



Greetings to All of Our DPOA Members!

"Summer breeze makes me feel fine," is a catchy lyric from Seals and Crofts. I feel fine, and I, for one, am always proud to show our neighborhood to visitors. The Diamante Property Owners Association (DPOA) kicked off the summer season with our annual picnic, which was sponsored by three businesses: AR Health and Hearing (Marilyn and Neil Phelan), Griffith Motor Sports (Tim Griffith), and Candy Adams (McGraw Realtors). Thank you to each of these businesses—we couldn't do it this BIG without your on-going support! Several property owners contributed to this year's event as well: Roxann and Mark Ryan, Linda and Jim Fulton, Robin and David Persson, Craig Staley and Bruce Cox, Karla and John Sebastiani, Janet and Robert Smith, and Greg Hilbert. *Colt and the Old 45s* band provided some fantastic music, along with DJ Joe Stafford, which made the entire late afternoon a fun-filled event.

The DPOA Board is collaborating with Couples Golf for a July fundraiser and social event. On Saturday, July 19th, from 5 pm to 7 pm, the DPOA will host a cocktail party held in the Diamond Room. That will set the stage for another fun evening as several Member-donated items will be available during a silent auction. This auction will include a golf cart, a wine tasting at a private home for eight people, and many other items that we'll list in July's newsletter and front office communications. There will also be a 50/50 raffle and door prizes on Saturday. All of this is followed up by the Couples Golf Front Nine/Back Nine Tournament on Sunday, July 20th. If you have an item to contribute to the silent auction, please contact one of the DPOA Board Members listed on page 3 of this newsletter. Items can be large or small—and all donations will help to ensure we keep the 'fun' in fundraiser! Also, please sign up for the DPOA cocktail party ASAP. The registration form is on page 5. The Golf Registration and details will be available soon.

I would like to recognize the tireless work of the Diamante staff for the picnic buffet—from set up to clean up—and everything in between! Lots of smiling faces in the crowd thanks to that team's efforts! Also, a special 'thank you' to Colt and the Old 45s for their upbeat music from the 60s and 70s, and to our very own Joe Stafford, who always knows how to get the party started!

Last of all, I want to thank all of you—the **DPOA Members**—for attending this year's Annual Picnic and helping to make it the resounding success that it was!

As the President of the DPOA, it's been a real pleasure to work with all the DPOA Board Members for this event. Your contributions were much appreciated.

Let's do it all again next summer!

-Heidi Hilbert, DPOA President

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MEMES of the Month!

Can we STOP building new DOLLAR GENERALS and just UNPACK the ones we got



...and a second one to celebrate Dads everywhere! Any Dad driving on I-30 can relate to this one>



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Dear DPOA Members,

A couple of housekeeping items to note: I don't have a Treasurer's Report this month as Ford Williams is enjoying a much deserved vacation. But we do want to thank several of you who paid your 2025 Dues at the picnic. We'll have the Member rosters updated by next month. I also apologize that I don't have a "Staff member" spotlight this month—I just ran out of time and am desperately trying to get this issue wrapped up before I lose another key DPOA Member to a vacation.

If you're like me, it's very easy to become disconnected from the 'real world' when we're retired and 'living the good life' behind this Pine Curtain. But, while we're enjoying golf or court sports, the pool, and various other social and dining activities, life (and its struggles) goes on past the Village gates for many fellow Americans. That's why I wanted to call out four National events happening now, and over the next few weeks.

Father's Day is this weekend, and this newsletter includes a lot of tie-ins to remembering and celebrating many of you Dads out there. You've struggled your entire life to provide for your family. I hope your Sunday is as special as you are!

We also have the **4th of July** fast approaching, and I've included some info about activities that the Club has planned, as well as a reminder about the Village fireworks. It's a great local and national celebration—with only one more year until we reach that 250 yr. milestone—if we can all survive one more year!

June is also a month that celebrates **Juneteenth** and **Gay Pride**. Neither of these events is celebrated by most Diamante residents-but you'd be welcome to join in. We all know the history of slavery in this country, and almost lost our country fighting over it. As I reported last month, more soldiers died fighting our Civil War (and related injuries) than in all of our country's other wars combined. **Juneteenth** celebrates that date when the final slaves received the news and were 'Free at Last'. Communities throughout the country celebrate Black emancipation by sharing their stories and heritage in art, music, books, lectures & workshops, fairs, etc. Check out some of the local festivities planned in Hot Springs.

