

DPOA News & Events

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Diamante Property Owners Association

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Dear Neighbors!

"To some golfers, the greatest handicap is the ability to add correctly," as quoted from an unknown source. "The swing is like a suitcase into which we are trying to pack one too many things," explained John Updike. "Isn't it fun to be out on the course and lie in the sun?" asked Bob Hope.

We are almost into March! Blink twice, and ask yourself, "Where did the time go?" This coming June, my wife and I will have lived here for 6 years. Please don't ask us where the time has gone.

This year's DPOA Picnic is scheduled for May 16th and promises to be a fun-filled event that will feature the popular **Colt and the Old 45s** band! How lucky we are that they have committed to play for this year's picnic! In March, we will start taking reservations for the picnic. Norma Wall, at the front desk of Diamante, will be assisting us with the reservations (see page 2 of this newsletter). Needless to say, we are excited about the plans that we have put in place for this year's picnic!

Finally, we want to thank all of the DPOA members for their continued support, both financial and for all the helpers

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who volunteered their time throughout all of last year! Member support makes the Diamante Members Club and the Diamante community places where dreams do, in fact, come true!! ♦

—*Bob Walker, Interim DPOA President*



DPOA PICNIC

DUES-PAYING DPOA MEMBERS ONLY
Monday, May 16, 4:30 to 8:00 PM

HORS D'OEUVRES BUFFET

Beef sliders, crudites, tiki skewers, mini-Yukon potatoes, egg rolls, fiesta station dip, and also brownies and cookies
TWO DRINKS PER EACH ATTENDEE OF WINE OR BEER

FOR RESERVATIONS

Call the Diamante main office (922-1114) before May 3rd. Ask to speak with Norma Wall or Terri Socha.

Diamante's Outdoor Patio

Bring your own chairs and putters!



Please mail a check for \$20.00 per person to Nancy Webb, at 29 Realeza Court, HSV, made payable to the DPOA.

Treasurer's Report

As of February 8, 2022

Membership

As of February 8th,
164 DPOA members, of
267 eligible properties,
have paid their annual dues

Fund Balances

Funds available for operations:

\$24,977.39

Reserve (emergency) funds:

\$7,500.00

Total funds:

\$32,477.39

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.

Maintenance

Winter Wonderland?



Winter is almost gone, and Spring is rapidly approaching. The snow was beautiful, and we saw some of Santa's reindeer frolicking in the snow after their long haul from the North pole. Prancer seemed to be exceptionally happy as he flew across the sand trap. As Spring approaches, we are, once again, contracting workers to mow and maintain our beautiful entrances and surrounding areas.

We appreciate your participation and membership in the DPOA, which makes all of our maintenance projects possible. ♦ **—Neil Phelan**

What Time Is It?

If you have been to the putting green, you probably noticed that our faithful clock is missing. There is no longer any ticking or tocking. The Diamante golfers are asking, "What time it is?" Everyone is singing the song from the Chicago rock group, "Does Anyone Really Know What Time It Is?" The clock fell over from decay and broke into several pieces. Although it is possible to rebuild it, the cost would be almost as much as a new one. The cost of a new clock would be approximately \$18,000. We have already received donations amounting to \$12,000 toward purchasing a new clock, and we appreciate your generosity in support of our club! If you would like to make a donation, please contact any Board Member or our General Manager, Shane Newton. ♦ **—Neil Phelan**



MEET YOUR NEIGHBORS

MIKE AND DEEDRA STOFER

Deedra was born and raised in Camden, Arkansas, and earned her Master of Arts Degree in English from Louisiana Tech. She began full-time employment with the Lake Hamilton School District in 1984, where she continues to work today. Deedra has been awarded many professional honors and was recently voted “Teacher of the Year” by the *Hot Springs Sentinel Record* readers.

After graduating from Southern Methodist University, Mike met Deedra in 1994, just 2 weeks after selling his Dallas-based security company and relocating to Hot Springs. He says, “Not only was she the prettiest girl in the world, but I could tell that she was also smart and commanded respect.” After moving to Hot Springs, Mike quickly established two successful franchised real estate offices in Hot Springs and Hot Springs Village, which he operated from 2000 to 2008 but sold before the economic downturn.

