

# DPOA News & Events

**DIAMANTE**  
A PRIVATE MEMBERSHIP GOLF CLUB

**Official Newsletter from Your  
Diamante Property Owners Association**



**October 2025**



**'WELCOME' TO THE DPOA'S  
SPECIAL 30TH ANNIVERSARY  
NEWSLETTER!**





# DPOA OCTOBER NEWSLETTER



**“Autumn is the Season that teaches us that change can be beautiful.”** —Unknown

## Dear DPOA Members and Friends,

It is pumpkin carving and costume season, there are seasonal coffee drinks, and the month generally is ideal weather to show off our Halloween sweaters. Several golf tournaments, social events, and charity luncheons were held this month. Showcasing our Diamante Country Club on these occasions has been a tremendous opportunity for our members.

We began our celebration in October with **Diamante’s 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**, held on October 11th, and it was a resounding success. The **30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee** created a fun-filled and beautiful evening for all to enjoy. A heartfelt **‘Thank You’** to all the volunteers for donating their time to make this evening special for all the Members. We’ve included several photos from this momentous event in this month’s newsletter.

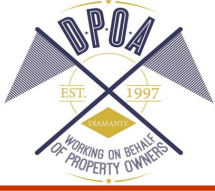
The **2025 Diamante Intercollegiate** begins play Saturday, October 18th, and continues through Tuesday, October 21. The tournament is scheduled for **100** players with **30** coaches. The annual Diamante Intercollegiate provides an exciting opportunity to get to know the players, coaches and parents by providing housing and support, as well as showing off our beautiful club and golf course—and the proud community that you, our DPOA Members, have built.

Our 4th Quarter is going to be busy! The DPOA is organizing a Christmas cookie exchange, a mailbox decorating contest, and an Angel Tree for the upcoming Holiday Season. Further information will be available in the November newsletter. Should you wish to volunteer for any of these activities, please reach out to any DPOA Board Member.

Finally, the DPOA Board is seeking volunteers to serve in the 2026 calendar year. Please consider becoming part of the DPOA Board. Also, we want to thank all DPOA Members for their continued support, both financial and for all the helpers who volunteered their time throughout the year. Member support is critical and makes the DPOA and the Diamante community a place where dreams do, in fact, come true!



*-Heidi Hilbert*  
**DPOA President**



# MEMES of the Month!



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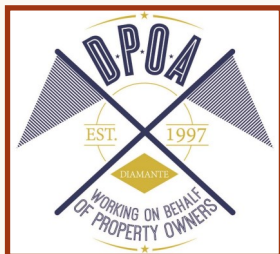
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Dear DPOA Members:

A few quick, well-deserved Kudos:

Thank you to Bruce Gasaway for working with the Village POA to get our streets and ditches mowed before two of our largest golf tournaments and crowds hit the Diamante tees. Much appreciated!

After a couple of last minute hiccups, the 30th Anniversary Cookbooks arrived. Lori McGhee, Connie Vaden, Heidi and Greg Hilbert and I spent last week organizing the orders for our Members. Lori was the mastermind behind this Herculean effort, managing the budget, process and vendor. I worked on the copy and photos, and Connie and I both collected and organized Member recipes. Connie flew solo, creating a diabetic section of her own recipes. She also worked tirelessly to get orders pre-paid and set up systems with the Club to track new sales from the Pro Shop. From start to finish, this endeavor took over 5 months, and the finished product is something we're all proud of. Thank you to my two fellow DPOA Members for your tireless efforts and immense contributions!

And where would we be without Susan Iantosca and her year-long 30th Anniversary Committee's efforts to make last week's 30th Anniversary Gala something that Members will remember for years to come? Other Members of the 30th Anniversary planning committee—who've made this entire year memorable—include Doug Zook, Linda Fulton and Bert Gianulis. Thank you all for your year-long commitment and contributions!

The Gala wouldn't have been as special if it weren't for all those special touches by Diamante's own 'interior designers', Lori McGhee and Patti Jones. Helping their visions come to life were Andrea Woodside, Susan Anderson and Bert Gianulis.