Gay Pride is a month-long celebration, and largely a result of the gay community's uprising over raids by the NYC police, at the Stonewall Inn. June is now filled with more joyous events, celebrating life more openly, the Civil Rights gained in recent years, honoring the millions lost during the AIDS epidemic, and much more. Pride also celebrates LGBTQ+ achievements and contributions to the world: science, arts and entertainment, politics and industry. A Pride Parade is unique, colorful and full fun and laughter. Add one to your bucket list!

Read more about all of these events on page 6.

On a personal note, Happy Anniversary to my life partner of 42 years, Bruce Cox. Wishing all Members a **Joyful June** and a **Happy 4th of July**. CS

DPOA COCKTAIL PARTY FUNDRAISER

Saturday, July 19— 5 to 7 pm

DPOA Cocktail Party Reservation

Printed full name of person sending check

Check#

Dollar amount

All Diamante and DPOA Members and Property Owners - \$18.00

Guests-\$20.00

Full name

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**Please make your check payable to the DPOA
And mail your check by July 11, 2025:**

**Ford Williams
8 Aventura Trace
Hot Springs Village, AR 71909**

The Cocktail Party will feature a Charcuterie Board—buffet style—with an assortment of Chef Terry’s favorite meats, cheeses, fruits and nuts for DPOA Members & Guests to enjoy (while silently bidding, of course)!

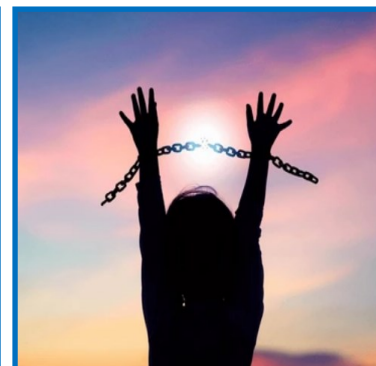
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June sets up 5 weeks of National Celebrations: Our **Rights**, Our **Freedom**s and Our **Love**!

Gay Pride-The Month of JUNE. **Gay Pride Month**, celebrated each June, commemorates the 1969 Stonewall Riots in New York City, a pivotal moment in the fight for LGBTQ+ rights. It is a time to celebrate hard-won progress in equality and acceptance and advocating for full legal protections worldwide. Events include parades, festivals, workshops, and other events that foster visibility, LGBTQ history, diversity, inclusivity and self-affirmation. The month also celebrates the community's contributions to society. Many community events are aimed at remembering those lost to hate crimes and HIV/AIDS, and championing a more equitable future for minorities worldwide. **PRIDE Hot Springs Parade & Festival will take place on Saturday, June 28, 2025, from 11:00 AM to 5:00 PM**



Juneteenth—JUNE 19. **Juneteenth**, celebrated on June 19th, marks a pivotal moment in American history, commemorating the end of slavery in the United States. It specifically honors the day in 1865 when Union soldiers arrived in Galveston, Texas, with news that the Civil War had ended and that all enslaved African Americans were free, more than two years after President Lincoln's Emancipation Proclamation. Juneteenth, now a federal holiday, serves as a day of celebration, reflection, and education on Black history and culture, recognizing the resilience and struggle for freedom and equality, and prompting continued dialogue about racial justice in America. The **8th Annual Hot Springs Juneteenth Celebration** is scheduled for **Saturday, June 14, 2025, from 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM** in Downtown Hot Springs.



3rd Sunday of JUNE. The origins of **Father's Day** in the United States are primarily attributed to Sonora Smart Dodd of Spokane, Washington, who, inspired by a Mother's Day sermon in 1909, wanted to honor her widowed father who raised six children. She successfully campaigned for the first statewide Father's Day in Washington on June 19, 1910. While an earlier, isolated service to honor fathers occurred in West Virginia in 1908 following a mining disaster, it was Dodd's persistent efforts that laid the groundwork for broader recognition. The path to a national holiday was gradual, facing some initial resistance, but after several presidential acknowledgments over the decades, Father's Day was officially made a permanent national holiday in the U.S. in 1972, and celebrated on the third Sunday of June each year.