Mike first visited the Village in 1980, not realizing that one day he, too, would choose to retire here. Before meeting Deedra, Mike’s mother, Doris, a Village resident, told him about Diamante, a new subdivision under construction. Doris, who moved to HSV at 54 years of age, is now 96 and lives in Frisco, Texas. She was the first President of the Diamante WGA in 1995 and 1996. When Diamante was still under construction, Mike purchased a Life Membership and a golf-front lot on the 18th tee.

Mike proposed to Deedra in New York City on Broadway near Times Square. They were married in 1995 and built their home in Diamante in 1998. Two weeks after moving in, Deedra learned that she was expecting a baby. A shower was organized by many of the original Diamante ladies. Keely, born in April 1999, graduated from Lake Hamilton High School with the highest honor of valedictorian, received a full scholarship to Southern Arkansas University in Magnolia, and graduated summa cum laude. Keely now lives in Kansas City and will graduate from the University of Missouri–Kansas City School of Dentistry as a physician in 2024.

When Keely was 10 years old, Deedra returned to teaching but will soon retire. Although semi-retired, Mike has continued as an independent broker of real estate and insurance. ♦



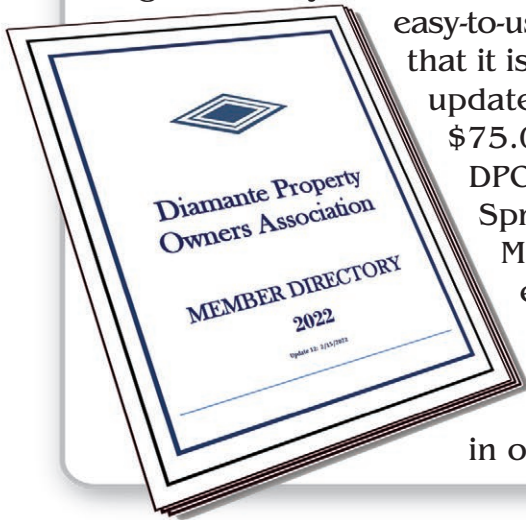
“Both Mike and Deedra have enjoyed the camaraderie of Diamante’s neighbors and its beautiful lifestyle. The next time you are by the 18th tee, wave at Deedra—“For certain, “she’ll be outside doing something.”

Don't Wait!

Be Included the Next Updated DPOA Member Directory!

As every active member of the **Diamante Property Owners Association (DPOA)** knows, the first 2022 DPOA Member Directory has been sent to all dues-paying DPOA members. Eight "thank you" e-mail messages that expressed appreciation for providing such an easy-to-use Directory have already been received. The good news is that it is not too late to get all of your contact information in the next update. Simply follow these two easy steps: (1) Write a check for \$75.00 made payable to the DPOA for payment of your annual DPOA dues, and mail it to Nancy Webb at 29 Realeza Court, Hot Springs Village; and (2) mail your contact information to Sylvia Matthews at 18 Loyola Circle, Hot Springs Village, or send an e-mail message to hotexans@att.net. For those who are already active, dues-paying members of the DPOA, we hope you are enjoying your updated 2022 DPOA Member Directory and are getting to know some of the new faces in our neighborhood. ♦

—Sylvia Matthews



WE ARE IN THIS TOGETHER!

The **Diamante Property Owners Association (DPOA)** was formed in 1997 when several property owners got together and formed the **Parseekers of Diamante (POD)**. The purpose of the POD was to ensure that the best interests of the property owners were represented when dealing with both ClubCorp and the Cooper Communities. In 2006, the POD was renamed the DPOA, which better describes the association and its function. The activities undertaken by the DPOA include maintaining common property areas and entrances; sponsoring the Neighborhood Watch Program; providing seasonal decorations of common areas; coordinating with the Hot Springs Village Property Owners Association and the Diamante Members Club on issues of mutual interest.

To meet these goals, the DPOA incurs significant annual expenses. Although membership and payment of its affordable annual dues are entirely voluntary, all owners of eligible properties, whether resident or nonresident, are strongly encouraged to become members and supporters. We appreciate the past and continued support of the active DPOA members as each chooses to become an active member.

