

# DPOA News & Events

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Diamante Property Owners Association

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## Dear Neighbors!

**"A** photographer kept shooting me every time I swung. I was very flattered until I found out he was from *Field and Stream*," said Bob Hope. "If you think it is hard to meet new people, try picking up the wrong ball," warns Jack Lemmon.

The date for this year's Diamante Calico Pumpkin Fundraiser Garage Sale is coming up—**Saturday, October 2nd from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM**. For those who do not know what this event is all about, the DPOA accepts donated merchandise from any and all Diamante members and residents to be sold at the Calico Pumpkin Garage Sale. We are providing drivers who will pick up your items on Mondays from 12:00 to 5:00 PM, or you can personally take your items to the cart barn, and they will accept them there. All items will be greatly appreciated. The funds from the sale will benefit the DPOA for the beautification and maintenance of the Diamante subdivisions.

We want to remind all Diamante members that the UALR Women's Golf Classic will be held from October 23rd through the 26th. Diamante will welcome 15 universities from all over the United States.

"I love autumn, the one season of the year that God seemed to have put there just for the beauty of it," said Lee Maynard.

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In closing, the Arkansas Razorbacks are 4-0 and are the 8th best team in the country. Can you believe it? It has been a long time coming. Go Hogs!! ♦

—**Bob Walker, DPOA President**



## CALICO PUMPKIN FUNDRAISER GARAGE SALE

Saturday, October 2nd from 9:00 to 2:00 is your opportunity to clean out all your extras that are hiding in your closets and garages. Come rain or shine, you are invited to join your neighbors for a garage sale in Diamante's golf cart barn. You can either donate your items to the DPOA booth or buy your own booth for \$25 to sell your articles. All of the proceeds from the DPOA booth will help support the DPOA objectives to help maintain the beauty of all of the Diamante neighborhoods.

If you need someone to pick up your donated items, please call Donna Fleharty at (501) 529-6670 or Bob Walker at (580) 465-9118.

If you want to reserve a booth, please send your \$25 to Alice Hinckley, the DPOA Treasurer, at 9 Vera Lane, Hot Springs Village, AR 71909 ♦

—**Donna Fleharty**

## Treasurer's Report

As of September 12, 2021

### Membership

219 members representing  
217 properties and  
4 nonresident members  
for a total of 221 dues paid  
representing 267 eligible properties

### Fund Balances

Funds available for operations:

**\$15,085.97**

Reserve (emergency) funds:

**\$7,500.00**

Total funds:

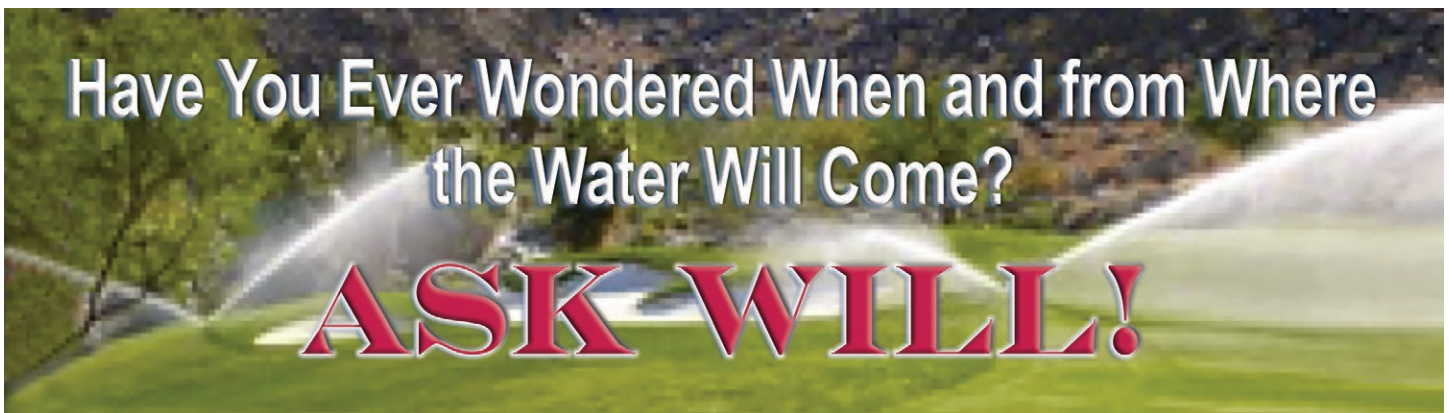
**\$22,585.97**

If you haven't already done so, please consider becoming an active DPOA member with payment of your \$75.00 annual DPOA dues.

