creek, AZ, north of Phoenix, to escape the scorching temperatures, but mostly to be closer to their kids who reside in Highlands Ranch. Along with their three grown children and several grandchildren, they also have a 4-year-old dog, named Jezebel, who is an American Staffordshire. She may look a bit fierce but is really a sweet and gentle dog.

Greg has a diverse background in the banking industry and serves as a financial consultant for various companies. A couple interesting facts: Greg & Heidi founded a community bank, "Foundations Bank." Greg enjoys and is good at making connections with people, in particular, business contacts. One of Heidi's most interesting or unusual jobs that she has held was stencilling football jerseys for the NFL!

They are enthusiastic about traveling and have enjoyed numerous trips throughout Europe and the United States, including Italy, Great Britain, Finland, Denmark, Russia, and a tour of all of Ireland. One of their most memorable adventures was a trip to Moscow's Red Square. On a recent travel excursion, they cruised from Brussels to Belgium to Budapest in Hungary and met three couples from Colorado! On Greg's bucket list would be a trip to Australia & New Zealand.

Now retired for the most part and enjoying life, one of the things they are most excited about experiencing since their move here is getting to know and explore the beautiful state of Colorado, including the local Denver area as well as excursions into the mountains.

They are both interested in meeting more people, and we hope to see them around at one of our upcoming activities or “Flamingle” get-togethers.

MEET THE CUELLAR/WILLS-CUELLAR FAMILY:



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Marne Wills-Cuellar & Carlos Cuellar

Carlos & Marne recently purchased the home previously owned by Joel & Sue Reisner to have a place that is closer to their son, daughter-in-law, and grandchildren, who live in the Meadows neighborhood of Castle Rock. They also own a home in Lakewood, CO, to be close to their business, and divide their time between Castle Pines and Lakewood. They have two grandchildren, 5-year-old grandson, Felix, who is a scientist in the making, and their 3-year-old granddaughter, Veyda, who is a little performer just like her grandma! They also have two fur babies—Ronnie, a poodle/terrier mix, who is a little guy with a great attitude, and Daisy, a Poodle/Bichon.

Carlos & Marne have a storied background. They have owned and run the Adams Mystery Playhouse, Denver's best, and only full-time Murder Mystery Dinner Theatre where you can have killer cocktails and a dinner to die for. Located right by downtown Denver, their creepy-cool historic mansion is a one-of-a-kind experience. The theatre is rated in "The Top 10 Things to Do in Denver." Having experienced two shows there myself, I highly encourage you to make a reservation for one of their upcoming crime-solving adventures. You will enjoy a sumptuous meal, and the professional actors create a story that is comedy at its finest. Visit their web site for show dates and times: www.adamsmysteryplayhouse.com.

In addition to running the dinner theater, Marne also enjoys producing and performing in the shows. From 1982-1987 she also performed in an Improv group called "Group Therapy" in USO tours for the Armed Forces in South Korea, Guam, Japan, the Philippine Islands, Okinawa, Iceland, Greenland, Germany, and The Mediterranean.

Among her talents, she is also a flute player and speaks fluent Spanish. She majored in Spanish Literature at CU in Boulder, graduating in 1976, and spent a semester in Guadalajara, Mexico. She also traveled to and worked as a governess



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in Spain. She would one day like to utilize her knowledge of the Spanish language to teach others.

Carlos is also a highly energetic character who has quite a diverse background. He served three years in the U.S. Army, where he received a great education. He worked as a cook at an Officer's Club in Yuma, AZ and at the West Point Prep School. Carlos inherited his love of cooking from his family and enjoyed making tamales every holiday season, a favorite family tradition. His family started a local restaurant after migrating from Mexico to Texas. Their famous tacos first debuted at the Texas State Fair, and they opened a neighborhood restaurant in 1928. After 20+ years of gradual expansion, the Cuellar family created the restaurant and chain, "El Chico's", which became one of the largest Mexican food chains in the United States with over 170 restaurants around the county!

A "jack of all trades", his interests include International Government and Business and enjoying time with their children and grandchildren. Carlos is intrigued by nicknames, and is known by a few, such as "Chaos" (he is a bit disorganized) and "Tex Fritter", because he is always frittering around. I gave him my own nickname while creating this article, "Mexican Jumping Bean", because of his high energy! When you get to know him, he would love for you to find a nickname for him, too.

Carlos & Marne both enjoy various social events, volunteering, playing games, such as Backgammon and, of course, the theater! They are most excited about getting to meet all the wonderful people who reside in Castle Pointe.



Thank you all for your valuable input and contributions to this Newsletter.

If anyone would be interested in having their introduction included in the next Newsletter, please reach out to me via email at bvyce@msn.com

And any ideas and suggestions for activities or other items you would like to see included in future issues of this newsletter are appreciated!