

DPOA News & Events

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Diamante Property Owners Association

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Dear Neighbors!

I am very excited about the new year as the President of the DPOA Board of Directors. First of all, I would like to give a very big “thank you” to Bob Walker for filling in while I was in Florida from January through March of this year. Bob has been such an asset for our group and will continue to be a big part of the DPOA. We are NOT letting him go! I would also like to give a shout out to the other Board members. It has been such a pleasure to work alongside such talented and dedicated people. They volunteer their time and energy to ensure that we continue to live in a great community.

As we move forward this year, we have several exciting plans coming up. The DPOA Picnic is the first and most popular event. Each year, the DPOA hosts the Picnic specifically for the DPOA dues-paying members in appreciation for their continued financial support. The DPOA Board would like to recognize each member as a vital part of what makes Diamante such a great place to live. The DPOA Picnic is the Board’s way of saying “thank you” to all those members who volunteer when asked and for their support throughout the year. Please plan to attend this fun-filled get-together!

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The DPOA Board has accepted several new projects this year and has financially contributed to several assignments during the previous year. The DPOA Board purchased some new Christmas decorations, fixed the tiles on the monument at the entrance to Maderas Drive, secured the painting of the fire hydrants, agreed to purchase additional patio furniture, and assisted in the restoration of the clock next to the putting green. However, there is significantly more to do, and we will be accepting additional projects throughout the year.

As we continue to enhance the property that we all call home, we want to ensure that each member of this vital association understands that the DPOA Board of Directors is working for them. From the flags, the lighting, the maintenance of the common grounds, the welcome baskets, the Neighborhood Watch Program, and, of course, the newsletter, these Board members contribute so much to ensure that all of these projects become realities. Again, I cannot adequately express my appreciation to the dedicated DPOA Board members.

Again, I want to extend a grateful “thank you” to every DPOA dues-paying member for your financial support and for volunteering your time and energy.

As always, **LET’S KEEP MOVING FORWARD!** ♦



—Donna Fleharty, DPOA President

**“Volunteers don’t get paid,
not because they’re worthless,
but because they’re priceless!”**

Sherry Anderson

Treasurer’s Report

As of April 11, 2022

Membership

As of April 11th,
202 DPOA members, of
267 eligible properties,
have paid their annual dues

Fund Balances

Funds available for operations:

\$29,566.13

Reserve (emergency) funds:

\$7,500.00

Total funds:

\$37,066.13

Invoices for the 2022 annual dues were mailed to all Diamante property owners the weeks of January 7th and 14th.

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

NANCY WEBB



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.

DPOA PICNIC

DUES-PAYING DPOA MEMBERS ONLY

Monday, May 16, 4:30 to 8:00 PM

BUFFET ITEMS—NOTHING SHORT OF DELICIOUS

Hamburgers, hotdogs, brats, baked beans, pasta salad, and chips, with many condiments that include lettuce, tomatoes, pickles, cheese, and onions

TWO DRINKS PER EACH ATTENDEE OF WINE OR BEER

FOR RESERVATIONS

Call the Diamante main office (922-1114) before May 7th.
Ask to speak with Kat Buegner or Terri Socha.

Diamante's Outdoor Patio

Bring your own chairs and putters!



Please mail a check for \$20.00 for each dues-paying DPOA member and \$30.00 for each guest to Nancy Webb at 29 Realeza Court, HSV.
PLEASE MAKE YOUR CHECK PAYABLE TO THE DPOA.



Save the Dates October 16-18

Diamante Welcomes the 2022 UALR Women's Golf Classic!

The 15th Annual UALR Women's Golf Invitational Tournament is scheduled to be held from Sunday, October 16th, through Tuesday, October 18th. Fourteen teams are currently scheduled to play and include the University of Arkansas at Little Rock, Wichita State, Houston Baptist University, Belmont, Tarleton State, Southern Illinois University, Stephen F. Austin, University of Louisiana/Monroe, Texas A & M/Commerce, University of Texas/Arlington, Arkansas Tech, Missouri State, Troy, and University of Southern Indiana.

The new format for the tournament includes a practice session on Sunday afternoon, with 36 holes played on Monday and the final 18-hole round played on Tuesday.

Once again, we will extend hospitality to the coaches and women athletes through housing in the Hot Springs Village community. Each

team will require two to three homes to ensure that the housing requirements are met, and the hosts will be asked to provide a light breakfast each morning. Evening meals will be scheduled for the group. Being a host requires a minimum of effort, and we know that you will find the experience enjoyable and rewarding. These young women are exceptional athletes and wonderful guests!