The 4th of July/Independence Day. **July 4th** commemorates the adoption of the Declaration of Independence on July 4, 1776, and separation of the thirteen American colonies from Great Britain. This historic act is celebrated with vibrant displays of patriotism and national pride, including fireworks, parades, barbecues, carnivals, fairs, picnics, concerts, and family reunions. The day is strongly associated with the colors of the American flag—red, white, and blue—which are prominently displayed on everything from decorations and clothing to food. The 4th of July remains a cherished occasion for Americans to celebrate their nation's history, freedom, and cultural heritage.



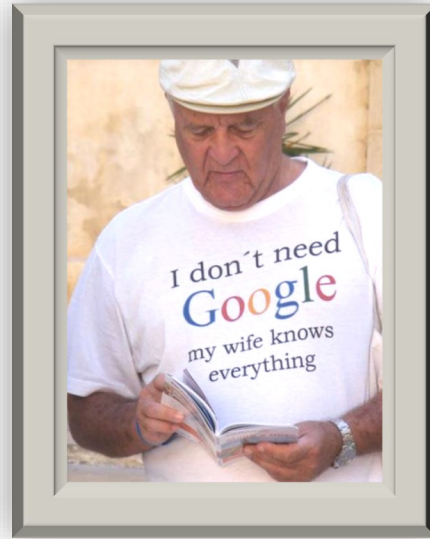
Last Minute Father's Day Gifts for the Dad Who Has Everything (or *Thought* He Did!)



The Attention Seeker



Mr. Game of Thrones

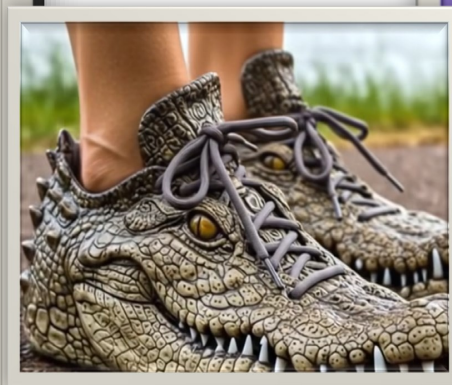


The Peacekeeper



Mr. 'When Ya Got It...'

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY!



Marco Island Golf Crocs

Call for Reservations 501-922-1114



FATHER'S DAY

SUNDAY, JUNE 15 | \$42 ++

SLOW-ROASTED PRIME RIB, AU JUS, HORSERADISH CREAM
 CHICKEN BREAST AU POIVRE
 CHEDDAR SCALLOPED POTATOES
 LEMON-ROASTED BROCCOLI WITH SWEET PEPPERS
 CAJUN CRAWFISH JAMBALAYA
 BISCUITS AND BROWNED BUTTER SAGE GRAVY
 TRADITIONAL OMELET STATION
 APPLEWOOD SMOKED BACON AND SAUSAGE LINKS
 FRENCH TOAST STICKS
 SUMMER FRUIT DISPLAY
 GREEK SPINACH SALAD
 KALE CRUNCH SALAD

DESSERTS
 SNICKERS SALAD
 FRESH BERRY COBBLER
 HOUSE MADE PECAN PIE WITH BOURBON CRÈME ANGLAISE
 ASSORTED BREAKFAST PASTRIES AND COOKIES

Serving 11:00 am - 1:30 pm
 Children 6-13 \$20, under 6 free
 Reservations 501-922-1114



Mr. 'My Wife Can't Cook!'

Another Gift Idea for Diamante Dads!

Will the Germans Out-Dazzle the French?

Reservations open Wednesday, June 4

Dine with the GERMAN WINEMAKER



BORELL WINE

Hosts – Brice Saltzmann

June 19, 2025

Welcome wine-- *Borell Diehl Chardonnay Brut*

First Course - *Borell Diehl Pinot Blanc*
paired with Chicken currywurst, braised red cabbage and apples

Second Course-- *Borell Diehl Pinot Noir Trocken*
paired with Pork Schnitzel, warm mustard potato salad, parsley salad

Third Course-- *Borell Diehl Pinot Noir Kastanienberg Trocken*
paired with Butterkase, cherry compote, almonds, crostini

Fourth Course-- *Borell Diehl Gewurtzraminer Kabinett*
paired with Apple-walnut strudel, cinnamon whipped creme fraiche

\$85.00++ per person

Reservations open June 4th at 9 am and close June 13th
48 hour cancellation policy

501-922-1114



Speaking of Dazzling, Independence Day at the Club and in the Village-All Day & All Night!