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Also thanks to the team who helped put the Clubhouse back together again, including Paula and Johnny Hibbs, Christi Murrison and Patti Jones. The event was stunning, and *the Club has never looked so good!* Thanks to Members who volunteered their time and talents!

One other ‘thankless job’ that occurs annually is the work done by the BOD’s candidate nominating committee. It’s often a difficult job to find qualified and diverse Members to serve. It’s equally difficult to find Committee Members/Volunteers who are the ones responsible for filling a slate of candidates and convincing them to run and to serve. Kudos to Suzanne Iantosca, Charles Veazey, LeeAnn Newcomb and Suzanne Kuch. Thank you—many of y’all should run next time!

As I’ve listed many names here, you can see a pattern. While the DPOA doesn’t endorse BOD candidates, you can see how we need each other, and Diamante benefits when we all work together. While the BOD has overall responsibility for the Club’s operations, profitability and growth, the DPOA plays a key role in helping to build a sense of ‘Community’ amongst Diamante’s homeowners and property owners. While the revenues associated with Club Memberships help to keep the lights on, it’s also that sense of ‘Community’ that makes Diamante unique and attractive to newcomers vs. other HSV neighborhoods, or even surrounding areas like Hot Springs or Benton. And, volunteering is a large part of ‘community leadership’.

In the short period of time that I’ve lived here, I’m impressed by many of the BOD Members who serve the Club—and are equally passionate about giving back to our Diamante residential Community. They lead by example. Their involvement helps to shape and define our ‘community’. They focus on ‘quality of life’ for homeowners as much as the type of grass on the Club’s greens. They’re visionaries who focus less on our origins and more on what Diamante, as a whole, can still become. Their contributions will help define us for generations of future retirees to Diamante. Please vote if you haven’t already. And, look for the doers.

*“Some people don’t like change, but you need to embrace change if the alternative is disaster.”*

—Elon Musk





# The Great Pumpkin has Spoken.

## The DPOA Numbers thru 9/30/25:

	9/30/2025 Actual Month to Date	9/30/2025 Actual Year to Date	9/30/2024 Actual Year to Date	12/31/2025 Estimated Forecast		12/31/2024 Actual Year to Date
Member dues	80	12,070	13,920	4,000	16,070	17,195
Additional dues	20	2,960	1,200		2,960	1,585
<b>Total dues revenue</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>15,030</b>	<b>15,120</b>	<b>4,000</b>	<b>19,030</b>	<b>18,780</b>
Landscape Maintenance	(600)	(10,602)	(10,575)	(3,000)	(13,602)	(12,433)
Sprinkler repair	-	(1,020)	(1,730)	(500)	(1,520)	(1,730)
Electrical repair	-	-	-	-	-	-
Flags	-	(298)	(197)	-	(298)	(197)
Holiday décor	-	-	-	(100)	(100)	(61)
Welcome baskets	-	(432)	(359)	(500)	(932)	(1,301)
Storage unit	-	(515)	(515)	-	(515)	(515)
Administrative costs	-	(163)	(210)	(100)	(263)	(327)
<b>Total operational expenses</b>	<b>(600)</b>	<b>(13,030)</b>	<b>(13,586)</b>	<b>(4,200)</b>	<b>(17,230)</b>	<b>(16,563)</b>
<b>Net operating revenue (expense)</b>	<b>(500)</b>	<b>2,000</b>	<b>1,534</b>	<b>(200)</b>	<b>1,800</b>	<b>2,217</b>
Net picnic	-	(623)	(214)	-	(623)	(214)
Net cocktail party	-	4,576	1,745	-	4,576	1,745
Other fundraising	-	-	-	-	-	1,015
<b>Net fundraising</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>3,954</b>	<b>1,531</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>3,954</b>	<b>2,546</b>
<b>Net revenue (expense)</b>	<b>(500)</b>	<b>5,954</b>	<b>3,065</b>	<b>(200)</b>	<b>5,754</b>	<b>4,763</b>

Beginning Cash at 1/1/2025	14,817
Net revenue (expense) YTD	5,954
Ending Cash at 9/30/2025	20,770
Emergency Reserve	(7,500)
<b>Funds Available for Operations</b>	<b>13,270</b>





# Stunning! The GALA Evening Arrived!





# One Song Sums Up the 30th Anniversary GALA: 'This Magic Moment'!





# Diamante's 30th Anniversary "Cuisine from the Tees" Cookbooks Have Arrived!

Over 300 Recipes  
from the Kitchens of  
Diamante's Best  
Cooks and Bakers!