**ALICE  
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The DPOA News & Events newsletter is published monthly and sent only to dues-paying DPOA members. If you have questions, need information, or would like to submit an article of interest, please contact your editor, Dana Peick, or one of the DPOA Board Members.



**C**an you imagine having the responsibility of watering approximately 200 acres of pristine land, all bordered with custom homes valued from \$300,000 to over \$1,000,000? The owners of the properties in the Diamante neighborhoods have invested over \$100,000,000 to live on and have views of our premier golf course. Without proper irrigation of the Diamante golf course, the grass and our wonderful views would..., well,... die!

The responsibility for keeping our course in tip-top condition falls on the shoulders of **Will Owens, Diamante's Golf Course Superintendent**. Will is a 14-year Diamante employee and a member of the senior management team. The following areas need to be watered on a regular schedule:

1. Diamante golf course
2. Diamante's driving range and short-game area
3. Perimeter area outside the swimming pool
4. Tennis course perimeter area
5. Some entrances to Diamante's subdivisions

Each of these areas has a different level of watering requirement. All the water used to provide moisture to these areas is piped from the Middle Fork of the Saline River, which is over 4 miles away.

When the East end of Hot Springs Village was being developed, Cooper Development purchased thousands of acres that included the land down to the Saline River. This land was previously owned by Weyerhaeuser Lumber (2020 revenues of \$7.5 billion.) Then, Cooper Development trenched these

4 miles between the Saline River and the Diamante and Granada golf courses. After digging and trenching this 4-mile line, both a 6-inch pipe and an 8-inch pipe were laid in the trench. These lines now provide water to both of the Diamante and Granada golf courses.

To make the system work, a pump in the Saline River "sucks" water out of the river and moves the water to the nearby pump house. An additional pump in this riverside pump house, pushes the water upstream toward the Diamante and Granada golf courses.

The next time you play the 14th hole on the Diamante golf course, look to the left of the cart path approximately 50 yards short of the left fairway bunker. The water that you see streaming from this waterfall started 4 miles away and is being sent, under the fairway, to the pond on hole 14.

The pond on hole 14 provides all the water that maintains the correct moisture level for all of the areas on the Diamante golf course. By the way, the water pressure at most homes in the Diamante neighborhoods is maintained at 50 to 70 pounds per square inch (PSI). Diamante's water is flowing at double that rate—138 PSI.

There are 2300 sprinkler heads on the Diamante golf course and 61 sprinkler valves that control the water to each of these heads. Obviously, consideration is given to many issues that relate to watering. During the summer months, understanding the evaporation rate is a key issue to providing the exact amount of water at just the right

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time to each area of the course. The amount of water that is needed varies, depending on the slope of the area and whether the area is facing north, south, east, or west. The following areas are watered:

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| 1. Tees     | 6. Sloped areas around the greens |
| 2. Fairways |                                   |
| 3. Roughs   | 7. Native flower beds             |
| 4. Fringes  | 8. Club lawns                     |
| 5. Greens   | 9. Tennis courts                  |

In the summer, approximately 500,000 gallons of water are applied nightly to the golf course.

Every sprinkler head must be placed at a height to ensure that it properly rises and sprinkles its desired path. However, its height must also be low enough to ensure that the heads are not damaged by the mowers. In addition, each head must be properly spaced to provide a sufficient amount of water.

### Mowing

During the summer, the fairways are mowed twice a week and the greens are mowed six times a week. During the winter, the greens are mowed two to three times a week. The maintenance staff of Diamante keeps all of the equipment in top-notch condition. In the maintenance building, a computer-controlled blade sharpener automatically sharpens the mower blades up to 36" in size. Diamante's staff has 20 mowers and sprayers to spray the greens and both the roughs and fairways.

### Golf Course Superintendents Association of America (GCSAA)

Diamante's Golf Course Superintendent, Will Owens, is an active GCSAA member. The 95-year-old GCSAA organization has 18,000 members from 78 countries. In fact, we all should be proud that Will Owens is the President of the Arkansas chapter of the GCSAA, which represents 223 Arkansas golf courses.

