

DPOA News & Events

DIAMANTE
A PRIVATE MEMBERSHIP GOLF CLUB

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Diamante Property Owners Association

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Dear Neighbors!

This month's newsletter is all about being thankful.

I would like to begin by thanking everyone who supported the DPOA Fall Fundraiser. In addition to being a really fun event, we raised \$1,950.00 with your help and support, which will help pay for several upcoming projects. I would like to give a special thanks to Connie Vaden. She not only made and donated ten desserts, but she also agreed to submit a chili entry at the last minute. Connie is truly a Diamante treasure! A heartfelt "thank you" was earned by all who prepared and donated chili entrees and desserts, served the chili, and helped decorate the tables. Without a doubt, our community is made up of the best group of people.

Some of the projects currently underway by the DPOA include the complete retiling of the Diamante entrance walls and guard shack. Since replacing the grout between the tiles is complete, we are now ready for the new tiles, which should start in approximately 4 weeks. The finished walls are going to look amazing! In addition, new patio furniture should arrive before next year's DPOA Annual Picnic. Finally, additional Christmas decorations have been purchased. All volunteers are welcome to help light up the Diamante entrances on the Monday after Thanksgiving, November 28th.

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Moving forward has kind of been a theme for this year, and I believe that together, we have made great progress. I hope you feel the same way. I am so thankful for the DPOA Board members, as well as for our neighbors and friends in the Diamante neighborhoods. We are all thankful for the opportunity to help our very special community continue to move forward. Thank you again for your phenomenal support.

Yes...together, **LET'S KEEP MOVING FORWARD, AND HAPPY THANKGIVING!** ♦

—Donna Fleharty, DPOA President



Welcome Karla Sebastiani

After 3 successful years as the DPOA Secretary, **Paul Reinsch**, along with the other members of the DPOA Board of Directors, welcomes Karla Sebastiani as the next DPOA Board's Secretary.

After Karla and her husband, John, visited Hot Springs Village in January of 2021, they made an offer on a home in the Diamante community, closed on the purchase of their home in March, and moved from the Chicago area on January 1st of this year. Karla and John have been impressed by how friendly and helpful each person they have met has been.

If you see Karla, please thank her for volunteering to assume the duties and important responsibilities of the DPOA Board's Secretary! ♦ —Dana Peick



Treasurer's Report

As of November 9, 2022

Membership

To date, 214 DPOA members, of 267 eligible properties, have paid their annual dues.

Fund Balances

Funds available for operations:

\$20,096.09

Reserve (emergency) funds:

\$7,500.00

Total funds:

\$27,596.09

Invoices for the 2023 annual dues will be mailed to all Diamante property owners in early January.

Upon receipt of your 2023 invoice, please renew your active DPOA membership with payment of your \$75.00 annual DPOA dues for 2023.

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DPOA FALL FUNDRAISER



What started out as a replacement for the rummage sale fundraiser turned into an evening of good food, fun, and socializing among our DPOA members. On Saturday, November 5th, more than 75 of us enjoyed the DPOA Chili Cook-Off at Diamante. We are all so thankful for the six talented chili cooks who competed this year—Neil Phelan, Nancy Webb, Connie Vaden, Bob Walker, Heidi Hilbert, and Donna Fleharty. Connie Vaden’s chili was voted the award-winning entree, and Heidi Hilbert’s chili was voted the runner-up entree.

A special thanks is extended to Donna Fleharty for being the event’s master of ceremonies and for managing the table decorations. The cake raffle was another fun-filled part of the evening. The participants who prepared and donated their delicious desserts were Connie Vaden, Kay Tyree, Mary Ellen Laursen, and Janice Tarver. The evening ended with the drawing for the 50/50 cash prize, which was won by Irene Picano. Importantly, the event raised \$1,950.00 to finance several of the upcoming DPOA projects. Finally, we thank each and everyone who attended and supported this fun-filled DPOA fundraising event. ♦



WE ARE SO THANKFUL FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF THE DPOA!



Maintenance

Bushels of Autumn Leaves— Raking in the Fun!