Includes a Brief  
History of Hot  
Springs Village  
and the Club's  
Origins



Makes a Perfect Gift for  
Your Family, Friends and  
Neighbors—for the Holi-  
days, Birthdays *and more!*



**Cookbooks may be purchased at the Pro Shop**

**For bulk purchases (12 or more), please contact:**

**Connie Vaden (501) 993-6689**

**Craig Staley (817) 637-8285**

**Lori McGhee (501) 912-4575**

**12+ Cookbooks are discounted to \$30/each**

**All sales to benefit Diamante's  
general revenue fund.**



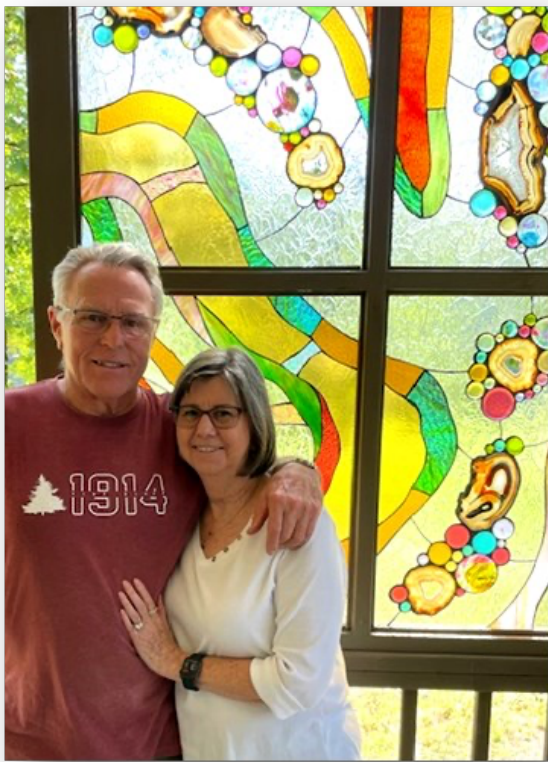


# AROUND THE CLOCK

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## DPOA MEMBERS SPOTLIGHT: KIM & SCOTT FINNELL



It's not often that you run into native Californians, as so many generations have migrated to the Sunshine State, but Kim and Scott Finnell were both born and raised there. Their home town? A quaint, small town of about 25,000 residents called Brawley, in the Imperial Valley. If it were any farther South, Spanish would be their native tongue!

As is the case in most small towns, they knew of each other, but were too busy with all of the trappings of high school to do much serious dating. Scott is a self-proclaimed "Child of the 60's" adding that he just wanted to get through school, and courses like mechanical drafting helped him achieve that.

Kim was a cheerleader in high school and "all that other stuff". Her studies were mostly college prep courses and "having fun".

It was during the Christmas season in 1974, when Kim was home from college on break, and the two of them ran into each other once again. This November, they'll have been married for 47 years. They stayed in the southern California area, where Kim spent her entire career in the field of Education, teaching mostly 5th and 6th graders who were gifted or challenged. Scott spent his career in his family's business—the lucrative business of petroleum distribution—servicing acres and acres of area farmers up and down the Imperial Valley.

As a side gig in the 90's, Scott got interested in the Arts, with Kim, his biggest supporter. He started out small, and had some success with stained glass designs. As he became more interested—and more successful—the two of them founded Idyllwild's "Art in the Park". This started out as a Saturday meeting place of about 8 local artists selling their wares to would-be passers by. It was all high-end art: juried, unique, creative and original. And so it grew. The Finnells watched their pet project grow to more



Finnells (cont'd)

than 35 artists. It grew from single day events to weekend and holiday fairs. While Scott continued to experiment with glass and fusion, and combining mixed mediums, like wood and glass, Kim became quite the marketer. She was tasked with promoting the fair and filling the Idyllwild sidewalks on the weekends with even more unique artists and appreciative patrons of the arts. Near the end of their reign in the Valley, Scott reported they'd sold over a million dollars worth of art. And Scott's artwork has evolved into gorgeous, one of a kind creations, especially since he's focused on glass fusion. He's come a long way from his early beginnings in stained glass pieces. And it's no wonder that their current home is filled with 3 kilns to fire his works!

How did they find their way to Hot Springs Village? Well, that all started with a vacation and pilgrimage to see the Ark Encounter in Williamsburg, KY. As they were driving cross-country, they decided to cut across Oklahoma and eventually landed in the lush green forests of Arkansas. Scott asked Kim 'where are we'? And Kim replied that they were in Arkansas. They both agreed that the scenery was stunning. Their son had a friend living here at the time, so on their way back from Kentucky, their son had put them in touch with his friend, and they made arrangements to see the area more closely. Three days later, they bought their property and they'll be at home in Diamante for 5 years this December.

They like all of the facilities that the Village and Diamante have to offer retirees, and commented that there's no shortage of activities to enjoy. They're just a few houses away from another aspect of Country Club life that they enjoy together—leisurely luncheons at the Clubhouse. When pressed for a favorite activity or two, both mentioned how wonderful the Eclipse Party was last year. Another activity that received high praise from them are the DPOA's annual outdoor picnics. They really appreciate the outdoors here. Scott said one of his other hobbies is mountain biking, and he really appreciates all of the work and effort by the Village POA and the greater Hot Springs area when it comes to building and maintaining the endless miles of outdoor trails.

What a joy it was to spend time with such an interesting couple. From their day jobs to building a formidable festival for the arts. From Scott being a self taught artist, to Kim becoming a self-taught marketing-of-the-arts administrator. All of this from a little 800 sq ft studio in Brawley, CA.

Scott mentioned, during a tour of his new 'garage studio', that he's open to teaching classes. If groups of 4-5 individuals are interested in learning more about glass fusion, they should feel free to contact him.

Since moving to Arkansas, Scott has exhibited his art in galleries in Eureka Springs and Little Rock. You can view or purchase some of Scott's works that will be for sale at the Finnell's Open House in November. (See next page)

**DPOA Members Kim and Scott Finnell** have fulltime jobs dusting off their fine art collection at **32 Princessa Drive**

# Diamante Artist in Residence: Scott Finnell



holiday fine art exhibit

fusion of glass & light

hosted by:  
scott & kim finnell

november 14  
1-5 o'clock  
32 princesa drive

refreshments

cash, check & venmo  
accepted



# Never Been to South Africa, but We Hear the Wines are to Dine For!





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**WINE DINNER**  
 A TASTE OF SAINT-ÉMILION

**THURSDAY - OCT. 23RD, 2025**  
**START FROM 6:00 PM & DINNER AT 6:30 PM**



Join us for an engaging conversation with Brice Saltzmann and Valerie Befve, the Managing Director of Château Dassault and Château La Fleur, distinguished Grand Cru Classé estates in Saint-Émilion, France.

**MENU & WINE PAIRINGS:**

WELCOME: Clementine wine spritzer at 6 PM

**1st Course:** Chateau Dassault, Le D de Dassault paired with a Charcuterie plate; salami, mushroom pate, bacon wrapped date, truffled almonds, house pickles, baguette

**2nd Course:** Chateau Dassault 2011, Grand cru Classé paired with Wagyu striploin, charred broccolini, potato croquette, port reduction

**3rd Course:** Chateau Dassault 2019, Grand cru Classé paired with Fontina, fig jam, honeyed walnuts, lavosh

**4th Course:** Sauterne - Les Carmes de Rieussec paired with Pear tart, saffron whipped mascarpone, pine nut shortbread



 RSVP from Friday, October 10th at 9 AM - Friday, October 17th.  
 \*48-hour cancellation policy applies. Call 501-922-1114 to reserve your seat.

  
 A DIAMOND IN THE ROUGH PRODUCTION  
**DINNER AND A MOVIE!**




**FAMILIAR FACES.  
 ICONIC ROLES.  
 ALL DIAMANTE!**

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 ★ **SAVE THE DATES**  
**NOV 05 06**

RESERVATIONS OPEN ON  
 OCTOBER 14TH, 2025

**Diamante Pickleball Association Presents**

# Chili Fall Fest

**• SAVE THE DATE •**  
**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 9**

**Enjoy an afternoon of pickleball, croquet, lawn games, and chili.**

- Pickleball - all levels welcome to come and play | 1:00-3:00 PM
- Live music by Jack Bennet from *Bad Habit* | 3:00-5:00 PM

*More Details to be Revealed as the event approaches.*

  
 CELEBRATES  
**VETERANS DAY**

★ ★ ★ ★  
**FOOD, BEVERAGE AND MUSIC**

**NOVEMBER 11th at 4 pm**  
**Ceremony at 4:30pm**

Join us as we honor all Veterans, especially those in our Diamante family.

The ceremony will feature patriotic music, a **keynote speaker Tammy Hutchins-Frye**, color guard, TAPS performed live, and more.

**Dinner Buffet, 5-7pm**  
 (no Taco Tuesday on 11/11)

**\$25/pp includes:**  
 Pulled Pork & Slider Buns, BBO Chicken  
 Grilled Corn on the Cob, Baked Potato Salad  
 Key Lime Coleslaw, Chef's Dessert



# 2025 Men's Silver Cup...to the Victors-

## Go The Wives...Searching for Next Year's Lot of Matching Shirts!





# In K-9 Speak, that Bark's a Big *'Thank You', Diamante!*





# Next Up, the Young Women Take to the Stage—umm— *Fairways!*

## **University of Arkansas at Little Rock**

Seattle University

*Houston Christian University*

Arkansas State University

Ball State University

BOSTON COLLEGE

## **Cal Baptist**

Texas A&M at Corpus Christi

*University of Texas-Rio Grande Valley*

MEMPHIS STATE UNIVERSITY

Missouri State University

ORAL ROBERTS UNIVERSITY

Lipscomb University

STEPHEN F AUSTIN UNIVERSITY

East Texas A&M Commerce University

University of Central Arkansas

University of Texas-Arlington

Tennessee Tech University

Diamante's 18th Year Hosting:

**University of Arkansas / Little Rock**

**Women's Collegiate Invitational**

**Golf Tournament**

at **Diamante Country Club**

**Practice Rounds:**

Saturday, October 18th



**Tournament Play:**

Sunday, October 19th

thru

Tuesday, October 21st





# Saluting Our Nation's Living Heroes on Veterans Day—a National Expression of Gratitude!

Veterans Day, observed annually on November 11th, holds a profound significance for Americans. It is not merely a federal holiday, but a sacred date set aside for the entire nation to honor and express deep gratitude to the men and women who have served honorably in the United States Armed Forces. It is a day of remembrance for service, a public acknowledgement of sacrifice, and a commitment to peace.

The holiday's origins trace back to the end of World War I. Major hostilities ceased on the **11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month** in 1918, when an armistice was signed between the Allied nations and Germany. President Woodrow Wilson proclaimed the first commemoration a year later, calling it **Armistice Day**, a solemn occasion dedicated to the cause of world peace and honoring the veterans of that Great War.

However, as the United States became engaged in subsequent conflicts, including World War II and the Korean War, the scope of the day evolved. In 1954, Congress amended the holiday to honor American veterans of all wars and all eras. President Dwight D. Eisenhower officially signed the legislation changing the name from Armistice Day to **Veterans Day**. This change solidified the holiday's universal purpose: to recognize all who have worn the uniform—whether in times of conflict or peace, and whether living or deceased.

It is crucial to distinguish Veterans Day from Memorial Day. While Memorial Day, celebrated in May, specifically honors those who **died** while serving the country, Veterans Day is a celebration of **all** who served. It is a time to thank the living veterans in our communities and acknowledge their patriotism, love of country, and willingness to serve and sacrifice for the common good.

For Americans, Veterans Day represents a national reflection on the cost of freedom. It is a day to set aside political differences and unite in respect for the individuals who took an oath to support and defend the Constitution. Across the nation, the day is marked by parades, ceremonies, and the traditional laying of the presidential wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier in Arlington National Cemetery.

Beyond the formal ceremonies, the true meaning of Veterans Day is manifested in individual acts of appreciation—a heartfelt "thank you," a volunteer effort at a veterans organization, or simply taking the time to listen to a veteran's story. It is a reminder that the freedoms Americans enjoy are not abstract concepts, but privileges secured by the service and sacrifice of millions. By honoring our veterans, Americans reaffirm their dedication to the ideals the flag represents and commit to supporting those who have already given so much.

Amongst the many blessings we enjoy as residents of Diamante, perhaps one of the greatest is being 'home' to so many women and men who've served in our armed forces.. We hope you'll make time to enjoy the wonderful charity Golf Tournament and all the Veterans Day events planned to celebrate and honor our living veterans.

It'll mean so much more when you thank them for their service in person.





# Dawn Patrol Begins at 0900 Hours to Benefit the Fisher House of Arkansas



## DIAMANTE™

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# VETERANS DAY CHARITY GOLF TOURNAMENT

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 10TH, 2025

9:00 AM SHOTGUN START

4-PERSON SCRAMBLE



**Friends of Fisher House Arkansas**

- ★ \$600 per team (\$150 per person)
- ★ Limited to 32 Teams, Sign up Early!
- ★ Includes: Golf, cart, and lunch after play

### About the Cause

Proceeds benefit Friends of Fisher House Arkansas, supporting the new Fisher House in Little Rock, scheduled to open in Summer 2025. The 16-suite Fisher home will provide lodging to veterans and their families, accommodating 24 to 36 family members of veterans receiving care far from home.

### Sign Up or Donate Today!

Make checks payable to:  
*2025 Diamante Veterans Charity Golf*

Mail to: David Howard,  
Diamante Country Club,  
2000 Country Club Drive,  
Hot Springs Village, AR 71909

**Not golfing? Volunteers are needed!**

Contact Jim Bodge: [jwbodge@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jwbodge@sbcglobal.net) | Call our Office: 501-922-1114



# Veterans Day Golf & Silent Auction to Benefit the Fisher House of Arkansas

## VETERANS DAY SILENT AUCTION

2-DAY EVENT



Benefiting Fisher House of Arkansas



Hours: Bidding Begins Sunday, Nov 9<sup>th</sup> at 11 am  
Bidding Closes Monday, Nov 10<sup>th</sup> at 1 pm

### AUCTION ITEMS INCLUDE:

- Diamond Pendant & Earrings
- Red Cake Stand
- Gift Baskets & Gift Cards
- Homemade Pantry Items
- Table Runners
- Golf Purse
- Chest of Drawers
- Wind Chimes
- Garden Wall Hanging

AND MUCH MORE STILL ARRIVING!