Will is able to control the watering via an application program on his mobile telephone and a computer in his office. Incidentally, this access was all made possible by the equipment that was added in the pump house on hole 13 at the time the members purchased the club. Jerry Pate, the winner of the 1976 United States Open, is involved with the equipment manufacturer, and Jerry's name is on the equipment. Will and the superintendent of Granada are in constant contact while sharing the water that flows from the Saline River. They work together to manage a finite amount of water in a way that both courses receive just the right amount of this precious commodity.

The next time you see a dry spot or a particularly wet area, realize that watering the Diamante golf course is a very complex issue and requires constant attention. More than likely, though, Will and his team are already addressing these areas. ♦

—Dennis Riordan



# 2021 UALR Women's Golf Classic

## They Are Coming to Diamante!

**In a few weeks—October 22nd through the 26th**—we will welcome the 14th annual UALR Women's Golf Classic to Diamante and recognize the talented young women athletes who are the future of women's golf. We have 14 teams from around the country who have committed to playing in the tournament, which includes 24 coaches and 81 players. If you would like a list of the participating universities, you can find it in last month's DPOA newsletter, *DPOA News & Events*, or you can directly contact us (see below).

This tournament provides an exciting opportunity to get to know players and coaches by providing housing and support. Thanks to all of you, we have secured housing in Diamante and surrounding neighborhoods for all of the players, but **we still need housing for two male coaches and one female coach.** If you are willing to house any of them during the tournament, please let us know as soon as possible!

Even if you are not serving as a host, LET'S SHOW OUR DIAMANTE SPIRIT! These young women may have parents and

grandparents who probably play golf, who may be retiring soon, and might consider moving into our one-of-kind Diamante neighborhood for their retirement. We encourage you to welcome our visitors by wearing Diamante gear, such as logo shirts and hats with the Diamante Members Club logo, so that they know who we are. Let's make this tournament an experience they will not forget!

If you are an alumna of one of the schools that is represented in the tournament, you are invited to follow your team as they play the course. We know that you will cheer your team on. If you live on the course, this tournament would be a perfect time to have brunch on your deck or patio on Sunday morning, October 24, to watch the women play and hang school spirit banners from your railing. Mimosas, Bloody Marys, brunch casserole, and young women playing golf... what could be better!

Thanks for your support! Help us cheer on the teams in October! ♦

—**Glenda and Fred Bean**

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## Sherry and Don Boggs

Although everyone knows everyone in a small town, such as Havana, Illinois, I knew Don because he was the Director of the bank where I was employed, and our children attended the same school. We dated for 3 years before we got married in Las Vegas.

Don was born in Jackson, Michigan. His family moved to Illinois when he was 12 years old. Although he attended law school in Detroit, he returned to Havana to practice law.

I was born in Beardstown, Illinois, and moved to Havana in 1966. Together, we have 5 children, 23 grandchildren, and 2 great-grandchildren with a third baby boy on the way.

In the mid-1980s, we started coming to Hot Springs Village to visit friends and to play golf. However, when we began to plan for our retirement, the Village was not an option until Diamante opened in 1995. Although the construction of our home on hole #3 was completed in 1997, we made monthly trips to and from the Village and Havana until 1999.

Living in Diamante has been one of the most enjoyable experiences of my life. When our kids came down to attend one of our parties, they said, "Diamante is like being in college, only with money." Needless to say, when I lost Don, my Diamante friends became my local family.

I served on the Diamante Board as its secretary for 2 years and chaired the Social Committee. In addition, I was President of the DWGA-18. After I sold my home in April, the decision to stay in Diamante was an easy one to make. A smaller home on hole #17 will, hopefully, be ready for me to move into it by Christmas! *Help us celebrate our neighbor!*

*Celebrating Our*  
**NEIGHBOR**

## NoraLee Bowles

### Executive Chef

**H**i Diamante! I am an Arkansas native who loves Southern food and the different regions throughout the South that make our heritage so diverse. I trained in New Orleans after receiving my American Culinary Federation (ACF)-certified Culinary Arts Degree in Kansas City. My training was in Vietnamese and French Creole. I then moved to Memphis for 10 years and worked at Chickasaw Country Club as the Executive Sous Chef and Banquet Chef. In 2018, I was able to return home to Arkansas and became the Executive Chef at the Hot Springs Convention Center.

I thank the Diamante family, members, and community for the warm welcome I received in May



of this year. The Food & Beverage staff and I are continually encouraged by the wonderful comments that we receive. I am so very proud to work with such an incredible crew in the kitchen and to have such a supportive team. Our goal each and every day is to serve the Diamante community with the highest culinary standards and care in everything that we do.