Yes, the Fall season has arrived, and the leaves are falling. Last year, I gave you a formula for figuring the time it takes to rake or blow your leaves out of your yard. Well, I hope you kept that formula

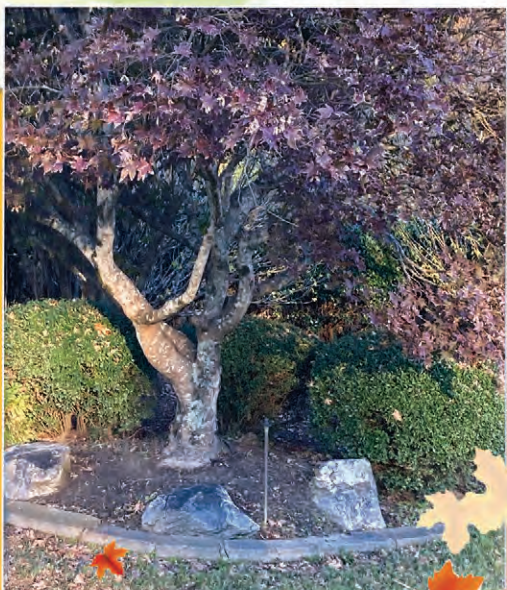
because it is that time of year again. In case you didn't save it, here it is again...

As you know, it is easier to blow leaves with the wind. However, when you must blow them against the wind, scientists have discovered, through a series of complicated mathematics, that it is easier if the following formula is used—the circumference of your yard times "Pi R-squared," divided by the speed of the wind in kilometers per hour. The interesting fact about this formula is that no matter what numbers you plug into the equation, you always get the same answer—**IT TAKES FOREVER!**

As the seasons change, so do the responsibilities of the DPOA. Yes, it is Fall, and the leaves are "falling." No worries. Along with your dues-paying membership to the DPOA and the many volunteering neighbors and friends, our neighborhoods will be taken care of.

Thank you for being a supporter of the the DPOA and for helping us keep our entrances and property beautiful. ♦

—Neil Phelan





MEET YOUR NEIGHBORS

WILLIAM AND LINDA JANE MCINTOSH

During the onset of the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID 19), William and Linda Jane moved into their beautiful home on Granada Lane with a direct view of the #10 green (formally the home of June and Jim Russell). Consequently, because of COVID 19, meeting their neighbors and Club members has been a challenge for them.

Bill was born and raised in Memphis, Tennessee, and Linda Jane was born and raised in Helena-West Helena, Arkansas. They recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on October 21st.

Bill graduated from the Christian Brothers High School in Memphis and then attended the University of Tennessee. Linda Jane graduated from high school in Helena and then attended the University of Mississippi.

Linda Jane and Bill met in Memphis when they both worked at Fruehauf Trailer Corporation. After Linda Jane was transferred to the Fruehauf office in Little Rock, Bill soon followed her. Eventually, Bill worked in the transportation industry in various capacities in Birmingham, Memphis, and Little Rock. Linda Jane was Controller at Fruehauf for 28 years, and was hired as the Controller at Koehler Baker and then Tipton & Hurst Florist.

In 2000, Bill was offered an upper management position for the ICC Motor Carriers' operation in Atlanta, Georgia. He managed regional sales of Class 8 highway equipment and consulted with potential buyers in their selection of equipment and knowledge of highway regulations in Georgia. Linda Jane was hired as Senior Financial Analyst by Holder Construction Company and worked there until she retired in 2016. They lived in Kennesaw, a city northwest of Atlanta.

Bill was very active in the Greater Little Rock Jaycees, and Linda Jane was both a local- and state-award winning Jaycette. Linda Jane is a past President of the local Business and Professional

Women's Club and was active on the state level in Arkansas. Both Linda Jane and Bill were members of the Arkansas Motor Carriers Association and had numerous duties at its annual conventions.

Since Linda Jane was born and raised in Arkansas, Bill soon became familiar with the Hot Springs Village area. After they moved into their Village retirement home, they became active members of the Sacred Heart of Jesus Catholic Church. Bill enjoys playing golf, hunting, and participating in competitive and recreational sports shooting activities. They have two children, three grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren who live in Arkansas and Alabama. ♦



"Our son found our perfect retirement home in the Village. Although we travel extensively and will spend this year's winter months at the beach in Fort Morgan, Alabama, we love living in the Village...such a beautiful, quiet, and safe area."



