

# *The Troon Tribune*

Fall 2011

## **That's Amore**

On Saturday, August 27, Troon residents enjoyed a dinner of pizza, salad, and good company.



*Eat, drink, and be merry!*



*Anne Lay and Ron and Gayle Dellinger*



*Penny Blackley smiles for the camera while Helene Mochrie, Hilda Messner, and Dick Mochrie talk at the counter. Anne Lay and Gayle Dellinger talk in the background.*

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# Troon Bulletin Board

## Sunshine Committee

Do you know of a neighbor who is in need of a caring message? If so, please contact Hilda Messner at 462-7011 or Fiore Klebbe at 466-0047.

## Please Pick Up After Your Pet



## Keep Your White Books Up-to-Date

Please keep your white books current by removing any pages that refer to WKB, Troon's builder. They are no longer involved in our neighborhood.

## Thank You, Joan Jackson

Thanks to Joan Jackson for the beautiful job she did putting out the new Troon Directory.



If you did not receive a new directory, please contact our homeowner manager, Dave Robbins, at 919-389-7944

## Letters to the Editor

Do you have a point of view you would like to share with your neighbors? Share it in a letter to the editor. Please keep your letters to no more than 800 words. *The Troon Tribune* comes out quarterly and we will publish your letters as

# Meet Your Neighbors

## Phillip Grubaugh



Phil has lived most of his life in North Carolina after spending his early years in Ohio. His parents live in Orange County.

He graduated with a degree in physics and mathematics from Elon University. While at Elon, he and a classmate enjoyed a semester in Florence, Italy.

Phil works at SAS as a computer consultant, correcting fraudulent activity in the setup environment and visual interface. He travels frequently to various sites where it takes up to two years to get systems up and running.

Work consumes most of his time. He enjoys playing racket ball and plays golf, but says he is not much good at it.

Phil bought in Troon because it was a good buy. He has worked and made his home look new and comfortable.

# Movie Night

Wednesday Night Movies have been a Troon tradition since January 15, 2003.

We meet every 4th Wednesday in the clubhouse at **7:00 p.m.** every month except for December, when we don't meet at all.

We pick movies by request. If you have any suggestions or would like to see a certain movie, please call Joyce Patton at 467-7149.

- 🕒 January 26 – Salt
- 🕒 February 23 – Evita
- 🕒 March 23 – Unstoppable
- 🕒 April 27 – Little Fockers
- 🕒 May 25 – The Kings Speech
- 🕒 June 22 – Taken
- 🕒 July 27 – Wall Street
- 🕒 August 24 – Unknown
- 🕒 September 28 – Limitless
- 🕒 October 26
- 🕒 November 16
- 🕒 December – no movie

Please come out and help support movie night.

*Joyce Patton*

### *Troon Tribune Staff*

Editor:	Pearl Rosenberg
Staff Reporter:	Joan Sullivan
Staff Photographer:	Ron Dellinger

## News from the Finance Committee

The Finance Committee has been working this spring and summer with Reserve Advisors, Inc. on updating our reserve study. This is now complete and a copy of the reserve study report is available in the Troon Clubhouse for anyone who wants to view the results in detail.

The report lists the major items for which we are accumulating reserve funds, including roofs, roads, walls, clubhouse, and so on, along with an estimate of future repair costs and estimated dates for the expenditures. The report also makes recommendations for future reserve expenses to be included in the Troon budgets.

Everyone is welcome to examine the report, but please do not remove the report from the clubhouse.

*John Hauser*

## Ladies Exercise



Ladies exercise is held inside the clubhouse on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays at 4:00 p.m..

*Mary Ellen Gehrer*

## Messages from Joe Long



### Winter is Right Around the Corner – Get Ready

We have just experienced a record setting summer of high temperatures; but now, we need to start preparing for winter. Past history shows we can have warm weather up to the new year, but we need to be prepared for cold weather whenever it arrives. You will most likely remember December 2002 when we had an ice/snow storm.

Now is the time to do some planning such as keeping at least a two week supply of prescription medications on hand and several days of food.. It might be helpful if you made up a list of the items you will need if you are confined to your home for 3-4 days or longer and stock up before a storm approaches. If you have not changed the batteries in your fire/smoke alarms, now is the time to do this.