We are serving as housing coordinators again this year and are looking forward to another great tournament. If you would like to participate as a host, please let us know. We will begin finalizing details and housing early this summer and can provide more details at that time. Housing a team is simple and a perfect way to show your school spirit if you graduated from one of these universities! ♦

—Glenda and Fred Bean

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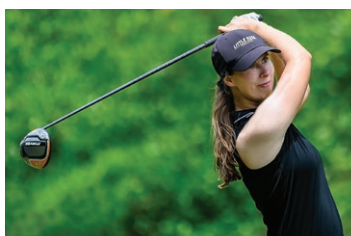
Anna Dawson



Kellie Gachaga



Viktoria Krnacova



Katja Mueller



Sydney Scraba

MEET YOUR NEIGHBORS

DON AND DEBORAH DAVIS

Deborah and Don located to **Hot Springs Village** from Granbury, Texas, in December of 2020 and purchased their Diamante home, which is located on Princesa Drive. They resided in Granbury for 50 years. Deborah worked for 17 years as Administrative Assistant to the Chief Executive Officer at Lake Granbury Medical Center. She presently owns and manages multiple rental properties in both Texas and Oklahoma.

Don graduated from the University of Houston and Hermann Hospital School of Physical Therapy. He was employed as a physical therapist for 2 years at the West Texas Rehabilitation Center in west Texas. Don was then admitted to the Kansas City University of Medicine and Biosciences and completed his post-graduate medical training in Fort Worth, Texas.

In 1970, he started a family practice in Granbury, Texas, where he continued to practice for 23 years before transitioning to emergency medicine. He worked at the Lake Granbury Medical Center as

an emergency department physician for 25 years before recently retiring.

Last, but certainly not least, Don and Deborah have four children, ten grandchildren, and one great grandchild.

Deborah and Don love the friendliness of the people and the beauty of Hot Springs Village. ♦



"We definitely look forward to making our home in the Diamante neighborhood our permanent residence in the very near future."

Reporting Suspicious Activities

Our Neighborhood Watch Program

What is a suspicious activity? Often, residents are confused about what they should report and why. After reviewing this article, our Neighborhood Watch volunteers and Diamante property owners will know the appropriate who, what, when, where, and how of reporting a suspicious activity.

Often, residents ask, "Why should I get involved?" or "How am I going to benefit from reporting a suspicious activity?" Although the answers to these questions may seem obvious, it must be clearly communicated that residents are essential components in protecting their community. Because residents receive mixed signals about when and what to report, it is important to first define "suspicious activity."

A suspicious activity can refer to any event, individual, or activity that seems unusual or out of place.

Some examples include:

- ❑ A stranger loitering in your neighborhood, or a vehicle repeatedly cruising the streets;
- ❑ Someone peering into cars or into the windows of a residence;
- ❑ A high volume of traffic going to and coming from a home on a daily basis;



REMEMBER

Residents serve as only the extra "eyes and ears" of law enforcement and should report their observations of suspicious activities to their Block Captains. Residents should never try to take action on those observations. Trained law enforcement officers should be the only ones to ever take action.

- ❑ Someone loitering around the clubhouse, golf course, or a secluded area;
- ❑ Strange odors coming from a house, clubhouse, or vehicle;
- ❑ Open or broken doors and/or windows at an unoccupied residence;
- ❑ Someone tampering with electrical, gas, or sewer systems without an identifiable company vehicle;
- ❑ Persons arriving or leaving from homes in your neighborhood at unusual hours;
- ❑ Multiple persons who appear to be working in unison and exhibiting suspicious behaviors; and
- ❑ Signs of forced entry or tampering with security or safety systems.

When you call to report a suspicious person or activity, you not only help the police, but you will also make your community a safer place to live. Some people may notice a suspicious activity and hesitate to call for fear of being labeled a "nosy neighbor." Still others assume that someone else has already called. Simply stated, police officers will not know there is a problem unless they are told. ♦

—Heidi Hilbert

Maintenance

To Trim or Not to Trim!