Our Nation's 249th Birthday!

MAKE PLANS NOW!

4TH OF JULY

LIVE MUSIC, GREAT FOOD, COUPLES CORNHOLE TOURNAMENT, \$5.00 STRAWBERRY DAIQUIRIS

4PM TO 7PM

MUSIC BY ENCORE

BREAKFAST BUFFET 8AM TO 10:30AM

GOLF SHOTGUN START 11AM - OPTIONAL TOURNAMENT

CART DECORATING COMPETITION

COURT SPORTS EVENTS

RESERVATIONS WILL BE REQUIRED FOR BREAKFAST & THE 4:00PM CELEBRATION
MORE INFO COMING SOON!

Editor's Note:

Hot Springs Village also hosts a "4th of July Fireworks Spectacular" at Balboa Beach. It's one of the Village's favorite summer traditions.

This event is free and open to all Village members and their guests.

The fireworks begin at dusk, around 9:15 PM, but get there early!



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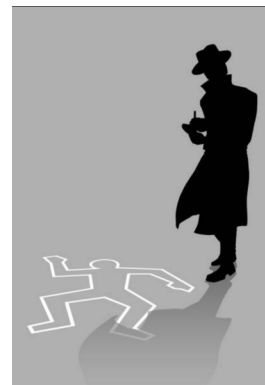
A 'Who Done It' Diamante Social Event

“You only live once, but if you do it right, once is enough!”

-Mae West

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Are You a Super Sleuth?



True CRIME Comes to Diamante!

No One Will Be Safe on **July 24th...**

Join us for Dinner and an Evening of Mystery!

Hosted by The Dinner Detective

Reservations Open July 8th and *Will Be Limited By Blood Type!*



The **Diamante Country Club's 30th Anniversary Cookbook** manuscripts are at the printer! A **BIG “Thank You”** to all the **Members** who contributed more than 300 family favorite recipes for this effort. This is bound to be a keepsake—and a great holiday gift as well!

We're required to include a deposit with the order so your payment, in advance, would be appreciated.

- ◆ Make checks payable to “Diamante Country Club” and add “Cookbooks” in the memo line of your check.
- ◆ Remit to the Club's address, or drop off at the Front Desk, and include “Attention Connie Vaden” on your envelope.
- ◆ Cookbooks are \$33.95 each, and discounted to \$30.00 each for orders of 12 or more.
- ◆ Connie also has the master list and can confirm your order, or adjust your order, should you want to purchase additional books at this time.



The **Social Committee's** 30th Anniversary Cookbook Editors are: Connie Vaden, Lori Adcock-McGhee and Craig Staley

Watch for the Kick-Off Party later this Summer!

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DPOA MEMBERS SPOTLIGHT:

CAROL AND JIM BODGE

As a part of our 30th Anniversary year, I was recently able to spend some time with another of our Diamante ‘fixtures’, **Jim Bodge, and his wife Carol**. But I had to start this conversation by asking the couple if all these contests and prizes are rigged? In the past few weeks, Carol and Jim have been finding the 30th Anniversary Committee’s drink tickets, Jim won the DPOA Gift Basket at our annual meeting, and at the recent DPOA Picnic, Jim won the 50/50 drawing with enough loot to buy another Diamante lot! Jim quickly replied, “...but ask me about all the years and all the fundraisers where I put in my \$20 bucks and never won a dime!”. Carol added that she recently had family visiting and took them to Oaklawn and didn’t win a dime either. Fair enough, and congrats to you both! Jim’s been a fixture at the Club for 26 years, and his wife Carol joined him in 2014.

Jim hails from a small town in Kansas, Phillipsburg, while Carol’s early roots had been planted in one of my favorite cities, Ft. Worth, TX. Jim spent most of his career working in various management positions at Southwestern Bell, and his roles and responsibilities took him to various SW Bell locations, including Kansas, the St. Louis area, and Dallas. Carol’s career path, on the other hand, initially had her selling drugs (legally, of course). But she transitioned into work at SW Bell as well. As the Bell network was broken up by the government in the early 80’s, Carol moved on to a pilot program set up by AT&T, and in 1984, that’s when the couple’s paths first crossed. Whispering, she added, “I actually kinda worked for him” as she pointed in Jim’s direction. But, as AT&T sold off many of their technologies and assets and focused on long-distance, Carol instinctively saw the writing on the wall, and jumped at an opportunity with Nortel. That company had its own set of issues and eventually, Carol decided to branch out on her own. It was the time in her career to spread her wings and learn to fly solo. Meanwhile, back at the Club, Jim’s first wife lost her battle with cancer, and passed away in 2009. That left Jim also flying without his usual co-pilot. But he had maintained a business friendship with Carol through the years, and had also been a sounding board for Carol and her infant consulting business. Eventually the two started dating, and in 2014 they took the next big step in their relationship, tying the knot!



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In the early part of Jim's tenure at Diamante, he served on various advisory boards and committees that interfaced with Club Corp. One year he was elected President. While that group had no real power or authority, he noted that roles became a lot more serious once the Members bought the Club.

I did ask him if there were any disagreements between Club Corp and Cooper in that Club Corp was private and Cooper had a vested interest in the success of the Village overall, and had created so many competing golf courses that stretched the entire Village? Jim said that there had been long wait times, etc., across all the other courses, and that as Diamante opened, many golf lines and other Clubhouse lines were relieved. With Cooper developing Isabella and Granada, that also helped to ease the frustrations of the growing number of Village golf enthusiasts. Something else I'd never heard, Jim mentioned that there had been some discussion early on about Cooper developing a second private club somewhere in the Village. Thankfully, if true, that plan was scrapped.

Carol is currently in her second year of serving on the BOD, and heads the very challenging Marketing and Membership Committee. She shared that as the BOD conducted Club interviews last year for a new GM, it was interesting to learn 'how' other clubs were structured when it came to membership levels and how they targeted new members. Jim had been in leadership when Diamante's focus was golf. Carol's part of a current BOD team that's trying to figure out 'how' to be a better Country Club for all—and obviously, how we can continue to grow the revenues for the Club? Those answers lie somewhere between the 1st and 18th holes.

When asked about Diamante's greatest assets, Jim replied that it's got to be "other Members and the Staff". He quickly added that "golf by itself would be very boring if you didn't have friends to share the Club experience with". Carol added that the Clubhouse is most important to her, because "you get to meet people". After a round on the links, "it's fun to talk, eat, etc., and much easier to do this at the Clubhouse than other locations."

When I asked about the couple's hobbies, I needed a nap after hearing Jim's list. He's ventured into the Village to renew some of his 'jock' days in athletics, like softball, senior basketball, track, Church golf league, and more. He also holds senior records in the long jump and 100 meters. He was interested in pickleball at one point in the Village, and signed up for lessons, but nobody else showed up. Someone needs to remind Jim of his age!

Carol's favorite hobby, outside of golf, sounded more like an extension of work. She spent a lot of time volunteering at Tech Park in Little Rock. That involved teaching and helping adults how to start and grow their own businesses. While passionate about 'giving back', that pretty much ended a few years back due to COVID. Now, she donates much of her time to her church council, and of course, the BOD.

We ended our discussion, focused on a key June event, Father's Day. Jim said that the greatest gift he gave his father is also the greatest gift that his father gave to him: mutual respect and friendship. And because of that, his father was also Jim's biggest fan. Carol said that her greatest gift to her dad was that she 'made things happen' and that made him proud. She was the only one of her siblings to graduate from college. In return, her father gave Carol the cherished gift of a strong work ethic, and when combined with her father's background as an ordained minister and blue collar worker, that serves to keep Carol grounded and helping others wherever she can.

Thank you both for your service to Diamante, past and present. And Happy Father's Day, Jim!

DPOA Members Carol and Jim Bodge count their prize money at **8 Loyola Circle**.

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The Annual DPOA Picnic, June 2025:

Life is *Better* When Club Members *Get Together!*



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...Did Anybody Know What Time It Was? Did Anybody Really Care? (Picnic pics, con't)



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DPOA MEMBERS SPOTLIGHT: SUZANNE AND CHUCK STOFER

To honor American dads on Father's Day, I composed a game called "Do Fathers *Really* Know Best"? It's based on a recent poll asking Americans to rank their favorite TV dads from the Classic Age of television. This includes shows from the 50's through the mid-70's. Many of them were black and white, with later ones in living color. All of them were considered 'classics'—not today's television families. The twist here is to see if anyone can name some of the other TV characters associated with these famous fathers. I thought it would be easy...

Suzanne and Chuck Stofer's names were drawn out of the fishbowl as this month's lucky contestants. They're also close neighbors of ours, and Suzanne was the most gracious host at the first event we'd ever attended at the

Club. Turns out that Chuck was born in Wichita and grew up in Overland Park, KS, a suburb of Kansas City (my partner traveled there often, as an employee of Sprint). Suzanne hails from Grand Bend, KS, on the 'arKANSAS' river. The two met while in school at the University of Kansas. Chuck was dating her roommate, and some time after they'd broken up, Chuck ran into "Switchboard Suzanne" again, and the rest is in the history books at KU. Suzanne put her degree to work as an Education Administrator and eventually a Principal, while Chuck went on to earn his PhD in Chemical Engineering. So, as you might have guessed, they didn't have a lot of time to watch TV!

Suzanne fared much better than Chuck with her answers. She knew most of the shows. And she knew a lot of the stars by their real names, but she struggled with the offspring. Chuck, on the other hand, knew nothing about the Brady Bunch...oh, Marsha, Marsha, Marsha! Sky King came back to him with a couple of hints. We had fun, and now it's your turn to play the game on the next page.

In real life, both prized their relationships with their fathers. Suzanne recalled driving her friends to Kansas City on a shopping spree and she bought her dad the cutest little piggy bank. Her dad cherished it and Suzanne found it several years later, safely tucked away in his belongings. Chuck really impressed his dad when he offered to paint the family's garage—saving his dad time, money and a lot of angst over the entire project.

What they received from their fathers? Suzanne said she learned to do a job well and if you go the extra mile—you'll always be rewarded. Chuck inherited his father's skepticism—to be wary of things that are too good to be true. Like me calling and saying, 'hey, I've got a really fun game for you to play'!. Happy Father's Day and Happy Birthday, Chuck!

DPOA Members Suzanne and Chuck Stofer subscribed to Hulu at **10 Princesa Drive** to start watching Classic TV!

Do Fathers *Really* Know Best? (answers are on pg. 24)

1. **Ron Howard** has the distinction of being the Son to two of television's greatest Dads. Can you name the **two shows** and/or his two TV Dads that were voted in the **Top 25 Greatest TV Dads of All Time**?



9. Recently voted **TV's #1 Dad**. Robert Reed and Florence Henderson starred in this early '70's favorite, *The Brady Bunch*. Can you remember the couple's TV first names on the show? Can you remember the name of their maid/housekeeper?



2. **Lorne Greene** played papa Cartwright for several years on the hit series, *Bonanza*. Can you name his 3 Sons in order of their ages on the show?



<8. No Son on the show, but **Sky King's** Daughter appeared in every episode as he flew from ranch to ranch fighting crime. Can you name his TV Daughter? A Bonus point if you can name his plane?



3. On **Father Knows Best**, **Robert Young** had 3 children.. Can you name his middle Son?



7. **The Adventures of Ozzie and Harriet** was another long-running family series. They had two Sons, and one of them became a famous musician too. Can you name them both, and which one had some hit singles?

<6. One of early TV's oddest sitcoms, **Herman Munster** was the 'young' Father on **The Addams Family**. He also had a young son. Can you name this youngest member of the cast?



<4. **Fred MacMurray** starred in **My Three Sons**, but actually adopted a 4th near the end of the show's long run on TV. Can you name his 3 Sons? And score a bonus point if you can name the Son he adopted late in the series?

<5. **Ward and June Cleaver** had 2 Sons during their long running hit show **Leave it To Beaver**. Now that I gave you one name, can you name Beaver's older brother, and the his 'bully' friend?

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When Detroit and Diamante Collide,
It's a **Showdown** for the **Ages!**



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It's All Fun and Games 'til someone has to return the Dresses, Shoes & Wigs to **Maxine's by 10 AM!**



...and Just in Case You Ever Wondered 'Who Buys These Clothes?'



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DPOA VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT:

BEVERLY THOMPSON



Full disclosure, Bev is my proofreader for this newsletter, so I thought she deserved a little recognition this month. She does a bang-up job on my tight schedules and laughs at all of my bad jokes! As a Member of Diamante for over 24 years, she's also volunteered for a whole lot more than just her current DPOA role.

Bev and Dewey, her husband of 33 years, first visited Diamante in the late 90's at the invitation of friends for the Diamante M/G. On their second visit, they bought a lot in Diamante, then built their home and spent many years playing golf and enjoying friends.

Living here full time, Bev spent 7 years on the Advisory Board and participated in various committees including Chair of the House Committee. She was President of the DWGA18 for a year and enjoyed gathering friends at Christmas time to decorate the Club. Due to the smaller size of the membership in those earlier days, one of Bev's favorite memories was knowing all the members and enjoying their many gatherings. That made Diamante truly special for her and Dewey,

So I segued into Bev's other 'favorite things': **Color:** Black. **Favorite Movie:** All the James Bond movies, especially *The Man with the Golden Gun*. **Favorite Song:** Somebody to Love, by Queen. **Favorite Flower:** White Daisies (her mom's fav). **Food:** anything 'junk', maybe a Cheeseburger. **Vacation Spot:** China, Iceland and several other European countries. **Favorite Concert:** The Beatles in 1966 (she has the ticket stub) and prices were \$3,\$4,\$5—or \$5.50 for the best seat! **Area Attractions:** The beautiful golf course and area's terrain. **Favorite Grade School Memory:** Recess. **Favorite High School Memory:** a Hula Hoop Contest (but can't remember who won)!

Favorite Dad Memory: her dad always helped her do the pots and pans after dinner. It became their 'quality time' together. Later in life, Bev also enjoyed traveling with him. On one trip, they journeyed back to his boyhood home outside of Bristol, England, where he'd lived until age 10. After that, he migrated to the US via Canada. He hadn't been back to England since his boyhood days, so their trip had special meaning for each of them.

Bev's Special Gift to Her Father: that she learned to appreciate and love him more as they were able to spend more time together.

DPOA Member **Bev Thompson** puts post-it notes on her windows at **6 Granada Place** to scare angry birds away.

Pomp, Circumstance and Homage: Memorial Day Observances at Diamante



Two Sports Supporting One Cause:

'Cover the Courts' Fundraiser, Silent & Live Auction/May 2025



Congrats to the winners of the 'Cover the Courts' Golf Tournament and all the winners at the Silent & Live Auction Event, held in May. Your participation, sponsorships and donations contributed \$29K to the campaign's effort!



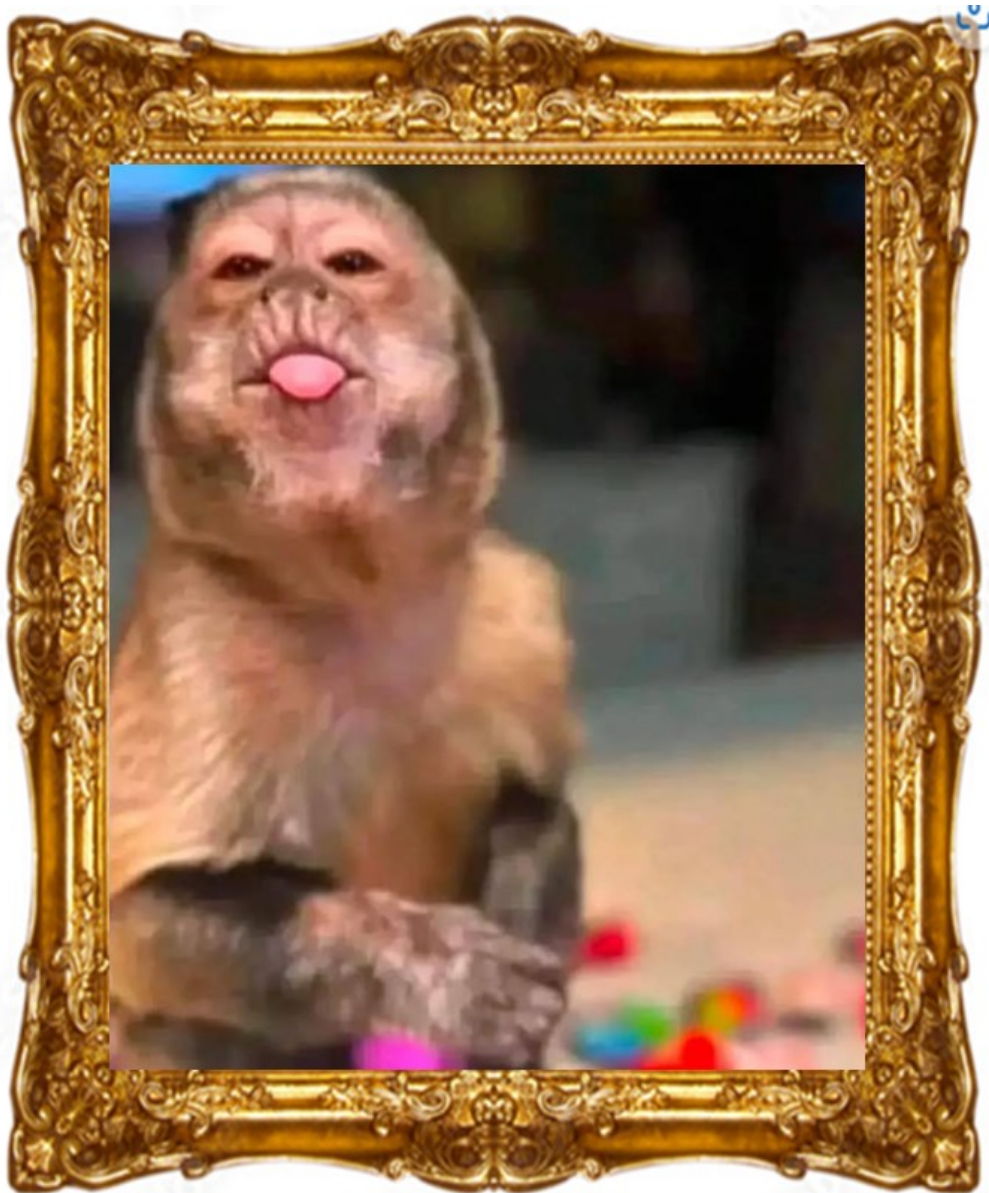
The Court Sports Volunteers were the REAL winners!

Congrats!



“The older I get, the more I understand why people just want to live in the woods and talk to squirrels.”

-Anonymous



2025 DPOA Members

June Birthdays

- 1st Mark Woodruff
- 3rd Marian James
- 4th Melissa Hoffman, Tara Santillanez
- 7th Brian Gunzelman, Phil Iantosca,
Fred Bean
- 8th Lisa Marie Hauth, Dennis Riordan
- 9th Melinda Kincaid
- 10th Chuck Stofer, Martha Smither
- 13th Clark Robbins, Susan Anderson
- 15th Cherry Thibault, Brian Stout
- 16th Virginia Koch, Scott Calloway
- 17th Barbara Wetzel
- 18th Wes Harvey
- 19th Karen Exsted, Dawn Battle,
James Fulton
- 20th Garrett Kleinschmidt
- 21st Felix Caldwell
- 23rd Cheryl Glinka
- 24th Luna Nesbitt

“The secret to staying young is to live honestly, eat slowly and lie about your age!”

-Lucille Ball

*If your birthday is coming up in July and you wish to age in private, please send a note to the Editor and you'll be excluded from receiving celebratory wishes from your Diamante family.

Up Next Month:

Tastebuds Tested Tableside by Thenus Orientalis for the First Time!



Answers to the “Fathers Really Know Best?” Quiz:

1. Ron Howard starred as “Opie Taylor “ on The Andy Griffith (**Voted #3 Dad**) Show and as Richie, son of Howard Cunningham (Tom Bosley) on Happy Days. Howard was **Voted # 8 Dad**.
2. Lorne Greene’s sons on Bonanza: the Cartwright boys, in order of age, were: Adam, Hoss and Little Joe
3. **Robert Young Voted #4 Dad**. Son was “Bud” Anderson
4. **Voted #5 Dad**, “Steve Douglas” had 3 sons—Mike, Robbie and Chip. The Bonus son was Ernie.
5. **Hugh Beaumont Voted #2 Dad**: oldest son was Wally Cleever. The ‘bully’ friend was Eddie Haskell.
6. **Voted #10 Dad**, Herman Munster’s son was Eddie
7. Ozzie and Harriet’s sons were David and Ricky Nelson. Ricky also enjoyed a singing career.
8. Sky King’s daughter was Penny. Bonus: the name of his plane was the “Songbird”
9. **Voted #1 Dad, Robert Reed** and Florence Henderson were Mike and Carol Brady. Once married, Mike brought his housekeeper “Alice” to live with them.