If we should have a heavy snow event, stay in your home unless it is absolutely necessary to go out. It will be safer to use your car if you have to go out so that you do not risk a fall. Remember to use the Baines Court entrance going and coming. Avoid the Kildaire Farm Road entrance as it gets very little sun and freezes faster making that entranceway more difficult. Also, if you absolutely have to get out and drive, be careful, drive very slow because, as you know, there can be ice beneath that beautiful snow.

We wish everyone a healthy and safe winter season.

## Coffee Hour



Join your neighbors for coffee at the clubhouse at 9:30 a.m. on the second Thursday of the month.

# Troon Travelers Visit Sanford for an Afternoon of Theater and Dinner



*Gayle isn't in this photo because she took the picture*



*Here's one that Ron took*

On Thursday, September 29, Troon Travelers Gayle and Ron Dellinger, Joan and Merrill Jackson, Hilda Messner, Pat Questell, and Ernestine Regan traveled to Sanford to see *Guys and Dolls* at the beautiful Temple Theater.

After the show, the group went to The Steele Pig for a delicious dinner of southern cooking.



*The dramatic red curtain inside the refurbished Temple Theater*



# Troon Needs You

At the present time, we are fortunate to have residents who are willing to serve on committees that help manage our community, but we need more volunteers to help these folks. We have some neighbors who have given their time and have served the community since the very beginning.

Recently, three residents volunteered to form a Maintenance Committee. This committee will identify repairs that are needed on our homes and on our streets. This will help us keep up with needed maintenance before it becomes a larger and more costly problem.

We need volunteers for the Landscape Committee as present members have given us their time and service in years far beyond the call of duty. This committee oversees the largest item in the Troon budget and the most visible. If you think the Landscaping in Troon can be improved, this is the committee for you. Join and make a positive statement for Troon. I will be expecting a call or email that you are willing to serve and contribute to a better and more beautiful Troon!

We also need volunteers for the pool and clubhouse committee. The main duty of this committee is to monitor the pool and club house cleaning contracts. The Chairman recently resigned after nine years of service to the community. Would you be willing to serve a couple of years? Please contact any Board member or Frank Smith if you can help us on this committee.

Below is a list and description of each of the Troon committees. Please pick a committee that interests you.

*Joe Long*

## **Finance Committee** **Chair: John Hauser**

- Reviews and monitors the monthly financial statements to (a) assure the legitimacy and correctness of the income and expenses items, (b) compare the expenses with the budget, (c) make forward projections to aid the Board in planning, and (d) advise the Board of any emerging budget or financial problems.
- Monitors the insurance coverage and conducts interviews with insurance providers to provide cost effective and adequate insurance coverage. Makes recommendations to the Board for the preferred insurance provider, coverage level and premium cost at each anniversary date of the insurance policy.
- Provides assistance to the Board and Property Manager in the preparation of the Annual Budget or any interim revised budget.
- Selects a qualified CPA firm to conduct the annual audit and preparation of required tax returns and recommends to the Board the selected firm and fee for Board approval.
- Monitors and reviews monthly the performance of the Capital Reserve Account and all investments with Smith Barney or any other investment firm. Recommends investment options and investment amounts to the Board for approval as investment funds become available.
- Periodically reviews and updates the Capital Reserve Study. Makes recommendations each year in the annual Budget for contributions to the Capital Reserve Fund so that long term requirements for the repair and replacement of streets, roofs, etc. can be made.
- Monitors the Working Capital fund for investment management, oversight of receipts and makes recommendations to the Board for the use of these funds.

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# Troon Committees

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- Evaluates the performance of the CPA firm, the Insurance provider and the Management Company. Makes recommendations to the Board before each contract renewal date.
- Undertakes any special assignments from the Board related to Troon finances.

## **Clubhouse and Pool Committee**

**Bob Greher recommends a committee of five or six residents**

- Oversees compliance to HOA, Cary, and Wake County rules and regulations.
- Schedules the use and rental of the clubhouse dining room.
- Issues replacement keys.
- Oversees the maintenance, repair, and replacement of equipment.
- Purchases and replaces supplies.
- Is a liaison with pool and cleaning contractors and other workers and inspectors.
- Collects fees and passes these onto the property manager.
- Tests the pool water once a day during summer.
- Oversees a list of volunteers who check nightly that the clubhouse and pool areas are secured.

