

DPOA News & Events

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Dear Neighbors!

"My swing is so bad, I look like a caveman killing his lunch," said Lee Trevino. "It is good sportsmanship not to pick up lost balls while they are still rolling," Mark Twain is recorded as saying. "The older I get, the better I used to be," said Lee Trevino.

The Diamante Property Owners Association (DPOA) Board of Directors wants to thank the members of the Diamante Members Club for items donated to the Calico Pumpkin Fundraising Garage Sale. Donna Fleharty was in charge of the event and did a fantastic job of organizing and managing all of the activities. Most of the donations were sold by 10 o'clock in the morning! Proceeds from the DPOA Calico Pumpkin Sale will help maintain the beauty of all of our Diamante neighborhoods.

The first round of this week's University of Arkansas at Little Rock (UALR) Woman's Golf Classic began on Friday of last week and continued through Tuesday, October 26th. The tournament scheduled 81 players with 24 coaches. The annual UALR Woman's Golf Classic provides an exciting opportunity to get to know the players and coaches by providing housing and support, as well as showing off our beautiful club and golf course. ♦

—**Bob Walker, DPOA President**

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Volunteers the Heart of Our Community

Your Diamante Property Owners Association (DPOA) is seeking two more 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 response to the request for volunteers that appeared in last month's DPOA newsletter, Doug Zook has volunteered to accept the responsibilities of the board member who manages the flags at the seven Diamante entrances. We thank you, Doug!

If you are interested in volunteering to be a member of the DPOA Board of Directors, please 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



Treasurer's Report

As of October 20, 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:

\$14,664.96

Reserve (emergency) funds:

\$7,500.00

Total funds:

\$22,164.96

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

**ALICE
HINCKLEY**



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.

CALICO PUMPKIN FUNDRAISER GARAGE SALE A GREAT SUCCESS!

Despite the much-needed rain, the DPOA raised a little over \$1,000.00 this year, which will be used to enhance the Christmas lights, repair the entrance flag poles, and repair the easement mower.

We want to thank every member of the DPOA. From arranging and pricing the items, helping with the sales, loading vehicles, and taking customers to and from their cars, the members all pulled together and worked very hard!

This fundraiser could not have happened without the help and

generosity of the homeowners who donated items, and a special thanks is extended to Rebecca Hitner, Cathy Carter, and Debbie Cox for their tireless help Friday night to set up and price everything.

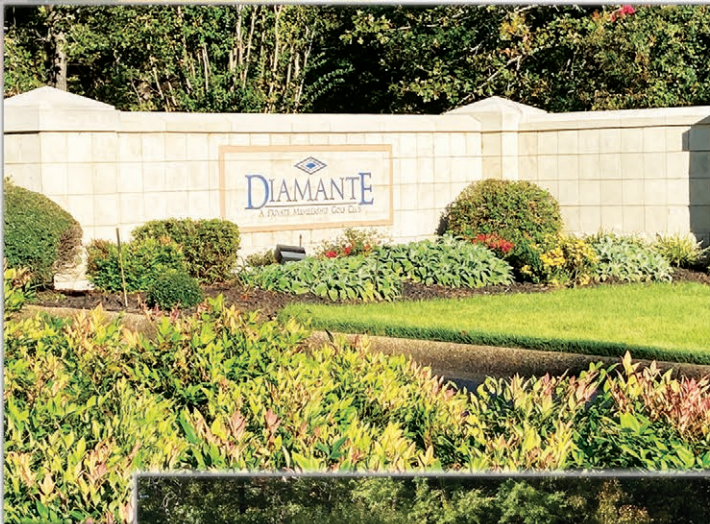
We would also like to thank the great Diamante cart barn staff members. Their attention to the necessary details was great and appreciated. Everyone working together for a common good proves what we already know—Diamante is a very special place to live! ♦

—*Donna Fleharty*



Maintenance

“The Price of a Haircut!”



In the old days, when something was inexpensive, the saying was “For the price of a haircut.” I guess that was said when haircuts were much less than they are today. However, this article is not about haircuts; it’s about shrubs.

Yes, it was time for the shrubs at the entrance of Diamante Boulevard to receive a haircut. So, we gave them one (see photos). And, yes, there was a price for the trimming, as there is for all of the lawn care and maintenance that we do at the entrances and streets of our beautiful neighborhoods.



I want to thank all of our supporting dues-paying members of the DPOA for providing the funds that we need to keep our community the most beautiful place to live in Hot Springs Village.