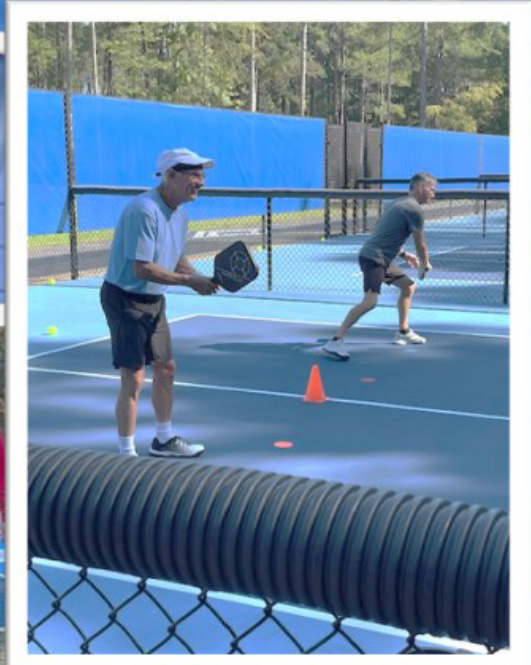


HONORING OUR HEROES



# The Pickle Baller's Motto:

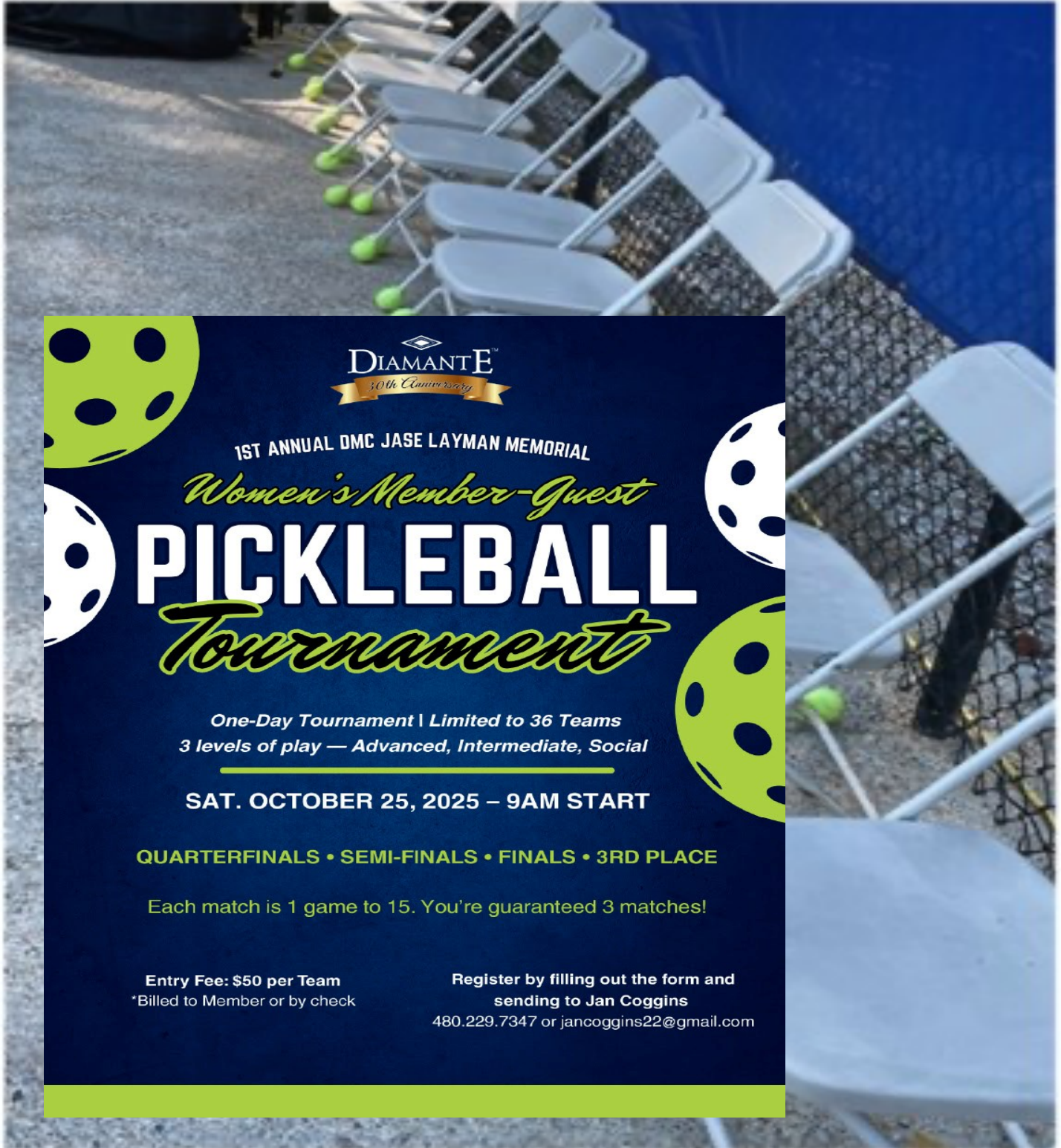
**“Every Serve is a New Chance at Greatness!”**



**DIAMANTE™**  
*30th Anniversary*



# The Ball's in Our Court!



**DIAMANTE™**  
*30th Anniversary*

1ST ANNUAL DMC JASE LAYMAN MEMORIAL  
*Women's Member-Guest*  
**PICKLEBALL**  
*Tournament*

One-Day Tournament | