

# DPOA News & Events



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## Dear Neighbors!

**We are pleased** to present an exciting, fresh look to our newsletter! Dana Peick, using her vast expertise, has worked hard to bring to you this professional looking newsletter. We hope you enjoy it.

Dan Stewart, for unforeseen personal reasons, had to resign from the Board. I thank him for volunteering to step up. The good news is Dr. Phil Tyree has offered to take his place. I am extremely pleased to have him on our Board. He will be in charge of the exterior lighting on Diamante Boulevard and the Christmas decorations. Speaking of Christmas, he was immediately put into the breach. He, David Paul, and I took down our decorations on January 6th. He and David sorted all of them by area, making it much easier to put them up next year. I thank Phil and David for the day spent.

At our January Board meeting, we discussed several interesting projects that we believe will enhance our

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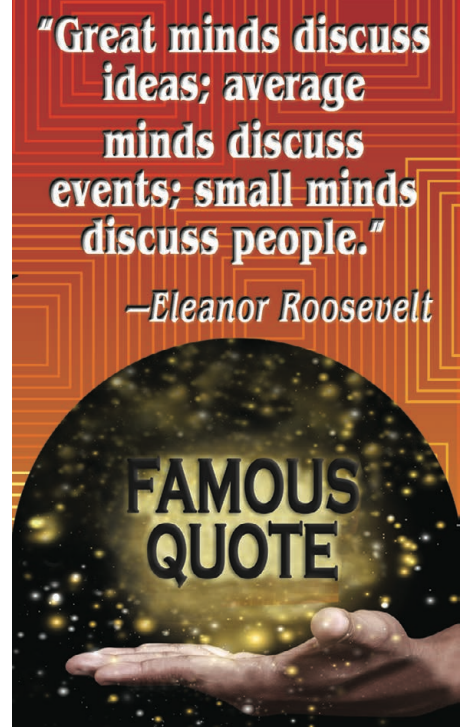
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neighborhood. We will be researching costs this month and deciding which projects to pursue in February.

Speaking of projects, Alice Hinckley, with the help of Sylvia and Alice's husband, sent out the annual dues request to you on January 4th. Please consider your contribution a wise investment in the community. Your supporting contribution will help fund our projects.

You will note that each board member's e-mail address is included on page 4 of this newsletter. We welcome your comments. With that, I bid you a great 2020. ♦

—Tom Ellers, DPOA President



**Treasurer's Report**  
**as of January 9, 2020**  
 Membership Count: **212**  
**Fund Balances**  
 Funds available for use:  
**\$16,122.30**  
 Reserve (emergency fund):  
**\$7,500.00**  
**ALICE HINCKLEY**



## Our Neighborhood Watch Works!

**R**ecently, a Diamante property owner brought to the DPOA Board's attention some odd happenings that had been occurring at a Diamante home occupied by renting tenants. These unusual activities included, among others, traffic coming and going at late hours and reckless driving. The Hot Springs Village police department was contacted, and Chief Middleton offered extra patrols in the neighborhood. In addition, the property owner asked his agent to contact the renters, who indicated that they would be moving in 2 weeks.

Do not hesitate to let our Neighborhood Watch chair, Heidi Hilbert, know if you witness any unusual activity anywhere in our neighborhood. ♦



# Maintenance

## A Very Special "THANK YOU!" to Our Talented Workers and Volunteers!

The DPOA Board of Directors welcomes Alexis Rhodes and Maurice Schwarz. Both are Diamante employees who have agreed to provide an alternative resource to the Clear Creek Gardener, our vendor that has also provided consistently high-quality workmanship in meeting and exceeding our maintenance-related goals.



The Diamante entrances were the priority for the DPOA Maintenance committee. All of the debris was blown off the grounds, every dead bush was pulled, and the crepe myrtles were trimmed.



If the accomplishments that were made in January are any example, then the Diamante entrances will present a fresh, clean welcome to visitors and property owners alike!

—David Dolstein

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## Exterior Lights Light Up Our Lives!

As usual, the Christmas decorations for the Diamante housing entrances looked very festive this year, and on Monday, January 6th, the Christmas elves returned to remove the decorations and to place them in storage for the next season. My thanks are extended to David Paul and Tom Ellers for their time and efforts that were invaluable to me. In addition, during the second week of January, the lights on the crepe myrtle trees in the median on Diamante Boulevard were all returned to working order with new white LED lights. Now, the next project will be to find a way to have a variety of bright colors for these lights to celebrate various holidays during the upcoming years. ♦

—Phil Tyree



The DPOA News & Events newsletter is published monthly for active members of the Diamante Property Owners Association. 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.