In closing, *Merriam-Webster Dictionary* provides the following definition of paradise, "Heaven as the ultimate abode of the just." ♦ —Bob Walker, *Interim DPOA President*



Senior Citizen Safety

Our Neighborhood Watch Program

Senior citizens often worry about crime.

They shut themselves up in their homes and rarely go out. However, if we isolate ourselves behind locked doors and fail to get together with our neighbors and friends, we make it easier for criminals to strike.

We can reduce the opportunities for criminals by being careful, alert, and a good neighbor. Sharing crime prevention strategies always makes sense and increases our personal protection. Helping make our community a safer place to live and refusing to let our fear of crime restrict our activities are both effective strategies. Being alert to our surroundings, installing good locks on our doors and windows, and taking common sense precautions while inside and outside of our homes can reduce our vulnerability to crime.

Know What Crimes Affect You

The first step in preventing crime is to simply identify the risks:

- Check with the Village police to become knowledgeable about specific crime problems in our area.
- Understand that the risks are higher for senior citizens who live in large urban areas. In other words, cities and suburbs have higher crime rates than rural areas, which is true for the entire population of the United States.
- Seniors are more vulnerable to certain crimes, such as purse snatching, mugging, and fraud.

Protect Your Money

- Protect your "financial lifelines." Your Social Security and/or retirement checks, along with any other checks that you regularly receive in the mail, should be directly sent to your checking or savings account.
- Avoid carrying large sums of money.

- Never place your purse or wallet on a counter while you examine merchandise in a store or in an unattended shopping cart.
- Be wary of talkative strangers when the conversation turns to money. Be ready to say "no" if someone approaches you with a scheme.

Reduce Your Risk

Fraud swindlers see older citizens as easy marks for many reasons. Seniors may be looking for ways to increase their incomes through investments, home and business opportunities, or retirement properties. Such business ventures may be sound, but some are ideal settings for fraud.

Insurance rip-off schemes, health quackery, and work-at-home rackets are other well-known swindles that are aimed at senior citizens. Most con artists promise "incredible bargains" or "quick money." Swindlers are usually well-dressed, talkative, and intelligent. After all, they are trying to win your confidence. They will play to your natural inclination to be helpful. Any unfamiliar company should always be checked out with the local Business Bureau or a senior citizens' organization before handing over any money.

Buying by Mail

- If you order items by mail, remember that the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) requires most mail-order companies to fill your order within 30 days, unless the order form states otherwise. You can cancel an order if it has not been received within 30 days, and, importantly, the company must return your money within 7 days.
- Beware of "winning" a contest that you never entered. This technique is often used to tempt you into buying something you do not want.

Senior Citizen Safety—Our Neighborhood Watch Program—cont'd

Home Repairs

- If someone comes to your door who “just happened” to be walking by and says to you, “I noticed that your home needs some repairs.” BEWARE!
- Be wary of a door-to-door salesperson who offers home insulation or other energy-saving devices.
- Do not sign a repair order until you get another opinion and other estimates.

Buying on Credit

- Credit is available from many different sources; consequently, it is wise to shop around.
- Be wary of the promise of “low monthly payments.”
- Find out the total amount of interest that you will pay over the life of a loan.

Reduce Your Risks at Home

- Get to know your neighbors, and keep their telephone numbers handy for emergencies.
- Work out a “buddy” system with a friend to check on one another’s welfare on a daily basis.
- If you live alone, do not advertise it. Use only your first initial in telephone books, directories, and apartment lobbies.
- Ask for photo identification from a service or delivery individual before letting him or her into your home. If you are the least bit worried, call the company to verify the legitimacy of the person.
- Consider a home alarm system that provides emergency monitoring for burglary, fire, and medical emergencies.
- Be sure that your street address number is large, clear of obstruction, and well-lighted to ensure that police and all other emergency personnel can quickly find your home.

When You Are Out

- Whenever you are on the street, in an office building, in a shopping mall, driving your automobile, or waiting for a bus, stay alert and tuned in to your surroundings.
- When driving, always select well-lighted and well-traveled streets. Avoid shortcuts through wooded areas, parking lots, or alleys.
- Muggers look for lone victims in out-of-the-way places. Pick-pocket criminals prefer crowded, busy locations and careless people. Purse snatchers, most of whom are teenagers, select those who they assume cannot move as quickly as they can.
- Whenever you leave your home, always try to go with friends or family members.
- Do not carry credit cards that you do not need or large amounts of cash.
- If someone or something makes you uneasy, then trust your instincts and leave.

If You Are Disabled

A physical disability, impaired vision or hearing, or a mobility-related condition does not prevent you from being a victim of crime. The following common-sense actions can reduce your vulnerability:

- Stay alert and tuned in to your surroundings, whether on the street, in an office building or a shopping mall, driving, or waiting for the bus.
- By your actions, send the message that you are calm, confident, and know where you are going and what you are doing.
- Be realistic about your limitations, and avoid places or situations that place you at risk.
- Know your neighborhood. Check out the locations of police and fire stations, public telephones, hospitals, restaurants, or stores that are open and accessible
- Avoid establishing a predictable pattern of activity without ever varying your daily routine. ♦

—Heidi Hilbert



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 Iantosca, Phillip and Suzanne
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 Jamrich, Jerry and Lola
 Johnson, Pete and Margaret
 Jones, John Paul and Arlene
 Julian, Peter and Sallie Bargh
 Keeley, Michael and Sondra
 Kennedy, Donald and Catherine
 King
 Kincaid, Mark L. and Melinda
 Koski, Tom and Nancy
 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.
 Matthews, John and Sylvia
 Matzat Phil
 Maxey, Rick and Missy
 McGhee, Bill and Lori
 McIntire, Douglas and Nancy

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McKindra, Alex and Martha
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McVey, Nelson and Marsha
Melson, Tim and Liz
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
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Pool, Danny and Elaine
Powers, Bo and Sandra
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Williams, Ken and Donna
Wood, Richard and Mary Ann
Woodside, Thad and Andrea
Zook, Douglas and John Lily ♦



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

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, you will be added to this list of active members, which will be published in the upcoming issues of the *DPOA News & Events* newsletters. ♦

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Have you noticed? Diamante members are active and fun-loving! And we're not talking about just golf! Take a trip down memory lane to check out all the activities our members participated in during just a few months in 2004. Happy reading!

- 1** On November 6, 2004, Bill Gray shot his age, 68, and also made a hole-in-one during the same round of golf. While playing with his usual Saturday group, Bill made five birdies and then aced the 12th hole, which was his 5th lifetime hole-in-one.
- 2** The 2004 Guys and Dolls (G&D) season wrapped up with a fall outing to Sam's Town at Tunica. Eighty-four members made the trip. The Tunica National G&D Scramble 1st Flight winners were Ron Heinrichs, BJ Conner, Sissy Toney, and Rex Brewer. Tom and BJ Conner and Ruth and Jerry Kosoglow took home the 1st Flight couples title from the G&D two best ball net event held at the River Bend Links. Rob and Carolyn Bowers turned over the reins of the couples' golf association to 2005 Co-Presidents James and Kathy Williams.
- 3** The winners of the 2004 Mailbox Decorating Contest were the following members: **Christmas Category:** 1st place, John and Sylvia Matthews; 2nd place, Tom and Mickey Stant; and 3rd place, Glenn and Mary Ellen Laursen. The Honorable Mention title in the *Christmas Category* was earned by Bill and Carol Friedman. **Humorous Category:** 1st place, Ron and Jimmie Hicks; 2nd place, Al and Pat Bowles; and 3rd place, Merle and Linda Singleterry. The Honorable Mention title in the *Humorous Category* was earned by Charlie and Shirley Johnson. **Golf Category:** Barry and Jeanine Jacobsen.
- 4** Diamante's 2004 Road Rally was a big success! The winners with perfect scores on the 90-minute course were Dante and Joyce Barone, Craig and Fran Hennesy, Ron and Jimmie Hicks, Tom and Mickey Stant, and John and Peggy Sutey. Sixty-five Diamante members crossed the finish line and, afterwards, enjoyed a Mexican buffet.
- 5** The November 2004 Game Night winners were Raymond Bennett, Becky Puckett, Ed Simmons, Dianna Dudleson, Dana Peick, Donna Williams, Patricia Hanard, Joyce Barone, Vic Smyth, Jerry Kosoglow, and Carole Pettit. Jack Hartman won the gift certificate for the Chicken Buffet for two. ♦ **—Jeanne Godbold**