## **Sunshine Committee**

**Coordinator: Hilda Messner**

- Receives news of individuals' illness, accident, hospitalization or death.
- Sends appropriate cards expressing the concern of the residents.

## **Library Committee**

**Contact: Shirlene Smith**

- Receives returned and donated books. The returned books are counted, recorded and

shelved.

- Fiction, nonfiction and large print books are arranged in alphabetical order in the library and game rooms.
- Duplicate books are sold or donated to charity.
- Purchases *Our State* magazine for the library.

## **Social Committee**

**Chair: Gayle Dillinger**

- Plans regular social events throughout the year.
- Serves refreshment at the annual meeting.
- Decorates the clubhouse for the December holidays.
- A Troon Guests Policy at Social Events was proposed and adopted by the HOA board.

## **Circulation Committee**

**Coordinator: Audrey Gilman**

- Distributes printed notices, such as the *Troon Tribune* and telephone lists, to each Troon residence.
- The notices are delivered to the coordinator's residence. The coordinator delivers the correct number of notices to the individual block captains who each deliver the notices to approximately 8-16 residences.

## **Book Club Committee**

**Contact: Carolyn Camp**

Members choose books to discuss monthly.

- Communicates selected books via email, the bulletin board, and the *Troon Tribune*.
- Liaisons with the Wake County Library to request, pick up, and return books available through the library's book club kit service. The Library supplies information about the book, the author, and discussion questions.

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## More Pictures from the Pizza Party



*Merrill and Joan Jackson arrive for dinner while Ann Bradley and Audrey Gilman look on. Pat Questell arranges salad fixings on the counter.*



*Hilda Messner and Theresa Vanderhoof*



*Here comes Don Johnston*

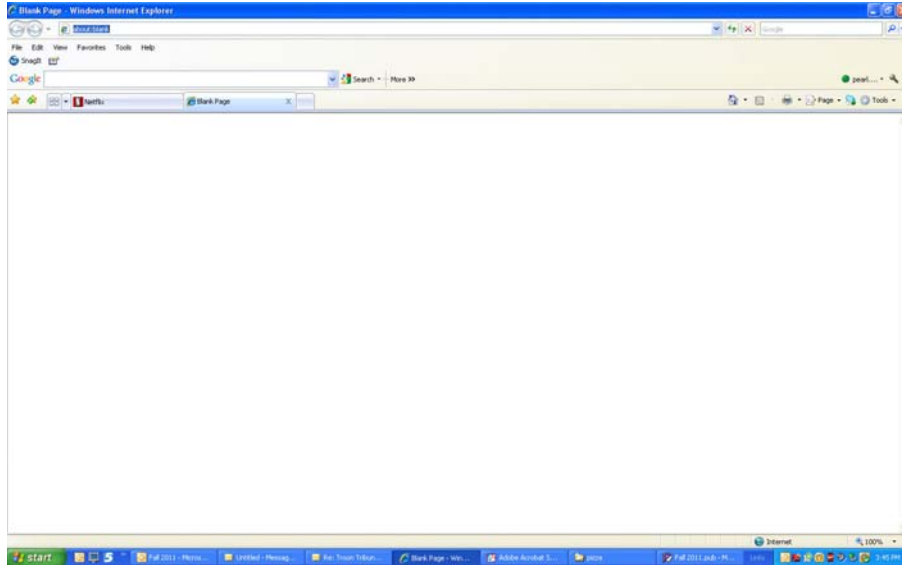


*Yum!*

# How to Access the Troon Website

Some of our Troon residents have more experience using computers than others. For those of you who need a little help accessing the Troon website, here are step-by-step instructions.

1. Open your web browser. For most of you, that is Internet Explorer.



2. In the address text box, type `www.grandchester meadows .com`.
  3. Press the Enter key.
- The Grandchester Meadows website is displayed.

Address  
Text Box

Communities Link



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4. On the Grandchester website, click the Communities link.



A list of neighborhoods is displayed.



