

Fall 2023

What's New?

- In an effort to increase transparency and make the grant allocation process more democratic for all foundation members, we've implemented some key changes this year. First-time grant applicants will be limited to \$5,000, and all foundation members will be encouraged to review applications and offer feedback to the grant committee.
- Speaking of the grant committee...

We need volunteers to serve as reviewers for grant applications!

This is your chance to be involved in the allocation process. Contact Bill Bay at billbay76@gmail.com.

Did You Know?

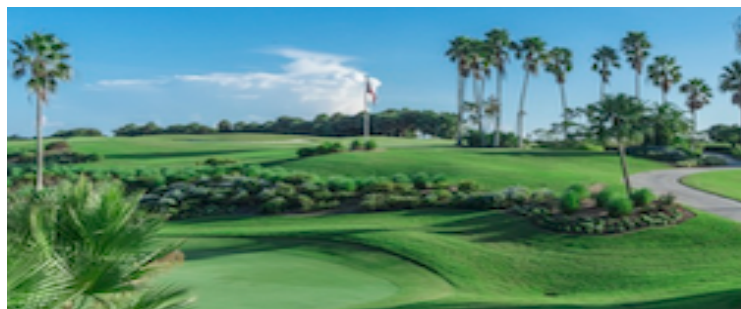
The Foundation is now an IRS recognized 501(c)(3) nonprofit!

Get Ready to Tee Off!

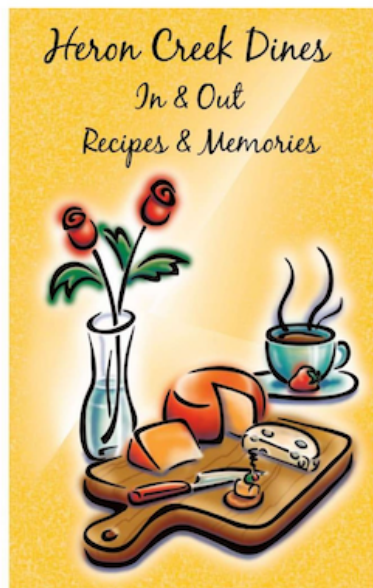
It's time to put your team together and sign up for the annual Heron Creek Community Foundation golf scramble and pool party extravaganza! The tournament is our major fundraiser for the year, and its success has a direct bearing on how much money we're able to grant to fantastic charitable organizations in our own backyard.

This year's event is scheduled for Friday, November 17 2023. Tee off in the morning, with tee times to be assigned after registration has been completed. Enjoy lunch at the turn and beverages on the course, and play your hearts out. Then get freshened up and return for a poolside party at 4:30 featuring heavy hors d'oeuvres, a cash bar, prizes from the scramble, and a great raffle. Every team will have a chance to cash in, regardless of ability level! The easiest way to register your team is to visit the foundation website at heroncreekfoundation.org (which you should be doing anyhow to keep up with events!) There you will find a link to the tournament page. You can also pick up a trifold brochure in the golf shop to sign up the old-fashioned way.

How can you contribute if you're not a golfer? We need volunteers to help run the tournament on game day, sponsors to help defray the costs, and partiers to buy a ticket to the pool party. For more information or to offer your services, contact any of your friendly board members and we'll get you steered in the right direction.



New Foundation Cookbook Is Here!



The recipes are in and what a fabulous array of dishes we have from our very own Heron Creek kitchens! To highlight a few that will tickle your tastebuds, we have the recipes for Jennifer Strieby's fireman Christmas dinner, prime rib roast and creamy make-ahead mashed potatoes. And check out the secret ingredient that makes Dave Sobecki's scrambled egg dish so tasty.

In addition, we have included a wonderful list of special go-to local restaurants that our Heron Creek residents have tried and recommend highly. Our newly revised Heron Creek Cookbook, "Heron Creek Dines In and Out" will be available at the 2023 Golf Tournament on November 17th, 2023. The cost is only \$20 per book. These books will make delightful Christmas gifts for family and friends or for other special occasions. There will be a limited number of books ordered so to ensure that you receive the number of books you want, you may order these books ahead by contacting Deanne Siddall at deanne.siddall@gmail.com or 941.876.6877. Net proceeds from the sale of these cookbooks will be used to fund Heron Creek Foundation grants for the benefit of the citizens of North Port.

The Triumphant Return of Trivia

Team trivia nights used to be one of the top monthly events at the club: then 2020 happened. When trivia returned, changes were made that proved to be unpopular, and both attendance and excitement waned. But no more! Your Heron Creek Community Foundation stepped up, and under the direction of board member Kevin Smith trivia has returned to its original glory.

Trivia night is held the first Wednesday of every month, with dinner at 5 PM followed by the game at 6:00. The crowds are returning, so get a team of six brainiacs together and sign up early!

Please note that this is being done strictly as a service to the HC community. The foundation doesn't benefit financially in any way. But it gives us a great opportunity to share information on events and remind club members why membership in the foundation is so valuable. We hope to see you playing soon.

Foundation to Sponsor Printed Community Directory

Do you miss the printed neighborhood directory that used to be provided annually? We did too, and decided to do something about it. Board member Paul Stebing has been hard at work putting together a new directory, which should be available in the fall. And if you're a foundation member (and if you're not, you should be), good news – you'll get your directory free of charge. It will be available to the remainder of the community for a fee, but you'll know you're special when you get yours gratis. Watch out for an email announcement detailing how to get your copy when they're available. And make sure to tell all your neighbors, and point out the obvious: rather than paying for the directory, just join the foundation! Win-win.

We're getting a new website! Check us out at heroncreekfoundation.org: the new site should be in place by the end of the year.