Now that the Fall is on its way, enjoy the beautiful colors of Arkansas.

—Neil Phelan, Jr.

BLOCK CAPTAINS

Key to the Success of Our Neighborhood Watch Program

Block Captains are an integral component in keeping the block actively involved in crime prevention efforts, as well as encouraging the important process of exchanging information between neighbors. Many Neighborhood Watch groups flourish, but some dwindle while others totally disappear. Their success is often dependent on the Block Captain and the support that he or she receives from the neighbors. The following list provides the recommended activities for Block Captains. This list is not meant to be all-inclusive, since many Block Captains are creative in their approach. Successful Block Captains will periodically monitor the membership of their group. They will contact new residents to get them involved and to obtain their support and participation, as well as update their membership lists as needed.

Recommended Activities

1. Develop a neighborhood communication system to distribute vital information to neighbors that pertains to criminal activity and other concerns that develop in the area. This recommended activity can be accomplished by a periodic newsletter, a telephone tree, and/or a one-page notice that can be quickly distributed.
2. Arrange for a group of residents to meet socially at least twice a year to exchange information and to renew relationships, as well as to get acquainted with new neighbors. People who regularly communicate will care more about one another and will be more willing to keep an eye out for suspicious behavior. This recommended activity can be accomplished by organizing an annual block party that brings neighbors together.
3. Encourage neighbors to advise their Block Captain concerning criminal activity. Contacting the police is the responsibility of the victim. However, Block Captains can keep a record of break-ins, vandalism, graffiti, and/or any activity that becomes a concern for them and their neighbors. This type of information could be provided by the Block Captain to his or her neighbors at the next DPOA newsletter.
4. The Block Captain position does not provide any law enforcement authority. A Block Captain is simply the person who facilitates the unity of the group, distributes information, and coordinates activities.
5. If a Block Captain or his or her neighbors witness a crime in progress or observe suspicious behavior, then call 9-1-1 (emergency). ♦ **—Heidi Hilbert**



Diamante's Neighborhood Watch Program Needs Block Captains for the Following:

Alcazaba Way: Block 14, Lots 1-13

Alhaja Way: Block 16, Lots 1-11

Alhaja Way: Block 16, Lots 12-14, All of block 18

Alhaja Lane: Block 17, Lots 1-11

Estado Circle: Block 22 Lots 1-16

Loyola Circle: Block 1, Lots 1-14, All of block 5

Loyola Drive: Block 5, Lots 1-16

The Johnsons



Shirley and Charlie

Shirley and Charlie were both born in Pocahontas, Arkansas. They met one another and started dating in high school. After graduating, they got married and moved to St. Louis, where Charlie began his career working in the Sales Department at American Bakeries Company. Charlie was then promoted as the General Manager with American Bakeries Company in both St. Louis and Kansas City, and Shirley worked as an Executive Secretary for Farmland Industries in Kansas City. Their daughter, Stephanie, was raised in Kansas City and attended Missouri State University in Springfield.

After being transferred to Dallas, Charlie was President of Rainbo Baking Company until they decided to take early retirement in 1993. After moving to Hot Springs Village, they "quickly met many couples who are still our friends today."

As the Diamante golf course was being built, Charlie worked at the Ponce de Leon Pro Shop. As the Club was being built, Charlie said, "We ought to investigate that." After selling their first Village residence, they built their second home on Diamante's 10th fairway in 1998. "Moving into the Diamante neighborhood was the best decision that Shirley and I ever made." They have enjoyed being active members of the Club since 1996 and have made friends who were both members and neighbors back then and are still friends today. Shirley added, "It's a wonderful place to live and to play golf!" Since the members now own the Diamante Members Club, they both recognize and appreciate the improvements that have been made and welcome each new member to our "phenomenal community."

Help us celebrate our neighbor!

Celebrating Our
NEIGHBOR

Kathi Paulson

Bookkeeper

Although I am a Wyoming native, I fell in love with Arkansas and Hot Springs Village in 2016 when we bought our Village home and began traveling back and forth for visits. My husband has now retired, and I was blessed beyond measure to have been given the bookkeeping responsibilities at the Diamante Members Club. I have been warmly welcomed by many, many members, and I look forward to meeting those who I have yet to meet.

I spent over 10 years working for a public utility company back in Wyoming, so this change has been wonderful. My husband and I have six children and eight grandchildren who are looking



forward to coming to the Village for visits and to see all the fun-filled activities that are available in this great place.