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Troon Link

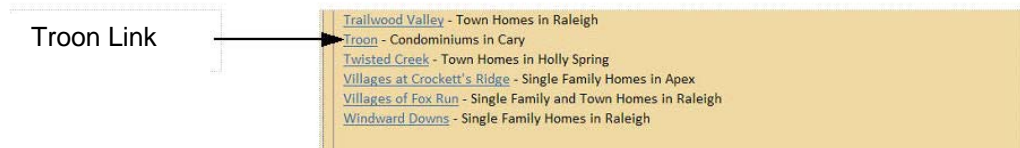


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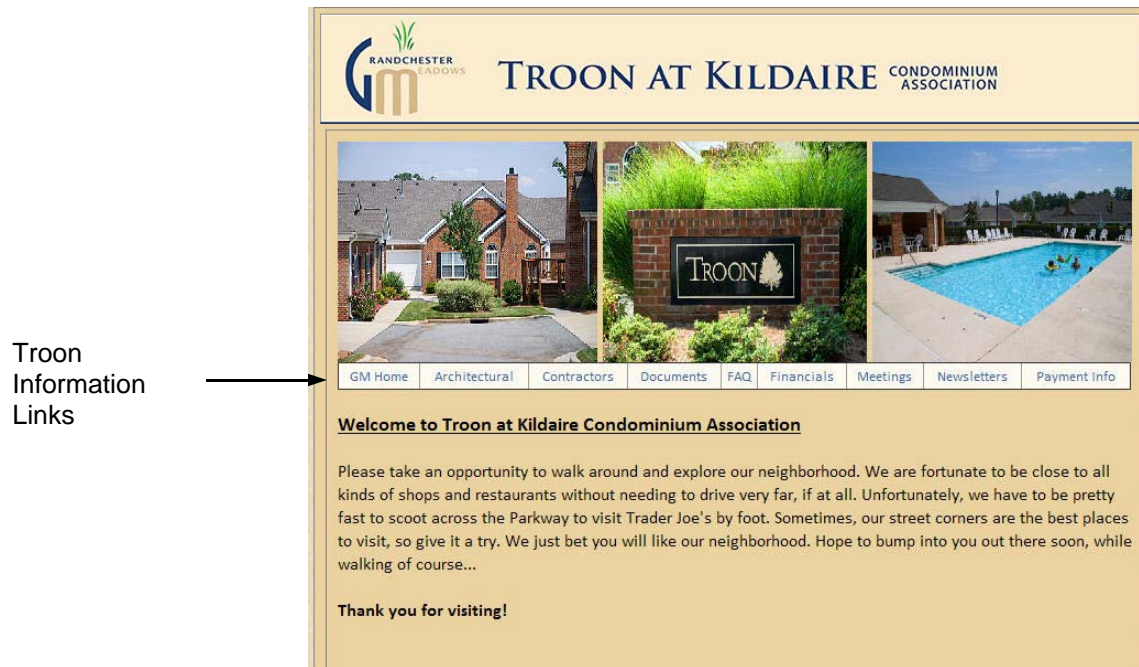
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- From the list of neighborhoods, click the Troon link.



The Troon website is displayed.



On the Troon website, click the Troon Information links to see information about Troon at Kildaire.