We look forward to serving you and hope to see you soon at our next club-wide event, your next dining event, or in our dining room! ♦



# Volunteers...the Heart of Our Community

**Y**our Diamante Property Owners Association (DPOA) is seeking volunteers to work with a GREAT group of current board members! In particular, we are looking for an individual who could serve as the Board's Treasurer. This individual would be especially valuable to the DPOA Board if he or she brings experience in accounting. In addition, two other board members will also be ending their positions on the Board at the end of this year. One of these members has managed the flags at the seven Diamante entrances, which, at times, requires physical strength. If you are interested in volunteering to be a member of the DPOA Board of Directors, please don't hesitate to contact me at (580) 465-9118, or contact any of the Board members listed in the box on the last page of this newsletter. We look forward to hearing from you! ♦ **–Bob Walker, DPOA President**



## COVID Booster Vaccinations at Diamante

*Diamante is happy to host Booster shots at the Club! The Eastgate Pharmacy has provided the following link, enabling you to schedule your booster vaccination on the available dates and times.*

**TO SCHEDULE YOUR APPOINTMENT AT DIAMANTE,**  
open a new tab in your browser,  
and simply copy and paste the following address into your browser

<https://app.acuityscheduling.com/schedule.php?owner=22275974&location=Diamante%20Country%20Club>

**PRIVATE LINK FOR DIAMANTE MEMBERS ONLY—DO NOT SHARE**



# EASTGATE PHARMACY



## U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE OFFICE OF JUSTICE PROGRAMS

# Improving the Use and Effectiveness of Neighborhood Watch Programs

**T**he Bureau of Justice Statistics reported that 38% of families who live in a neighborhood with a crime prevention program participate in the program. A Neighborhood Watch program asks residents of an area to get to know and watch out for each other, be alert, and be willing to call the police when something appears to be amiss.

These programs use questionnaires, observe the programs in operation, and interview with program managers and participants to assess their program's effectiveness. In addition, documents, such as evaluation reports, handbooks, and newsletters were reviewed. The programs that responded to the survey were relatively new.

The primary source of funds for our Watch Program is our DPOA annual voluntary dues. More than 70% of the programs had no formal operating budget, and approximately 80% of the administrative staffs members were volunteers.

The programs were predominately located in middle-income, racially homogeneous areas with no commercial establishments. Newsletters and regularly scheduled meetings were extensively used to disseminate information to participants and residents. A wide range of specific crime prevention activities were employed. Sixty-six percent of the programs engaged in "organized surveillance" using citizen patrols, as well as informal surveillance. A variety of issues that commonly confront Neighborhood Watch programs include the role of the techniques of operation developed by the programs, including internal communications, Neighborhood Watch signs, and police innovations. Recommendations include linking Neighborhood Watch programs to other local concerns and making greater efforts to consider the needs of specific neighborhoods. ♦

*—National Institute of Justice*



**Our Neighborhood Watch program provides the opportunity for our residents to volunteer and work toward increasing the safety and security of our homes, as well as empower our citizens to become active in emergency preparedness and community disasters.**

# MEET YOUR NEIGHBORS

## MARK AND ROXANN RYAN

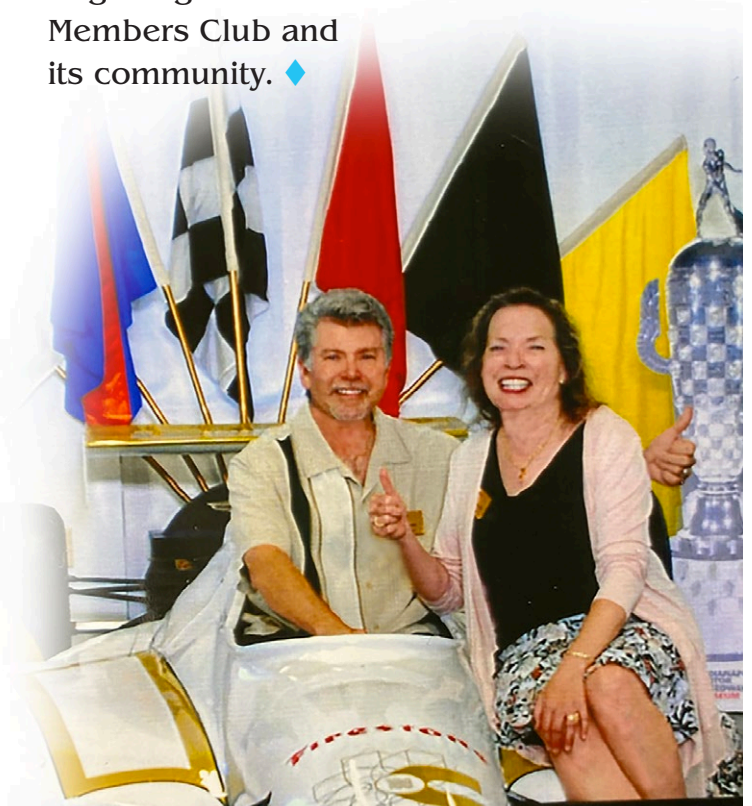
**R**oxann and Mark grew up in the St. Louis area and were actually born in the same hospital. They met on a blind date in the fall of 1974, which was arranged by their college roommates while Roxann was attending Missouri State University in Springfield and Mark was attending Missouri University of Science and Technology in Rolla, Missouri. On August 7th, they celebrated 45 years of marriage!