Importantly, my door is always open, and I will welcome you with a smile...don't be surprised if your welcome also comes with a hug.

Thanks, again, to the Diamante community, especially the members of the Diamante Members Club, for making this next chapter in the lives of my family such a blessing. ♦





Every Vote Counts!

The 2021 Diamante Members Club annual general membership meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, November 3, 2021. All members in good standing are encouraged to attend. An important part of each year's meeting is the election of new members to the Diamante Board of Directors.

Nominating Committee Members

Chairperson of the Nominating Committee:	Tom Ellers
Highest-ranking Diamante Board Officer:	Dennis Van Leeuwen
General Manager (advisory and nonvoting capacity):	Shane Newton
Diamante member:	Richard Carlson
Diamante member:	Phil Tyree
Diamante member:	Karen Simmons

The following nominating procedures are taken directly from the bylaws of the Diamante Members Club.

9.3 Nominating Committee. Each year, nominations for the election of members to the Board shall be made by the Nominating Committee. The members of the Nominating Committee are appointed by the Diamante Board of Directors and shall include two Board members, one of whom is the highest-ranking Board officer who is not

running for re-election, and three members of the Club who are in good standing and not Board members. The Chief Operating Officer/General Manager shall also serve on the Nominating Committee in an advisory and nonvoting capacity.

The Nominating Committee shall nominate no fewer than the number of positions to be filled. In making its nominations, the Nominating Committee shall use reasonable efforts to nominate candidates who represent the expertise, experience, and diversity that exist within the pool of potential candidates. Further nominations may be made by petition of the voting members. Petitions must be addressed to the Chairperson of the Nominating Committee, contain the signatures of 10% or more of the members who are entitled to vote, and request that a particular member or multiple members named therein be nominated and included in the previous list of nominations. Such petitions must be received by the chairperson of the Nominating Committee at least 60 days prior to the election date and must contain the written consent and resume of each nominee named. Nominations by petition shall not exceed three candidates. In the event more than three candidates are submitted by petition, the three candidates with the most signatures shall

Diamante Membership Meeting—EVERY VOTE COUNTS Continued from page 7

appear on the ballot. Such nominations shall also be posted on the Club's website. All nominees must be full-golf members of the Club for a minimum of 3 years and in good standing. The Nominating Committee is also responsible for all voting procedures and protocols, including the coordination of elections. However, at the discretion of the Board, the votes may be counted by an independent third party, which may be the Club's third-party accounting firm.

9.3.1 The Nominating Committee shall provide a written report of the nominations to the voting membership by mailing or e-mailing a copy to each Club-voting member and by posting copies thereof on the Club's bulletin board or website not less than 30 days prior to the election. The Nominating Committee may not nominate any of its own members as candidates to the Club's Board of Directors.

The 2021 Election

As directed by the above process, the Nominating Committee solicited, by e-mail, each eligible full-golf member in good standing who has been nominated and is considering running for the Board. In addition, the Nominating Committee members spoke with a number of Club members about running for the Board. Ultimately, five highly qualified members submitted applications. The candidates for the 2021 election are the following:

Candy Adams David Clark
Chris Gleason Jeanne Godbold
Mark Kincade

Every Diamante property owner who holds a full-golf membership classification and is in good standing is eligible to vote in this election. Members whose property

is in the Gold or the Platinum membership classifications are entitled to two votes per membership. Members whose property is in the silver membership classification are entitled to one vote per membership. If you have questions, refer to Article 10.6 of the 2020 bylaws on the member's website at www.diamantemember.com.

For ballots related to properties in the Gold or Platinum status, the candidates' names that are circled on the ballot will be multiplied by two when tabulating the votes for the Board members. For ballots related to properties in the Silver status, the candidates' names that are circled on the ballot will be multiplied by one when tabulating the votes for Board members. The Nominating Committee counts the ballots, and the ballots are retained for 90 days. The Secretary of the Board certifies the votes.

All votes must be received no later than 3:00 PM, Monday, November 1, 2021. **The preferred methods for voting are to:**
 (1) drop off your ballot into a locked box near Norma Wall's desk in Diamante's front office, or (2) mail your ballot in the provided return envelope. When using either method, your ballot must be received no later than 3:00 PM, Monday, November 1, 2021. If necessary, you may bring your ballot to the November meeting and personally hand it to the member on duty at the door. Please be sure to use the envelope that came with your ballot.

Please Vote!

Members of Diamante's Board of Directors play a demanding and responsible role in guiding Diamante into the future. It is important that all members in good standing vote for the candidates of their choice. ♦

—Dennis Riordan

MEET YOUR NEIGHBORS

BOB AND JANET SMITH

Robert Smith was educated at Arkansas State University, the University of Arkansas, and the University of South Florida before joining the United States Navy as a Naval Aviator Cadet and then as an Officer with two tours in Vietnam. In addition, Bob was a Flight Instructor in Pensacola, Florida.

After following a 30-year career as an International Pilot for Trans World Airlines (TWA), Bob had to follow his heart, which was always “all about farming.” In 1987, Bob bought a farm in Elaine, Arkansas, which was where he was raised. This decision enabled him and his dad to farm together during his father’s final years.

Janet Smith, a lifetime resident of Hot Springs, Arkansas, was educated at Southern Methodist University and the University of Arkansas. She enjoyed a career as a Financial Manager at First Federal Bank of Hot Springs, worked in the Public Relations Department, and served on 25 local and state Board of Directors. These included the District Director of Business and Professional Women, Woman of the Year for the Women’s Chamber of Commerce of Hot Springs, and Ambassador for the Greater Hot Springs Chamber of Commerce for over 5 years.

Janet became a licensed Real Estate Agent in 1983 and then a

licensed Principal Broker and Chief Executive Officer of Real Estate Needs & Wants, Inc. Janet eventually started her own real estate company in 1995, as well as continued to support many local charities.

During their relationship and marriage, Bob and Janet traveled approximately 6 months each year for 26 of the last 28 years, with periodic stays at their farm, as well as at their Lake Hamilton residence. They thank God for all of their blessings daily and are thankful that they could experience the world at their leisure and choice before the pandemic! ♦



“Janet and Bob are cherishing their new home in Diamante. Bob is looking forward to watching the golfers from the decks of their new home and driving his new golf cart, and Janet looks forward to taking golf lessons this fall.”

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The year of 2007 proved to be another busy season for Diamante's members. Many golf tournaments filled the calendar, and the Club welcomed several new members. Enjoy visiting some of the activities of 14 years ago. Happy reading!

- 1** Couples bridge results in May, 2007: **1st place:** Walter and Delona Kann; **2nd place:** Tom and Jean Lewis; **3rd place:** Frank and Bev Ames; and **4th place:** Bob and Voncel Haggard. **Grand slams scored by:** Tom and Jean Lewis, and Bob and Voncel Haggard.
- 2** Diamante welcomed new members that included Philip and Marlene Carl, John Gourlay, Ralph and Carol Hamner, Bob and Wini Hicks, Dean and Kathy Link, Betty Mangan, Bill and Shirley Meltz, and Tom and Nancy Wensel.
- 3** The 2007 annual DWGA9/DWGA18 season opener scramble started with breakfast and finished with the winning team of Barbara Clark, Patty Day, Mary Vanecek, and Mary Ann Wood.
- 4** The April 14-15 Diamante Pro Am Classic benefited Good Samaritan Society Simply Kids Child Care Center. Roy Lang was the scorer for the winning team from Broken Arrow, Oklahoma. Golf Professional, Mike Goetcher, led his team to a low score of 254 and credited the Bloody Mary drinks that Lorrie Lang served on the first green as giving them the get up and go to win!
- 5** The April 22nd Guys and Dolls flight winners: **1st flight:** Dave Economon and Jeane Stewart, Jerry and Pam Sullivan; **2nd flight:** Jack and Pam Naugle, Tommy and Dena Teaster; **3rd flight:** Jim and Pat Anderson, Ron and Barb Kohler.
- 6** The overall champions of the MGA Spring Member/Member tournament, playing a Stableford format, were Bill Toney and Walter Netschi. **1st flight:** Gasaway/Tyree; **2nd flight:** D. Johnson/Blackwood; **3rd flight:** J. Williams/Trowbridge; **4th flight:** Lauer/Vaden; **5th flight:** Perkins/Anderson.
- 7** Did a baby live in the Diamante neighborhood? **Yes!** Baby Brayden Buss and his parents, Shane and Kim Buss, moved from California into their new home on Diamante's 12th green. The grandparents, Jim and Linda Buss, also decided to make the move from California and began construction on their home on hole #14 ♦

—Jeanne Godbold