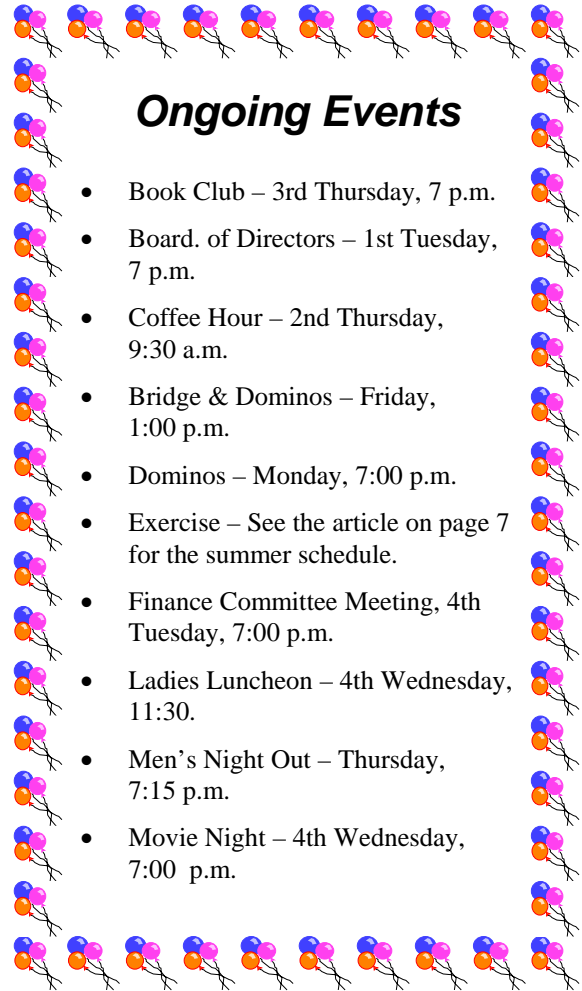
# Landscape Committee



Troon residents voted in favor of making some landscaping improvements to the area around the pond, specifically the area between the walking trail and the backs/fronts of residents' homes.

Improvements will include planting sod, where appropriate, and other landscaping flora.

Work is expected to be completed by October 20.



## Ongoing Events

- Book Club – 3rd Thursday, 7 p.m.
- Board. of Directors – 1st Tuesday, 7 p.m.
- Coffee Hour – 2nd Thursday, 9:30 a.m.
- Bridge & Dominos – Friday, 1:00 p.m.
- Dominos – Monday, 7:00 p.m.
- Exercise – See the article on page 7 for the summer schedule.
- Finance Committee Meeting, 4th Tuesday, 7:00 p.m.
- Ladies Luncheon – 4th Wednesday, 11:30.
- Men's Night Out – Thursday, 7:15 p.m.
- Movie Night – 4th Wednesday, 7:00 p.m.

## Save the Date

- ☺ Saturday, October 15, 6:00 p.m. – Catered Barbecue
- ☺ Tuesday, November 29, 1:00 p.m. – decorate the clubhouse
- ☺ Sunday, December 11, 5:00 p.m. – Desserts and Hors d'oeuvres

The Social Committee meets the third Monday at 1:00 p.m. in the clubhouse.

Watch the bulletin board for more details about our events.

## Book Club News

The Book Club meets in the clubhouse on the third Thursday at 7:00 PM. All are welcome.

The next books that are planned are the following:

- October – *The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn* by Mark Twain
- November – *Sarah's Key* by Tatiana DeRosna
- Other suggestions:  
*West With the Night* by Beryl Markham  
*Olive Kitteridge* by Elizabeth Strout

# Clubhouse Closing Schedule for October 1, 2011 – January 13, 2012

10/1-10/7 .....	Frank Smith	481-0618
10/8-10/14 .....	Merrill & Joan Jackson	469-8583
10/15-10/21 .....	Phil (Buddy) Marcus	460-8177
10/22-10/28 .....	Patrick Florio	468-1971
10/29-11/4 .....	Jack & Susan Timberlake	481-9516
11/5-11/11 .....	Dottie Arold	468-4520
11/12-11/18 .....	Gary Blackley	467-9499
11/19-11-25 .....	Dave Thomas	467-4783
11/26-12/2 .....	Anita Billings	460-6259
12/3-12/9 .....	Ronald & Gayle Dellinger	650-1702
12/10-12/16 .....	Bob Gehrler	465-9153
12/17-12/23 .....	Bob & Robin Schwalb	468-1141
12/24-12/30 .....	John Huffman	467-5429
12/31-1/6/2012 ...	Audrey Gilman	465-1233
1/7-1/13 .....	Maggie Gautier	462-6465

**DUTIES:**

- Take a flashlight and cell phone with you and inspect the clubhouse and pool deck for anything unusual or for unauthorized people.
  - Lock gates to pool area. Check BBQ grill for gas shut-off. (In season)
  - Turn off all TVs and appliances. Set thermostats at 78 for A/C, 64 for heat.
  - Check all doors and windows to be sure they are locked.
  - Check 3 lamps on timers to be sure they are operating.
  - Test motion lights at front and poolside of clubhouse.
  - Check outside entrance lights at front door and exercise room door.
  - Lock front door when you leave.
  - If you encounter intruders or vandalism, call police at 911 or 469-4016
  - Call a Chairman or Director if you are in doubt.
- Chairman, Clubhouse and Pool Committee: Franklin Smith (481-0618)

# Troon Committees

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## **Architectural Committee**

**Chair: Phillip Grubaugh**

- Helps maintain environmental aesthetics.
- Reviews change or complaint requests.
- Works on special assignments.
- Reviews and updates the “Rules and Regulations.”