Yes, that was the question! Neil, the DPOA board member who is responsible for managing the maintenance-related assignments and beautifying tasks, asked this question to a specialist and was advised not to trim the crepe myrtles down Diamante Boulevard. Wow, I think you'll agree that the early results are nothing short of fabulous! ♦



Ralph & Carol



The Hamners

Carol and Ralph were both raised in Arkansas. Carol graduated from Benton high school, and Ralph from Bradley in a small town in Lafayette County. Carol attended college for 1 year, after which she met a Lieutenant stationed at the Little Rock Air Force base. They were married for 9-1/2 years and had a boy and a girl. Her husband was a pilot who volunteered to go to Vietnam where he was killed, leaving Carol with two small children. Carol and Ralph met when she and her children lived in a home in North Little Rock. Carol became Ralph's first wife when they got married in December of 1978. Ralph completed his undergraduate studies and law school at the University of Arkansas and, upon graduation, joined the FBI. As a special agent, Ralph was stationed in Buffalo, Niagara Falls, and Philadelphia. He resigned from the FBI after almost 4 years and returned to Arkansas. He was a deputy prosecuting attorney in Little Rock for 2 years, a deputy attorney general for 1 year, and then, as the saying goes, "I hung out my shingle."

Ralph was appointed to serve as a special judge on a case in the Arkansas Supreme Court. When the prosecuting attorney in Little Rock ran for Attorney General, Carol volunteered to work on his campaign, which is how Ralph and Carol first met and eventually got married. Ralph adopted her two children. Together, they have four amazing grandchildren.

"Two friends from North Little Rock were members of Diamante and told us what a great place it was. We bought our home and a life membership in 2007. We played golf in the Guys and Dolls and in the MGA, and Carol was social chairman for the 9-holers. We tell people that we have not regretted our membership for 1 nano second." *Help us celebrate our neighbor!*

Celebrating Our

NEIGHBOR

WE ARE IN THIS TOGETHER!

The Diamante Property Owners Association (DPOA) is a voluntary organization that was established for the purpose of enhancing the Diamante experience for those living here and for those considering it as a place to live or join. The primary purpose of the DPOA is to ensure that the best interests of the Diamante property owners are collectively and properly represented in dealing with the Hot Springs Village Property Owners Association.

Some of the activities that have been successfully completed and funded, either in total or in part, by the DPOA include the following projects:

- ❑ Rebuilding and retiling the Diamante obelisk at the entrance of Maderas and DeSoto, along with private donations;
- ❑ Clearing DMC lots to enhance their value, and cutting the undergrowth on the corners to improve visibility on our streets;
- ❑ Spray painting the street signposts to remove the mildew;
- ❑ Providing six 8-foot tables for the Diamante dining room;
- ❑ Applying mulch to the flower beds, and providing care for all perennial plants;
- ❑ Gaining control over the weeds in the flower beds;
- ❑ Maintaining, repairing, and replacing American flags and flag poles;
- ❑ Maintaining the landscape of common property areas;
- ❑ Mowing the grass on all of the Diamante entrances and ditches;
- ❑ Trimming and/or maintaining all of the shrubs and the Crepe Myrtles, Japanese maples, Hydrangea, and Loropetalum plants; and
- ❑ Maintaining the sprinkler system on Diamante Boulevard.

Although membership in the DPOA and payment of its affordable annual dues are entirely voluntary, all owners of eligible properties, whether resident or nonresident, are strongly encouraged to become active members and supporters. As we enjoy the Spring of 2022, we appreciate your continued support to keep our neighborhoods beautiful.

In closing, *Merriam-Webster Dictionary* provides the following definition of paradise, "Heaven as the ultimate abode of the just." ♦





Adams, David and Cathy
 Adams, Rusty and Candy
 Alber, Kurt and Mary
 Anderson, Susan
 Baker, James and Nicky
 Ballard, Jeanne
 Bean, Fred and Glenda
 Bergfield, Randy and Nora
 Bettis, Kenny
 Blackburn, Winford
 Blake, John and Dianne
 Blevins, Larry and Yvonne
 Bloxom, Greg and Bertie
 Bodge, Jim and Carol
 Boggs, Sherry
 Bowers, Rob and Carolyn
 Bowles, Jr., Al and Pat
 Boyette, Douglas and Kathy
 Brady, David L. and Suzanne S.
 Brady, Don and Kim Riley
 Brannan, Barbara
 Brocaw, Larry
 Brown, Larry and Nita
 Brown, Lewis and Madonna
 Brusenhan, Bill and Marynell
 Burroughs, Betty
 Buss, James and Linda
 Buss, Shane and Kimberly
 Caldwell, Ken
 Carlson, Richard and Sandy
 Clark, Dave and Barbara
 Clements, Fred and Dina
 Collins, Doug
 Collins, Laverne
 Cooper, John (Cooper Homes)
 Cox, Dennis and Debbie
 Cox, Garry

