

DPOA News & Events



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Diamante Property Owners Association

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Dear Neighbors!

I want to thank each of the DPOA Board members—Tom Ellers, Heidi Hilbert, Alice Hinckley, Dennis Riordan, Dr. Phil Tyree, Paul Reinsch, and Dana Peick for volunteering their time. Especially, I want to thank Tom Ellers as the DPOA President and David Dolstein for successfully managing the maintenance project for the last 3 years. Both retiring members are examples to all of us. Finally, we welcome two new DPOA Board members—Donna Fleharty and Neil Phelan.

I also want to thank all of those who helped remove the Christmas lights. A special “thank you” is extended to David Paul and John Matthews for their willingness to undertake extra work before the scheduled workday.

The perimeter lighting at Diamante Boulevard needs to be replaced. Because of their age, many of the lights are no longer working. Dennis Riordan has researched the specifics of replacing the lights, and the DPOA Board has approved the expense, which will not exceed \$400.00.

As we head into the new year, I have the opportunity to share the GREAT news that the Covid-19 virus vaccination was administered by the Eastgate Pharmacy at Diamante Country Club. Under the direction of John Paul and several members of the Diamante staff, over 265 club members were vaccinated. Hats off to everyone for a job well done (see page 7).

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The DPOA plans to have the spring DPOA picnic on May 17th. I am happy to report that the Colt and the Old 45s band will be the entertainment. Thanks are extended to John Paul, who arranged for them to play.

This month, under the Welcome Basket Program, we delivered more baskets to new members. When Melissa and I moved here 3-1/2 years ago, Don and Judi Bethard welcomed us with a warm heart, a basket full of goodies, and information about the neighborhood.

This month's newsletter is the first issue that includes a short biographical introduction of a member of the DMC Board of Directors (see page 7). Each issue will feature a Board member.

The DPOA continues to welcome the input and comments from property owners. The DPOA greatly appreciates your continued support. ♦

—**Bob Walker, DPOA President**



Treasurer's Report

As of January 18, 2021

212 members
representing 214 properties

Fund Balances

Funds available for operations:

\$5,176.06

Reserve (emergency) funds:

\$7,500.00

Total funds:

\$12,676.06

Invoices for the 2021 annual dues were mailed to all Diamante property owners the week of January 18th.

Please submit your payment in the return envelope on or before February 15th.

ALICE HINCKLEY

Save the Date

DPOA PICNIC

Date: Monday, May 17, 2021

Time: 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM

Place: Diamante Country Club
Outdoor Patio

Menu: Barbeque buffet—barbeque chicken, barbeque beans, homemade potato salad; cookies for dessert; two drink tickets

Entertainment: Colt and the Old 45s band; Participant games

The DPOA News & Events newsletter is published monthly. If you have questions, need information, or would like to submit an article of interest, please contact your editor, Dana Peick, or one of your DPOA Board Members.

UPDATE: Our Neighborhood Crime Watch

Do neighborhood watch signs help deter crime? In addition to allaying the fears of residents and building a stronger community bond, did you know that neighborhood watch signs convey the presence of a security system and warn potential criminals about the high likelihood of being reported and caught? These signs discourage miscreants by communicating an active community and police engagement. The Diamante Property Owners Association is seriously considering adding additional signs to several areas to increase the presence of our Neighborhood Crime Watch community awareness.

According to the results of 18 research projects that studied the relationship between crime reduction and citizen-policing programs, there was a 16% decrease in crime in communities with

a neighborhood crime watch program when compared with the areas that did not have such a program.

Although our program is a good way to keep our Diamante neighborhood safe, it does not guarantee complete security. Unfortunately, the chance of a crime occurring is still present. Whenever a crime does occur in our neighborhood, no one should intervene. First, the incident should be immediately reported to the authorities, who are prepared to handle the matter in a lawful and accepted way. The resident should then inform his or her neighborhood watch Block Captain of the incident.

The DPOA will be sending out another request for Block Captains for specific blocks and lots that are not yet covered in our program. ♦ **–Heidi Hilbert**

Neighborhood Crime Watch Block Captains



Al Bowles

Winford Bradford

David Clark

Chris Gleason

Heidi Hilbert

Keith Hughes

Manny Machuca

Neil and Marilyn Phelan

Ted Schramm

Jess Stephens

Suzanne Stofer

Phil Tyree

Bob Walker

Mike Walters

Granada Drive, all blocks; Granada Lane, all blocks; Granada Loop, all blocks; Granada Place, all blocks; Granada Trace; Granada Way, all blocks; Morro Lane, all blocks; Morro Place, all blocks

Alcazaba Way, blocks 1-13

Cruzado Lane, Block 24, Lots 1-11

Juego Way, Blocks 1-13

Princesa Drive, Block 12, Lots 12-37

Loyola Drive, Block 3, Lots 1-18

Vera Lane, Block 20, Lots 1-5

Loyola Place, Block 1, Lots 1-15

Realeza Court, Block 1, all of the Villas

Darro Way, Block 15, Lots 19-31

Princesa Place, Block 12, all of Block 13

Darro Way, Block 15, Lots 1-18

Poema Lane, All of Block 21, Lots 1-19

Loyola Way, Block 3, Lots 20-29

Block Captains Needed for: (1) Alcazaba Way, Block 14, Lots 1-13; (2) Alhaja Way, Block 16, Lots 1-11, Lots 12-14, all of Block 18; (3) Alhaja Lane, Block 17, Lots 1-11; (4) Estado Circle, Block 22, Lots 1-16; (5) Loyola Circle, Block 1, Lots 1-14, all of Block 5; (6) Loyola Drive, Block 5, Lots 1-16; **and** (7) Loyola Lane, Block 2, Lots 29-38

Maintenance

Lot-Clearing Project— Making a Beautiful Building Site

I want to personally thank all of the volunteers who gave their time and efforts for the lot-clearing project. The volunteers include Bob Walker, Richard Carlson, Kevin McMillin, Dennis VanLeeuwen, Pam VanLeeuwen, Roy Marsh, John Sutey, and Jess Stephens. Yes, we had a woman on site, who gave the guys a run for their money. Thanks, Pam!

These photos were taken while clearing lot 9-11, which is located on 7 Redondo Way. It has a beautiful view that overlooks the #2 green. I think all the guys and gal had a good time as they saw a cluttered lot become a beautiful building site. Unfortunately, because of the wet conditions, we were unable to move all of the materials. Consequently, we will go at it again when conditions are more favorable.



A special thanks is extended to Roy Marsh and his Roy toys—he is the guy on the tractor. If it looks like he is having fun, you are exactly right. He likes to play with his toys.



As previously mentioned, the Club owns approximately 65 lots, and we want to turn these lots into dues-paying properties, which can only be achieved by selling them to prospective home builders. Our work makes them significantly more appealing as it opens up the view to the golf course. Thanks again! ♦
—Neil Phelan, Jr.

Finally, John Sutey lost a pair of clippers. If anyone finds them, please return them to John.



The necessity for a state flag of Arkansas became apparent in 1912, when christening of the battleship, USS Arkansas, was imminent. The Pine Bluff chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) wrote to Secretary of State, Earle W. Hodges, to request a state flag for presentation to the battleship’s Captain. When Hodges wrote back that no such flag existed at that time, the Pine Bluff DAR, with Hodges’ assistance, hosted a flag-design contest, ensuring that a state flag would be ready in time for the ship’s christening.

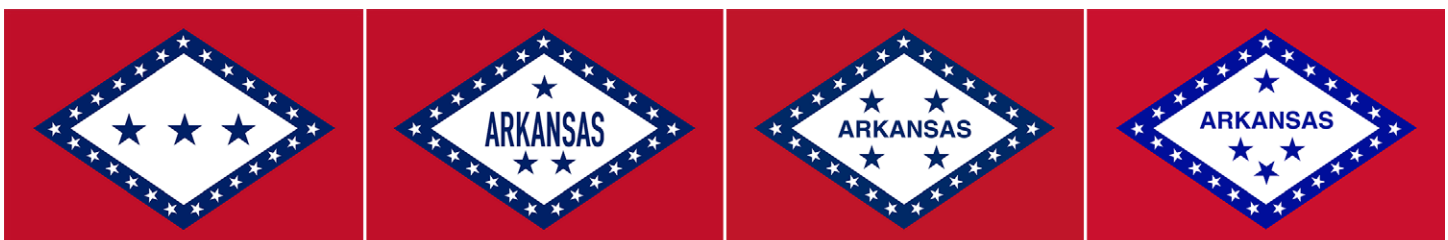
The state flag of Arkansas was officially adopted February 26, 1913, and was originally designed by Ms. Willie Hocker, a resident of Jefferson County, Arkansas. Hocker’s design depicted a white diamond on a red rectangular background with a blue border that surrounded the center white diamond and was superimposed with 25 white stars. In the center of this diamond, Hocker placed three blue stars in a horizontal row. The state’s General Assembly voted to modify the design by adding the state name, ARKANSAS, to the center of the white diamond.

The presence of the diamond on the Arkansas state flag reflects the importance of the commercial mining of diamonds to the state’s economy. In addition, the design of the Arkansas state flag is deeply symbolic of the state’s

history. Hocker chose the colors red, white, and blue for the flag to symbolize its status as one of the states of the Union. The 25 white diamonds in the blue border commemorate the status of Arkansas as the 25th state admitted to the United States of America.

The three stars in the center of Hocker’s flag design are simultaneously symbolic of several historic facets of Arkansas. They represent the three nations—Spain, France, and the United States—to which Arkansas belonged during different times of its history. They also represent the year, 1803, in which the territory that would become Arkansas joined the United States as part of the Louisiana Purchase. The three stars also symbolize Arkansas as the third state to be organized from the Louisiana Purchase territory.

The General Assembly redesigned the state flag of Arkansas again in 1923, adding a fourth blue star to commemorate the state’s membership in the Confederate States of America during the American Civil War. The 1923 design of the Arkansas flag was again redesigned in 1924, leaving one blue star above the state’s name, two blue stars below it on a horizontal line, and a fourth blue star below that. As a result, the bottom three stars form an inverted pyramid. This design remains in use today. ♦ **–Dennis Riordan**



MEET YOUR NEIGHBORS DON AND SUE KENNEDY

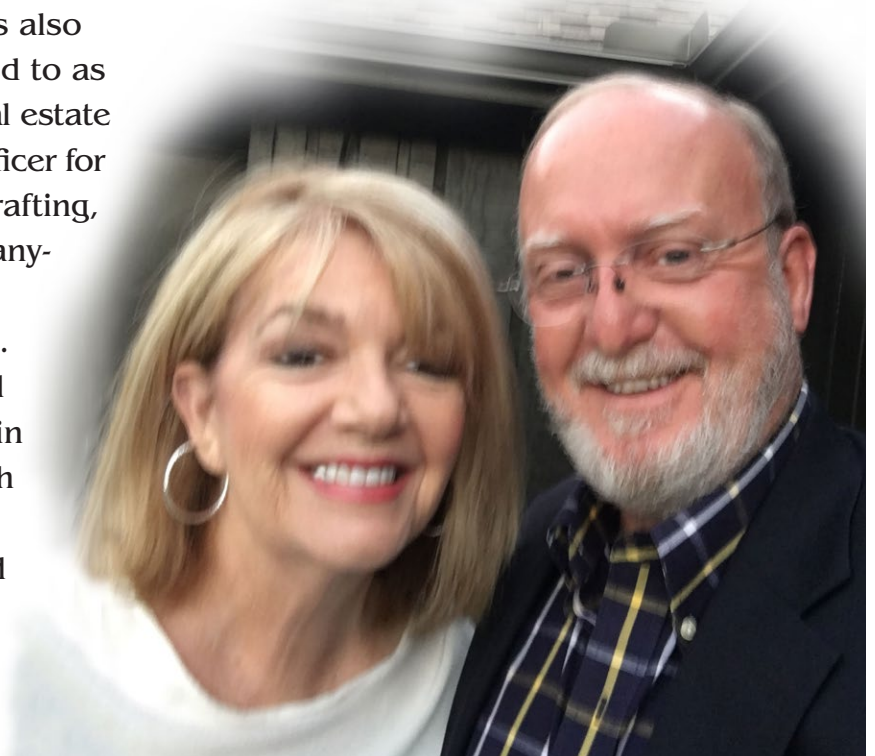
Like many residents in Hot Springs Village, Sue and Don spent a few years looking for the perfect retirement location while returning to the Village several times. Finally, in September 2020, Don and Sue made the leap and purchased their home that backs up to the 7th hole pond and green on the Diamante golf course. They officially moved here from Plano, Texas, in October 2020 and have been absolutely thrilled with their decision ever since.

Sue was born in St. Louis, Missouri, and grew up in La Mirada, California. She moved to Plano, Texas, in 1976 with her two young daughters and late husband (who was also named Don and affectionately referred to as "First Don"). Sue is retired from the real estate industry, having served as an escrow officer for multiple title companies. Sue loves crafting, playing games, metal detecting, and anything involving sun and water. She is considering trying her hand at golfing.

Don (who is affectionately referred to as "New Don") was born and raised in Lawton, Oklahoma. He graduated with a chemical engineering degree from Oklahoma State University, and worked for the Dow Chemical Company as a manufacturing manager in Freeport, Texas. After retiring, Don stayed active by playing lots of golf, assisting his

CPA brother-in-law during the tax seasons, and was a substitute teacher at his son's high school. His interests include golfing, fishing, and walking, as well as grilling and smoking food.

Don and Sue met in 2012 and married the following year. Between them, they have four grown children and nine grandchildren, most of whom live in Texas with a few in Arkansas. "We are anxiously awaiting the time when the Covid-19 virus is no longer a health threat so that we can enjoy the many available activities in the Hot Springs Village community and meet more of our Village neighbors." ♦



The beauty of this area, its peaceful surroundings, the significantly slower pace of life, and the very friendly residents kept calling us back to the Village.

Dennis VanLeeuwen

Member on the Diamante Members Club Board of Directors

Pam and I built our home in Diamante in 2004 and permanently moved here from St. Louis, Missouri, in 2009. We have three children, who are all married and still living in St. Louis. We have six grandchildren, so, needless to say, we are driving to St. Louis quite often.

I served a 5-year term on the Diamante Property Owners Association (DPOA), and I am now in my second term on the



Diamante Members Club (DMC) Board of Directors. Pam is currently serving on the House committee.

We believe that Arkansas and Diamante, in particular, is a wonderful place to live, offering golf, tennis, many outdoor activities, and so much more. We have made some wonderful friends here, and we look

forward to enjoying the Diamante Club for many years to come. ♦



EASTGATE PHARMACY

A grateful THANK YOU is extended to Michael Butler and the staff of the Eastgate Pharmacy for administering the COVID-19 vaccine to 265 Diamante members. We recognize how fortunate we are to have such a customer-centered pharmacy so close to home!



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- ❖ Medical equipment headquarters
- ❖ Vitamins and nutritional supplements
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- ❖ Immunizations

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Diamante members love their golf! Even when it's too cold or wet to hit the links, you can find them planning future events or reminiscing over recognized accomplishments. Here are a few "blasts from the past" to jumpstart a conversation the next time you see one of your fellow Diamante members. Happy reading!

- 1** In 2006, Ed Simmons had two holes-in-one within 1 month! His accurate shots occurred June 8th on #12 at 161 yards and July 8th on #7 at 160 yards. A fellow Diamante member, Jack Naugle, witnessed both. Ed's first ace occurred on an MGA playday, and his second ace happened on a Saturday. Being a member of the Hole-in-One Club definitely helped with the bar bills! Congratulations, Ed!
- 2** At the 2005 DWGA18 Christmas luncheon, ringer awards went to Jeanne Ballard, Sherry Boggs, Jackie Paul, and Shirli Kaskie. Jeanne Ballard was awarded for the most birdies (9), and Jeanine Jacobsen had the most chip-ins (3). Sissy Toney received the Most Improved Golfer award.
- 3** Diamante MGA members elected the following 2006 officers: President, Ed Simmons; Vice President, Jerry Kosoglow; Secretary, Bill Brusenham; and Treasurer, John Schoonover.
- 4** The DWGA9 installed the following officers at the 2005 Christmas luncheon: President, Ginny Misch; Vice President, Peggy Sutey; Secretary, Pat Cudworth; and Treasurer, Pat Pike. Peggy Sutey received the DWGA9's Most Improved Golfer award.
- 5** John Matthews captured 1st place in Diamante's 2006 British Open competition. The men played 18 holes to determine the picking order for selecting an Open "partner." Shooting a net score of -4, John picked first and chose Tiger Woods. Each day, John's score was added to that of Tiger's. At the Open's conclusion, with a score of -22, John and his "partner," Tiger, won three of the 4 days of competition, plus the overall tournament! John Lauer and Ernie Els took 2nd place with -14, while Bill Toney and Phil Mickelson, Bill Wood and Jim Furyk, and Jim Anderson with Adam Scott were tied for 3rd place with -9. ♦

—Jeanne Godbold