A-Caroling We Will Go!

Our Countdown to Christmas Has Begun!!

Yes...Christmas is the most magical time of the year and will be here before we know it! On the evening of Monday, December 5th, between 5:00 and 7:30, all of the Diamante neighborhoods will be entertained by Diamante's own group of Christmas carolers, ***The Diamante Jingers***—**Suzanne and Philip Iantosca, Devvie and Kevin McMillan, Stephanie and Fred Noblett, Marilyn and Neil Phelan, Janice and Jess Stephens, Janice and Mark Tarver, and Andrea Renner-Woodside and Thad Woodside.**

The carolers will be dressed as their favorite Christmas characters—Santa, Mrs. Santa, and their merry Elves. Their carts will be decorated, and they will be singing our favorite carols including an original Christmas carol written by our own Neil Phelan. If you would like ***The Diamante Jingers*** to stop by your home on Monday night, then do not hesitate to send an e-mail to Janice Stephens at jstephens9959@gmail.com.

The Diamante Jingers Are Coming!





The Blevins

Larry & Yvonne



Although Larry and Yvonne purchased a Diamante lot in 1995, it wasn't until 2005 that they purchased their present home on Loyola Drive, eventually becoming full-time residents of Diamante. Larry grew up as a farm boy in Avoca, Arkansas, and graduated from Roger's High School. After attending College of the Ozarks, University of Arkansas, Wichita University, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, and Chadwick University in Alabama, he earned a Bachelor of Science degree and a Master of Business Administration degree. Although Larry's career began in law enforcement, he accepted the Chief Information Officer position at Sparks Regional Medical Center in Fort Smith, Arkansas. He served as Senior Vice President of Texas Health Resources in Fort Worth, Texas, and Stanford-UCSF in Palo Alto, California, spending more than 40 years in health care. He was frequently an international guest speaker and served on numerous boards, including Microsoft Corporation.

To keep computer technology in the family, Yvonne started as a key-punch operator in Fort Smith, Arkansas. After her talents were recognized, she advanced to computer programming. Later, she accepted a position with Electronic Data Systems in Dallas where she advanced to Database Administrator.

Do you believe in love at first sight? Yvonne and Larry met while on a blind date with friends. Yvonne was his friend's date, but Larry called her the next day. After their first date, she told her mother that she had met the man she was going to marry. After only 22 weeks, Larry asked Yvonne to marry him. After 59½ years, they are still in love and going strong.

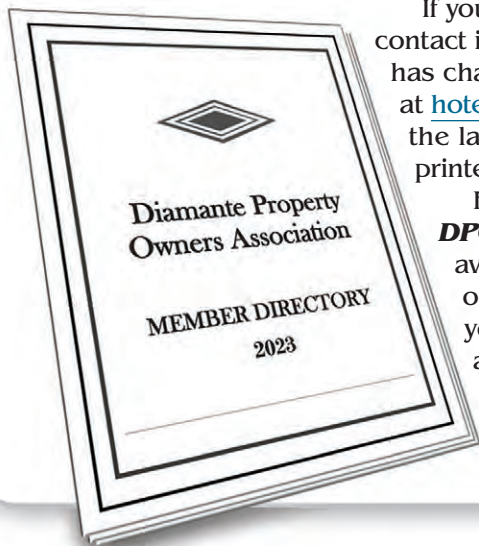
Help us celebrate our neighbor!

Celebrating Our

NEIGHBOR

PRINTED MEMBER DIRECTORIES

If you would like to order a printed copy of the **DPOA Member Directory** in a three-ring binder, or if you simply want to order only printed pages for an existing binder, then please send an e-mail to Donna Fleharty at dfleharty4581@gmail.com. Printed pages with a three-ring binder will cost \$20.00, and printed pages for an existed binder will cost \$10.00.



If you were not in the last version of the **DPOA Member Directory** or if your contact information—mailing address, telephone number, and/or e-mail address—has changed or if you want to add a photo, then please contact Sylvia Matthews at hotexans@att.net to ensure that your changes or additions will be included in the last printed version of the **DPOA Member Directory**. The binders and the printed pages will be available after the first of 2023.

Finally, and most importantly, this offer to order a printed version of the **DPOA Member Directory** will be the last. Going forward, the Directory will be available only on the Diamante website and will no longer include pictures of the listed members. With such a phenomenal history of service, when you see Sylvia Matthews, please do not hesitate to express your appreciation and thankfulness for so many tireless years that she has spent to create and provide our **Member Directory**, which has allowed us to directly communicate with one another. ♦

—Donna Fleharty

THANK YOU, SYLVIA!



DISPLAYING OLD GLORY



What Does the United States Flag Code Say About Flying the American Flag Upside Down?

According to the United States Flag Code, the American flag should never be flown or otherwise displayed upside down. Simply stated, flying the American flag upside down is a sign of disrespect. However, across the country, fueled by social media, a call for those who disagreed with a recent Supreme Court decision was to raise their American flags upside down. However, assuming that there is no Presidential proclamation and that it is not Memorial Day, the American flag should be flown at the top of the flagpole right side up.

The only exception, during which it is acceptable to fly the American flag upside down, is to signal danger or distress. Fortunately, reports of people flying the American flag upside down to get rescued are few and far between. Of course, this exception is not limited to the American flag. In many other countries, flying their respective flags upside down has also been recognized as a signal of danger or distress for centuries and still is recognized as a signal even today.

Double-Check Your American Flag When Raising It

We should double-check our flag when raising it to ensure that it is right side up. We should not wait until after the flag is raised to the top of the flag pole to discover that it is upside down. If we accidentally slide it up the flagpole upside down, then we can adjust it before raising it to the top. Again, the only time when we can fly the American flag upside down is to signal danger or distress or to seek rescue.

When Is the American Flag Flown at Half-Staff?

The United States Flag Code allows the American flag to be flown at half-staff for certain occasions. On the days of mourning, for example, we may notice that the American flag is flown at half-staff throughout the country. Memorial Day is another occasion during which it is acceptable to fly the American flag from sunrise to noon at half-staff.

In conclusion, according to the United States Flag Code, the American flag should never be flown or otherwise displayed upside down. ♦

—Heidi Hilbert



4 Reasons to Hire a Contractor



Remodeling your home can be a big (and stressful) undertaking. Fortunately, hiring a contractor who is well-versed in the process can help alleviate some of that stress.

If you choose to bring in a contractor, then you must be diligent in your hiring. Obviously,

getting referrals, comparing quotes, and interviewing several candidates will help ensure that you hire the best contractor for the job.

If you are unsure how a contractor can help with your project, consider the following four reasons:



A contractor can handle all of the permits. Many remodeling projects—even small ones—require permits. A contractor will know how to obtain these permits and what documentation is necessary for approval. In addition, if you plan to sell your home in the future, then having project permits will be important to prove that everything was accomplished correctly.



A contractor can build a skilled team. If you are planning a large project, you will likely need several workers, including specialized professionals. An experienced contractor will know many vetted professionals who they have worked with in the past and who will help get the job done right.



A contractor can improve efficiency. A seasoned contractor wants to ensure that your project stays on track and is completed on time. They should give you a hardcopy timeline and other essential paperwork information. In addition, they will have a plan to divide up the tasks among the workers to minimize mess and disruption.



A contractor could reduce your material expenses. You will likely need several workers—including specialized ones—if you are planning a large project. Again, an experienced contractor will know many vetted professionals, who they have worked with in the past and who will help get the job done right. ♦ **—Heidi Hilbert**



Reasons for Our Neighborhood Watch Program

PREVENTING BASIC CRIME

When citizens work together to learn and practice crime-safety measures, the opportunity for criminal activity is significantly reduced. We should encourage others to join in crime prevention efforts and help our neighbors when they become victims of crime. Working for a better and safer neighborhood through protecting and honoring the rights of others helps prevent crime.

PREPARING FOR DISASTERS

Although the local, state, and federal governments do a lot to prepare us for disasters, when our citizens are



encouraged to become involved in planning for both human-made and natural misfortunes, we are more prepared to care for one another after a disaster.

BUILDING A STRONGER COMMUNITY

In our fast-paced world, we often do not spend enough time getting to know our neighbors. Neighborhood Watch groups give us a reason to get together and talk about making our community a safer place and offering effective ways for our residents to build a stronger community. ♦

—Heidi Hilbert



A Paint Stroke of Excellence!

Sandy Carlson recently volunteered—for the third time—to repaint the Diamante logo on the Diamante Boulevard entrance. Many years ago, when she first noticed some wear and tear of the logos on all of the Diamante entrances, Sandy requested and received approval from Diamante’s General Manager to repaint the logos when needed.

Recently, after noticing that the logo at the Diamante Boulevard entrance had, once again, suffered some weather-related deterioration, she reportedly said, “I’ve gotta fix that!” Yes...Sandy repainted the Diamante logo for the last time before she and Richard move to Florida in March of next year.

Since November is the perfect month to offer our thanks to our neighbors, friends, and members who contribute their talents, skills, time, and money in support of our community, if you see Sandy, don’t hesitate to say, “Thanks, Sandy, and Happy Thanksgiving!” ♦

—Dana Peick



Exterior Lights

Let's Light Up the Diamante Entrances in Celebration of Christmas!

The Christmas season will be here before we know it. At Diamante, that means that it is time to put up Christmas decorations for the six Diamante neighborhood entrances and the clubhouse entrance on Country Club Drive.

On the Monday after Thanksgiving, November 28, we will get the job done! We will meet at 9:00 AM at the entrance of Desoto and Diamante Boulevards, and we should be finished before noon. Everyone is welcomed to join in and lend a hand. ♦

—Phil Tyree



For each and every reader, this month's DPOA newsletter is packed full of examples of the generosity of our Diamante friends, neighbors, and members. As written in this month's "Did You Know?" article, the Diamante residents have giving hearts. Thanksgiving is a time of reflection for our one-of-a-kind and generous community.

Have a joyous Thanksgiving holiday! ♦ —Dana Peick





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Did you know that the Diamante members have giving hearts? The DPOA is thankful for all who have volunteered their time, service, and money to our club and its activities. Diamante's January 2002 *Diamond Exchange* newsletter revealed members' giving spirit in that year's **Arkansas Classic Buy.com** tournament. The briefing during this month's 2022 annual meeting included a list of the members who contributed to recent capital improvements. Thank you, Diamante members! Happy reading!

- 1 Diamante property and facilities, improved by monetary and in-kind member donations since 2017, include the repair of the Diamante obelisk at Maderas Drive and DeSoto Boulevard, the purchase of 9.19 acres at the Diamante Boulevard entrance, and our pickleball courts.
- 2 Additional contributions include paving the gravel path from the #10 green to the #11 tees, the Los Tres Diablos monument, the golf course post clock, and the Diamond Room refurbishment.
- 3 Members also helped finance the outdoor patio. Its furniture, fire pits, fans, appliances, landscaping, and lighting were all made possible by member contributions.
- 4 The 2002 **Arkansas Classic Buy.com** tournament was chaired by Frank Thomas of Stephens, Inc. The Tournament Directors were Dick Emry, Bob Hill, and Pat Shaha. The Assistant Directors were Craig Hennesy, Tom Kimmes, and Sylvia Matthews.
- 5 The 2002 **Arkansas Classic Buy.com** tournament committees and their respective chairpersons were: Admissions, Don Best; Caddie Master, Jeane Stewart; Child Care, Teresa White; Construction, Tom Curtis; Driving Range, Jim Bodge; Finishing Tent/Runners, Loretta Brewer; Food/Hospitality, Joyce Luenemann; Greenside Reporter, John Stewart; Marshals/Gallery Control, Bill Wood; and Parking, Charlie Riefschneider.
- 6 The remaining committee chairpersons were the following: Buses, Mary Jane Stafford; People Movers, Frank Michalek; Player Services, Carol Schramm; Printing Services, Jeff Presnall; Player Transportation, Ron Stucky; Pro-Am, Charlie Johnson; Scoring Central, Jim Reimer; Security, Rich Perkins; Standard Bearers, Frank Godbold; Starting Tent, John Matthews; Volunteer Services, Bob Trowbridge; and Walking Scorers, Nancy Moffitt. ♦ **—Jeanne Godbold**