After graduating and working in Kansas City for a couple of years, they decided to return to graduate school at the University of Arkansas in Fayetteville, both earning a Master of Science degree in 1981. After graduation, Mark accepted an offer from his previous employer that included an assignment in southwest Kansas that lasted for 2 years. Their son, Jonathan, was born while they lived there, but he is now living in Dallas and is working for FedEx.

From Liberal, Kansas, they moved with the company back to Overland Park in the Kansas City area where they lived for 8 years with subsequent assignments to Nashville, Houston, Indianapolis, and finally back to Overland Park, where Mark retired from Energy Transfer in 2020 after a 42-year career with the company. Roxann worked in the clothing and fashion industry and taught History of Costume at the community college in Overland Park.

Roxann and Mark were familiar with the Hot Springs area after attending the University of Arkansas. "The beautiful country, friendly people, mild climate, and proximity to our family in St. Louis and our son in Dallas, made Hot Springs Village an appealing choice."

After making several house-hunting trips to the Village in 2018 and 2019, they settled on Diamante, knowing that they wanted to be part of the Diamante family and its fun-loving, inclusive, and active members. Now, as they are getting settled, they look forward to getting more involved in the Diamante Members Club and its community. ♦



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**T**he fall of 1998 proved to be a busy season for Diamante's members! Golf, tennis, bridge, and social activities filled the calendar. Enjoy this look back at some of our Club's "movers and shakers" from 23 years ago. Happy reading!

- 1** Diamante's tennis roster grew from 67 to 124 players between May 1 and September 5 of 1998. With the Tennis Professional, John Iskra, leading the way, the group's morning schedules included Tuesday men's play, Wednesday women's play, and Saturday mixed doubles' sessions.
- 2** PGA Tour Professional, Chi Chi Rodriguez, and Long Driving Champion, Sean "The Beast" Fister, delighted a crowd at the Diamante driving range on July 28. They wowed the audience with their trick shots and long drives in conjunction with the Arkansas Foundation for Urological Diseases Charity Tournament.
- 3** Before Diamante had Disc Jockey, Joe Stafford, we had our original DJ, Larry Brocaw! On September 25th, Larry spun the tunes for a "Sock Hop/Football Party." The members wore football jerseys or 50's and 60's attire and came ready to dance.
- 4** September Couples' Bridge winners included Billy and Madeline Cooper, Charlie and Shirley Johnson, Gene and Sylvia Barham, Don and Liz Coonfer, and Dale and Karen Patty.
- 5** Diamante's Head Golf Professional, Mac McCall, and the 1998 Diamante Pinehurst Team of Jan Fjeld-Hansen, Jimmy Johnson, Harlan Kickhoefer, and Hap Peterson, headed to the annual ClubGorp Association competition.
- 6** Merle Singletery scored a hole-in-one on the 155-yard hole #12 using a 6 iron. Ken Caldwell, David Clary, Pete Johnson, and Joe McGibbon witnessed the feat.
- 7** The year 1998 saw 30 couples compete in the Guys & Dolls Grand Finale. The winners were the following: **1st Flight: Low gross**—Peter and Maureen Klass and **Low net**—Bobby and Cindy Burkhart; **2nd Flight: Low gross**—Howie and Bev Watson and **Low net**—Bob and Mary Ann Schweigerdt; **3rd Flight: Low gross**—Dean and Nancy Moffitt and **Low net**—Jim and June Russell ♦

—Jeanne Godbold