Cudworth Estate
 Curtis, Tom and Lexie
 Davis, Deborah
 Day, Paul and Sylvia Barham Day
 Doyle, Mike and Donna
 Eberhardt, Michael and Barbara
 Economon, Dave and Tonya
 Eicher, Nick and Paula
 Ellers, Thomas and Sunyong
 Emmert, Max and Katy
 Enna, James and Carla
 Erickson, Jim and Sheila
 Fielder, Russell and Elizabeth
 Fink, Rainer and Tami
 Finnell, (Michael) Scott and
 Kimberlee
 Fleharty, Mike and Donna
 Flory, David and Dale
 Foley, Robert and Veronica Curioni
 Frank, Greg and Charlene
 Fulton, Jim and Linda
 Gasaway, Bruce and Linda
 Gianulis, Bill
 Gleason, Chris and Dianna
 Godbold, Frank and Jeanne
 Goodman, Reece and Leslie
 Greenoe, Michael (Brothers Ventures)
 Guynes, Steve and Jo Parkinson
 Hamner, Ralph and Carol
 Handy, Rodney and Renee
 Hanigan, Roy
 Harper, Wayne and Grace
 Harsch, Carl and Ada
 Hartsfield, John and Sheila
 Harvey, Wesley and Janice
 Heinrichs, Ronald and Faith
 Herguth, Wade and Michelle

Hettenhausen, Roger
 Hibbs, Johnny and Paula
 Hicks, Ron and Jimmie
 Hilbert, Greg and Heidi
 Hill, Gerald and Pat
 Hinckley, Bob Wayne and Alice L.
 Hittner, Mark and Rebecca
 Holtberg, Arnie and Jan
 Hoyt, Fred and Amy
 Hughes, Keith
 Iantosca, Phillip and Suzanne
 Irwin, Gary and Joan
 Jacobsen, Barry and Jeanine
 Jamrich, Jerry and Lola
 Johnson, Pete and Margaret
 Jones, John Paul and Arlene
 Julian, Peter and Sallie Baugh
 Kandbinder, James and Kia
 Keeley, Michael and Sondra
 Kennedy, Donald and Catherine King
 Kincaid, Mark L. and Melinda
 Koski, Tom and Nancy
 Kucera, Kent and Corinne
 Lauer, John and Connie
 Laursen, Glenn and Mary Ellen
 Lee, Allen and Susan
 LeFebvre, Michael and Kim
 Lindsey, Ray and Traci
 Lindsey, Roosevelt and Kaye
 Link, Dean and Kathy
 Loufek, Sarah
 Lund, Randy and Donna
 Lunsford, Clint and Frances
 Lux, Steve and Sherry
 Machuca, Manuel and Trish
 Marsh III, Roy Alvin
 Mathes, Michael D. and Sandra L.

DPOA ACTIVE MEMBERS & SUPPORTERS—cont'd

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Matzat, Phil
Maxey, Rick and Missy
McGhee, Bill and Lori
McIntire, Douglas and Nancy
McIntosch, Bill and Linda Jean
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McMillin, Kevin and Devvie
McVey, Nelson and Marsha
Melson, Tim and Liz
Minton, Bruce and Beanna
Monaghan, Dan and Debbie
Morrow, Robert and Susan
Newman, Sherry
Noblett, Fred and Stephanie
Noirot, William and Lisa
Pardue, Timothy and Marianna
Parker, Guy and Shannan
Paul, David and Charolette
Paul, John and Jackie
Peick, Dana and John Gourlay
Peterson, Hap and Jan
Phelan, Neil and Marilyn
Picano, Doug and Irene
Pike, James and Patricia
Pool, Danny and Elaine
Powers, Bo and Sandra
Preuitt, Judieth C.
Price, Mark and Kathi
Proffer, Mary Ann
Prosen, Mike and Lana