**Assistant Secretary: Beth Gladen**

- Records minutes of meetings of the Board of Directors and of the homeowners association and records clean copies of all handouts and the attendance sheet.
- Distribute the minutes via email or paper to Board of Directors and to management company representative. Solicits minor corrections.
- Ensures that the Chairman has the latest version of the minutes which are submitted for approval. Any corrections are noted.
- Inserts a copy of the approved minutes in the Book of Minutes in the clubhouse game room. A copy of these minutes are provided to the management company for posting on their web site.

## **Landscape Committee**

- Handle suggestions, concerns and complaints submitted on Landscape Committee forms by homeowners. Forms are in the clubhouse game room.
- Serve as a liaison between the Landscape Committee, the contractor, and the Board.
- Inform the Management Company and the Board immediately of situations that require their input.
- Get approval for proposed projects from committee members. Present these projects to the Board for approval before implementation.
- Plan annual activities with estimated expenses to present to the Board and the Finance Committee.
- Adhere to approved budget.
- Assist with identifying items for inclusion in the Landscape Company contract.
- Conduct monthly committee meetings.

## **Maintenance**

**Chair: Frank Tricas**

- At least monthly, inspect the Troon community to assess the condition of buildings, street lights, and streets for defects or damage requiring repair or replacement.
- Report items requiring repair or replacement or considered safety or health hazards to the Board of Directors by letter or email.
- Inspect completed repair work when requested to do so by the Property Manager.

# Troon Committees

If you would like information about a committee, or if you would like to volunteer to serve on a committee (and we always welcome new people!) , please contact the committee head from the list below.

• Architecture	Phil Grubaugh, Chairman, Judy Fissinger, Audrey Gillman, Tess Mazza, Grace Pugliese
• Book Club	Beth Gladen, Carolyn Camp
• Bridge	Louise Cinoman
• Dominos	Ann Bradley
• Circulation / Delivery	Chairs: Audrey Gilman, Nita Brinkley Block Captains: Mary Lee Anderson, Dottie Arold, Ann Bradley, Judy Fissinger, Beth Gladen, Pricilla Hoffman, Anne Huffman, Fiore Klebbe, Hilda Messner, Helene Mochrie
• Coffee Hour	Helene Mochrie, Tess Mazza, Judy Fissinger, Penny Blackley
• Finance	John Hauser, Chairman, Jack Timberlake, Bob Gehrer, Joyner Brooks, Glenn Sexton, Maggie Gautier
• Ladies Exercise	Mary Ellen Gehrer, Chairwoman, Hilda Messner, Shirlene Smith
• Landscape	Mary Ann Hoover, Elizabeth Scales
• Library	Shirlene Smith, Carolyn Camp, Joan Sullivan
• Maintenance	Frank Tricas, Chairman, Jerrall Spencer, Larry Parker
• Movie Night	Joyce Patton
• Newsletter	Pearl Rosenberg, Editor; Joan Sullivan, Staff Reporter; Ron Dellinger, Staff Photographer
• Pool & Clubhouse	Frank Smith, Earl High, Fiore Klebbe, Diane Lapinsky, Margo Totten
• Social Committee	Gayle Dellinger, Chairwoman; Penny Blackley, Diane Lapinsky, Anne Lay, Helene Mochrie, Joan Long, Carol Vaughn, Theresa Vanderhoff, Lynda Mowrey, Pat Questell, Ann Bradley, Ladies' Luncheons
• Sunshine	Hilda Messner, Fiore Klebbe
• Troon Travelers	Joan Jackson

# Troon of Kildaire Home Owners Association Officers

• Chairperson	Joe Long	380-9205
• Vice Chairman	Gary Blackley	467-9499
• Secretary	Joan Sullivan	460-6396
• Treasurer	Robert Vaughn	851-5001
• Member at large	Merrill Jackson	469-8583
• Assistant Secretary	Beth Gladen	467-1483
• Assistant Treasurer	John Hauser	462-6613
• Property Manager	David Robbins	389-7944



For instructions on how to display the Troon at Kildaire webpage, see page 9.