

Christmas is a season of great joy: a time for remembering the past and hope for the future. The WingHaven Board of Directors sends glad tidings and wishes that the glorious message of peace and love will fill you with joy during this wonderful season.

The right place to start is “Thank you”. The foundation of our WingHaven Community and its success is the result of many hard-working volunteers. “Thank you” to each and everyone of you for your contributions, loyalty, dedication, and everything you do that helps improve our Community.

A particular note of appreciation goes out to the 2016 WingHaven Board of Directors, Voting Members, and those who served on committees and sub-committees, and the Events staff.

Successes and Achievements:

Thousands of hours of hard work, planning, decision-making and cooperation were freely given to make 2016 a year of successes, improvements and recognitions. At the January 16, 2017 Board meeting, I will greatly expand on this subject, but I want to cite some achievements now.

The park Tot Lot project was completed and security lighting on two Tot Lots was installed, Events infrastructure upgrades were completed, attention was given through a program to remove sign litter on the common grounds, and periodic Neighborhood Watch meetings were held, in conjunction with the O’Fallon Police Department, to help our Community remain a safe environment in which to live.

We were further blessed with a skilled and experienced Board of Directors:

- Michelle Wilson, Director and Chair of the Beautification Committee and Dale Kling, President, were awarded the Community Association Institute Regional Volunteer awards for the past two years.
- Ken Albridge, Treasurer, was appointed Vice-President of the O’Fallon Parks Board.
- Carol Cross, Vice-President, has grown and nurtured our Community Events.
- Yvonne Wilson, Secretary, captures in fine detail the Board minutes.
- Bill Halley, Director, who managed successfully the Tot Lots lighting project and will continue to do so.
- Mike Bronowicz, Director, Chair of the Grounds Committee who is spearheading and managing our Ash Tree multi-year plan.

The above WROA Board Members won the Community Association Institute of the year award for the St. Louis region in 2015, and were recognized by Proclamation in 2016 by the City of O’Fallon.

Voting Members served on committees and sub committees and provided the Board sound guidance and counsel. There was a Voting Member Appreciation dinner held in 2016 in gratitude for their commitment.

Challenges and Lessons Learned:

2016 was also a year of challenges and lessons learned - not everything was perfect. At the upcoming January 16, 2017 Board meeting, I will expand on this subject. The Ash Tree (Emerald Ash Borer) planning took many hours of planning and consultation with the city. Tree

maintenance was a controversial issue. The fact that WingHaven is roughly 10 years old is presenting challenges and pressure to keep things looking good. In the years to come, these challenges and lessons learned by the Board have given them valuable knowledge. This will aid in future decision-making and communication. At the upcoming January 19 Board Meeting, I will expand on this subject. I, as President of the WROA Board have, in particular, learned many lessons.

Looking ahead to 2017, WingHaven has opportunities and all are upbeat. The best is yet to come. At the January 16, 2017 Board meeting, I will also expand on these.

So....take a breath.... wind down for the Holidays.... reflect on our good fortune and enjoy family and friends.

Dale Kling
President-WROA Board of Directors