Quandt, Dan and Donna
Redman, James and Patricia
Reinsch, Paul and Cheryl
Rich, David
Riordan, Dennis and Cle
Robbins, Richard and Frances
Robinson, Jim and Renee
Russell, Gary and Mark Miller
Ryan, Mark and Roxanne
Schaefer, Janice
Schaeffer, Brian and Debra
Schramm, Ted and Carol
Sebastiani, John and Karla
Shaha, Guy and Patricia
Shinabery, Mark and Deadra
Short, Al and Debra
Simmons, Ed and Karen
Singleterry, Merle and Linda
Smith, Robert and Janice
Smither, Martha M.
Snyder, Sandra
Southerland, Ed and Dianne
St. Onge, Steve and Kathy Carter
Stafford, Joe and Mary Jane
Stant, Tom and Mickey
Stephens, Jesse and Janice
Stewart, Jeane
Stofer, Chuck and Suzanne
Stofer, R. Michael and Deedra
Stout, Bryan and Jennifer
Sullivan, Jerry and Pam

Sullivan, Murray and Pam
Sutey, John
Swain, Janice Farmer
Tallach, Edward and Ellen
Tarver, Michael and Janice
Taylor, Don and Meja
Teaster, Tommy and Dena
Thibault, Jeb and Cherry Somers
Thomas, Richard and Linda
Thompson, Beverly
Thompson, Jr., Sam and Rosemary
Toney, Bill and Sissy
Tyree, Phil and Kay
Uldrich, Greg and Betsy
Vaden, Gerald and Connie
Van Leeuwen, Dennis and Pam
Van Leeuwen, Rich
Vineyard, Ronald E. and
Kimberly C.
Walker, Robert and Melissa
Walls, Michael and Brenda
Walters, Mike and Jeanne
Webb, Nancy
Wensel, Julia
Wilde, Earl and Geri
Williams, James
Williams, Ken and Donna
Wilson, Jane
Wood, Richard and Mary Ann
Woodside, Thad and Andrea
Zook, Douglas and Jon Lilley ♦



**The strength of our Diamante
friends and neighbors, together,
can make a difference.
Without you...the DPOA cannot do
what needs to be done!**

If you have yet to become an active member of the DPOA by contributing your annual dues, please consider sending your \$75.00 check to Nancy Webb at 29 Realeza Court, Hot Springs Village, made payable to the DPOA. As a new supporter, your name will be added to this list of active members, which will be periodically published in upcoming issues of this newsletter. ♦

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Did you know that there is more to Diamante than golf? Although golf holds a special place in our members' hearts, their interests range beyond simply the fairways and greens. Here's what kept us busy during the Spring of 2012. Happy reading!

- 1** The "Diamante Country Club Cup," Oaklawn Park's third race on President's Day, was won by *Making Waves*. Members Kay Butterworth, Sally Fink, Ginger Griffith, Glen Huff, Pam Naugle, Mickey Stant, Peggy Sutey, and Kathy Williams presented the trophy on the track to the winning owners, trainer, and jockey of *Making Waves*. Ginny Misch organized the event.
- 2** Chuck Dovish, producer, writer, and star of AETN's television show "Exploring Arkansas," spoke at the annual DPOA Spring Ladies' Luncheon. Dennis VanLeeuwen, the DPOA President, recognized the co-chairs, Paula Eicher and V.J. MacDonald. Trish Conlan, Charlotte Kelley, Robin MacMorran, and Noreen Van Leeuwen took home the "Exploring Arkansas" DVD door prizes.
- 3** Mary Ellen Laursen, Diamante's "Head Easter Bunny," coordinated the club's "Easter Egg Hunt" held on April 7th for the children and grandchildren of our members and employees. After enjoying snacks and taking photos with Mary Ellen's pet rabbit, *Putter*, and with Carol Fryar's stylishly "rabbit-eared" golden retrievers, *Ace* and *Captain*, the children hunted for eggs and goodies on hole #1.
- 4** *Joey and the Stafftones*, Diamante's rockin' rock 'n' roll group, which was made up of member, Joe Stafford, and Diamante staff members, Neil Day, Sandy Johansen, and Madison Pope, played to a packed house on April 26th. Dark shades and dance moves added panache to the group's vocal and musical numbers and to Joe Stafford's infamous one-liners.
- 5** Members of the Diamante Tennis Association (DTA) enjoyed hamburgers in the clubhouse after an April 28th Social Tennis get-together. The DTA and Diamante tennis pro, Bill Wilkie, started preparing for the club's annual Junior Tennis Clinic, which was held the week of June 12th.
- 6** Pam VanLeeuwen announced that members could sign up for Diamante's second Annual Golf Cart Scavenger Hunt and Poker Rally to be held on May 10th. The rally, which was a combination scavenger hunt, dinner, and four hands of poker, was brought back due to its success in 2011. ♦ **—Jeanne Godbold**

