



August 2026

Dear Neighbors!

August always brings a sense of bittersweetness to me. It signifies the onset of the end of summer and prompts thoughts about the upcoming school year. This year, the anticipation of the school year is particularly challenging, as I contemplate what it will entail. Teaching and learning have integrated into my daily routine, and this autumn is no different. I will be greeting my online students on August 24, and the educational journey will commence.

The **DPOA Cocktail Party Fundraiser** was a again a success in raising funds for the DPOA. On behalf of the entire DPOA Board, I would like to express my gratitude to everyone who took part in the DPOA Cocktail Party and Couples Golf event this past month. We could not have accomplished this without the generous support of our donors, who provided a variety of new and unique silent auction items. Additionally, I want to express my appreciation to our sponsors. A special thank you goes to Paul and Cathy Darnell for their kindness in donating their 50/50 winnings back to the DPOA. Lastly, I would like to thank Lori McGhee for her contributions of several items to the silent auction, which accounted for over half of the funds raised. These funds have been designated for this year's new Christmas display, which will also contribute to a new temperature controlled storage facility.

In our ongoing efforts to strengthen the DPOA community, we will concentrate on charitable projects during the latter part of the year. Ford Williams has graciously accepted the role of leading our **Angel Tree Giving** project, set to begin in late October. Additionally, we are assessing several projects that we believe will positively impact the Diamante community. We eagerly anticipate sharing details about these initiatives with our DPOA members in upcoming newsletters, once the plans are finalized.

I would like to sincerely thank all of you for your unwavering contributions to the DPOA. Your time, donations, and ongoing support are undoubtedly vital in making our community one of the best places to reside in Hot Springs Village.

—**Heidi Hilbert, DPOA President**



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August Fun and Not so Fun Events

August offers much more than just the end of summer. With its roots in Roman history, August is special because it is the peak of summer warmth. It is named after Roman Emperor Augustus Caesar, and famous for the Perseids meteor shower, the start of the harvest season, and a relaxed holiday atmosphere before autumn begins.

August 3, 1492: Christopher Columbus set sail from Palos, Spain, with three ships, *Nina*, *Pinta*, and *Santa Maria*, across the Atlantic.

August 9, 1974: Richard M. Nixon resigned the presidency as a result of the Watergate scandal. He became the only U.S. President ever to resign.

August 13: National Prosecco Day represents a time to raise a toast to the remaining days of the season.

August 14, 1935: President Franklin Roosevelt signed the Social Security Act establishing the system which guarantees pensions to those who retire at age 65. The Social Security system also aids states in providing financial aid to dependent children, the blind and others, as well as administering a system of unemployment insurance.

August 15, 1969: Woodstock began in a field near Yasgur's Farm at Bethel, New York. The three-day concert featured 24 rock bands and drew a crowd of more than 300,00 young people.

August 18, 1920: The 19th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution was ratified, granting women the right to vote.

August 19: World Humanitarian Day, honoring aid workers and those who have lost their lives in humanitarian service

August 21, 1959: Hawaii officially became the 50th U.S. state

Famous People Born in August

Francis Scott Key	August 1	Wilt Chamberlain	August 21
Barack Obama	August 4	Kobe Bryant	August 23
Charlize Theron	August 7	Leonard Bernstein	August 25
Roger Federer	August 8	Sean Connery	August 25
Chris Hemsworth	August 11	Mother Teresa	August 27
Halle Berry	August 14	Scott Hamilton	August 28
Jennifer Lawrence	August 15	Michael Jackson	August 29
Bill Clinton	August 19	Richard Gere	August 31

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UALR Diamante Intercollegiate Girls Golf Tournament October 16-20

It's that time again, and we are beginning to assemble the host families for the teams that will be participating in October. The 2026 UALR (Little Rock) Diamante Intercollegiate Girls Golf Tournament is scheduled for October 16-20, 2026, at Diamante Country Club.

This year will be the largest field ever, with 23 teams! The host team, UALR, recently won the Ohio Valley Conference Championship in dominating fashion, which qualifies them for the NCAA Regional Tournament (article and picture can be found here: <https://lrtrojans.com/news/2026/4/21/womens-golf-trojans-go-wire-to-wire-to-claim-ovc-championship.aspx>).

The teams participating this year are: UALR, Arkansas State, University Central Arkansas, Ball State University, California Baptist University, University of Wyoming, Corpus Christi University, East Texas A&M University, Houston Christian University, Lipscomb University, University of Memphis, Missouri State University, Stephen F. Austin State University, The University of Texas at Arlington, The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley, Jacksonville State University, University of Louisiana Monroe, Sam Houston State University, Utah Tech University, University of North Carolina at Asheville, Troy University, University of Northern Colorado, and the University of North Alabama.

We are reaching out to the Diamante families to seek support in hosting one of the intercollegiate teams attending our prestigious event. If you are an alumnus of any of these schools, or would like to support the tournament and one of these terrific intercollegiate teams, then get ready to show your team spirit and consider hosting. We ask that you respond to let us know if you can host (many of you have already responded, thank you!).

If you are unfamiliar with this event, please feel free to contact Mike and/or Dawn Battle for more information.

Thanks to everyone for your continued support! Not only is this a great opportunity to showcase our incredible Diamante community to visitors from all over the United States and the world, but it will also generate over \$40,000 in revenue for our club.

We look forward to hearing from you and anticipate a great 2026 Diamante Intercollegiate Tournament! Please contact Mike or Dawn if you would like to participate or have any questions.

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DÎNER *en* BLANC

10 OCT, 2026 6PM-10PM



\$95++
PER PERSON



ITALY

- Imb sugo arancini
- Classic tomato and mozzarella bruschetta
- Artichoke and white bean salad
- Prosciutto and melon crostini with mascarpone
- Porchetta on polenta

LIVE ACTION STATION



FRANCE

- Duck confit cassoulet, herbed breadcrumbs
- Baked Brie, strawberry-balsamic and black pepper jam
- Onion fondue tartlets
- Lentil salad, goat cheese, pickled green beans
- Smoked salmon cakes, crème fraîche, chives



SPAIN

- Garlic shrimp with olive oil
- Bacon-wrapped dates
- Manchego with quince paste
- Marinated peppers, grilled asparagus, romesco
- Classic paella

LIVE ACTION STATION



GREECE

- Hummus and tzatziki, Kalamata olives, grilled pita
- Ketta kabobs, preserved lemon
- Traditional Greek salad
- Chicken and lamb souvlaki skewers
- Dolmas

Desserts 

- Lemon and chocolate cannoli
- Chocolate éclairé
- Churros and hot chocolate
- Baklava

ALL WHITE DRESS CODE

Administrative Note

We have made an effort to insure all recorded DPOA members and their spouses are on the distribution list for our DPOA Newsletter. If your spouse did not receive a newsletter, please send an email to the TrustyScribe@att.net with the name and email address to be added.

If your neighbor says they didn't receive, the DPOA Newsletter, let them know they should inform us as above. If you wish to be removed from the distribution list, have an email address change, whatever, please let us know.

August Birthdays

Cindy Cheatham	August 3	David Surguine	August 14
Chris Masopust	August 4	Bob Hinckley	August 15
Larry Ellis	August 5	Beverly Ann Chancellor	August 16
Veronica Curioni	August 5	John Hardin	August 17
Steve Huckabaa	August 5	Deedra Stofer	August 19
Jill Dabbs-Parker	August 5	Peter Julian	August 20
Guy Quinn	August 5	Lana Prosen	August 21
Clay Toombs	August 5	Karen Simmons	August 21
Dan Quandt	August 9	Greg Uldrich	August 21
Missy Maxey	August 10	Max Emmert	August 23
Suzanne Godbold	August 11	Candy Adams	August 25
John Goodell	August 11	Elizabeth Melson	August 26
Mark Price	August 12	Kim Vineyard	August 27
Suzanne Brady	August 13	Scott Finnell	August 30
Steve St. Onge	August 13	Jim Langlais	August 31
Joe Stafford	August 13	Jill Matzat	August 31
Glenn Laursen	August 14	Roxann Ryan	August 31

DIAMANTE VETERANS DAY GOLF TOURNAMENT

November 9, 2026

Please accept this invitation to participate in Diamante's second annual
VETERANS DAY CHARITY GOLF TOURNAMENT.

Friends of Fisher House Arkansas in Little Rock will be our beneficiary. Fisher Houses are built by Fisher House Foundation and then gifted to be owned and operated by the Department of Veterans Affairs (Central Arkansas Veterans Health Care System (CAVHS)) in association with the attached hospital (John L. McClellan Memorial Veterans Hospital in Little Rock). Fisher House Arkansas supports two medical campuses in Central Arkansas that serve patients from Arkansas, Oklahoma, Texas, Missouri, and Tennessee. The 16-suite Fisher House Arkansas provides lodging to Veterans and their families, accommodating 24 to 36 family members with a spacious common kitchen, laundry facilities, spacious dining room and a living room with a library and toys for children. The house is 100% accessible. The Fisher House is a temporary residence and is not a treatment facility or hospice center.

Fisher House Arkansas was dedicated on September 26, 2025, and began lodging families of Veteran patients being treated at John H. McClellan Memorial Veterans Hospital. Log on to <https://fisherhouse.org> to learn more about the Friends of Fisher House Arkansas and/or <https://fisherhouse.org> to learn more about the Fisher House Foundation.

The tournament entry fee is \$800 per team (\$150 per player and single players accepted), which will include golf cart, range balls, goodie bag, and lunch after play. Format is traditional 4-person scramble. There will be a shotgun start at 10:00 a.m. and lunch will be served after play. Sign up now and don't wait until it's too late!

We hope you will come, support the Veterans and their families, and enjoy your experience with the Friends of Fisher House Arkansas and Diamante Country Club Veterans.

Your support will help provide needed no-cost lodging for Veterans and their families as they work through their medical problems at John L. McClellan Memorial Veterans Hospital.

Register at





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2ND ANNUAL



VETERANS DAY CHARITY GOLF TOURNAMENT

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2026

10:00AM SHOTGUN START

4-PERSON SCRAMBLE



**Friends of
Fisher House
Arkansas**

- ★ \$600 per team (\$150 per person)
- ★ Limited to 20 Teams Sign up Early!
- ★ Includes: Golfing, cart, lunch

About the Cause

Proceeds benefit *Friends of Fisher House Arkansas*, supporting the new Fisher House in Little Rock. The 16-suite Fisher House provides lodging to Veterans and their families, accommodating 24 to 36 family members of Veterans receiving care far from home.

Sign Up or Donate Today!

Checks:

2026 Diamante Veterans Charity Golf-Fisher House
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Questions?

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July 31, 2026

Treasurer's Newsletter Report

	7/31/2026 Actual Month to Date	7/31/2026 Actual Year to Date	7/31/2025 Actual Year to Date
Member dues	720	12,380	13,600
Additional dues	20	3,010	1,100
Total dues revenue	740	15,390	14,700
Landscape Maintenance	(1,137)	(8,555)	(8,000)
Sprinkler repair	-	-	(1,730)
Electrical repair	-	-	-
Flags	-	(92)	(197)
Holiday décor	(3,595)	(3,595)	-
Welcome baskets	(574)	(657)	(359)
Storage unit	-	(945)	(515)
Administrative costs	-	(489)	(165)
Total operational expenses	(5,306)	(14,333)	(10,966)
Net operating revenue (expense)	(4,566)	1,057	3,734
Net picnic	-	86	(214)
Net cocktail party	2,357	2,357	1,709
Other fundraiser	-	-	-
Net fundraising	2,357	2,442	1,495
Donations received	200	220	
Net revenue (expense)	(2,010)	3,721	5,229

Beginning Cash	1/1/2026	18,709
Net revenue (expense) YTD		3,721
Ending Cash	7/31/2026	22,431
Emergency Reserve		(7,500)
Funds Available for Operations		14,931