**The flag of the United States of America has gone through 27 different iterations and plays a big part in the lives of Americans and American culture. Here are some interesting and fun facts to know about the iconic Stars and Stripes.**

**Designed by a high-school student:** The current flag, with 50 stars and 13 stripes, was designed in 1958 by 17-year-old Robert G. Heft of Lancaster, Ohio. President Dwight D. Eisenhower chose his design out of 1,500 entries.

**Red, white, and blue:** The colors of the flag have important meanings. Red symbolizes hardiness and valor, white symbolizes purity and innocence, and blue represents vigilance, perseverance, and justice.

**Old Glory origins:** *Old Glory* was the nickname of a specific U.S. flag that was owned by sea captain, William Driver. He was given the flag by his mother and other women in his hometown of Salem. He named it *Old Glory* upon seeing it flying on his ship's mast in 1831. The name later went on to become synonymous with any American flag.

**Proper way to view the flag:** The proper way to view a flag on display or when it is raised or lowered (except for people in uniform) is facing the flag with your right hand over your heart, according to *Federal Flag Laws and Regulations*.

**U.S flag on the moon:** In July, 1969, Neil Armstrong placed the first U.S. flag on the moon as part of the Apollo 11 mission, the first manned landing. Five more Apollo moon landings—from missions 12, 14, 15, 16, and 17—resulted in five more flags being planted on the surface of the moon.

**Maintenance of the flag:** If a flag can no longer be used or repaired, it must be destroyed in a respectful manner, such as by burning. It can be washed or dry cleaned if it gets dirty or if it touches the ground and is soiled.

**Sleep-wake schedule:** According to *Federal Flag Laws and Regulations*, the flag should be displayed from sunrise to sunset, except during inclement weather. It may be displayed 24 hours a day if it is "properly illuminated" while it is dark.

**More stars than stripes:** Initially, a stripe and star were added to the flag when welcoming a new state. However, lawmakers, anticipating a crowded field of stripes, decided to honor each new state with a star but leave the stripes at the original 13. ♦ **—Dennis Riordan**



# MEET YOUR NEIGHBORS

## DANA PEICK

**T**om Ellers, the DPOA Board President, suggested that the new DPOA Board members—Heidi Hilbert, Paul Reinsch, Dr. Phil Tyree, and me, Dana Peick—be featured in a “Meet Your Neighbors” article in the first four 2020 issues of the DPOA newsletters. Tom said, “Let’s start with you.” OK...here goes!

Before moving from St. Louis, Denny and I were both gainfully employed and raising our only daughter, Erin, who graduated from high school in 1996 and from Texas Christian University in Fort Worth, Texas, in 2003. Denny was a certified public accountant, financial manager, real estate broker, and loan officer, and I was a Project Manager for Mosby, a medical-related publishing company. My team managed the editorial, design, and manufacturing responsibilities for approximately 100 books and Web-based ancillaries annually.

In 1985, I incorporated GraphCom Corporation, which is still in operation and provides prepress production, editorial, design, and illustration services to the medical and educational publishing disciplines, as well as charity-based organizations, such as the Hot Springs Village Community Foundation, the Lutheran Women’s Missionary League, and the HSV Veterans Memorial, among others.

Although several of our friends often visited the Village to play many of the Village golf courses, we never thought of moving here until two St. Louis friends, Bobbie and Larry Brocaw—yes, the same Larry and Bobbie who live on the 17th green of Diamante—announced that they were moving to the Village. I panicked, saying, “You can’t do that!” However, because of Denny’s failing

health and the fact that I wanted to work exclusively for my company, GraphCom, we asked Larry to design a house for us in the Village, and in 1998, we moved into our custom-built home in Diamante. Although our St. Louis residence was on the 15th green of Cherry Hills Country Club, we decided to build on a corner lot with vacant land behind and to the side of us. Yes, our veranda, patio, and secluded backyard are like living in a private wooded park! ♦

—Dana Peick



*Although I lost my husband, Denny, in an automobile accident in 2003, many friends, neighbors, and signs of Denny throughout my house make me feel very much at home in Diamante.*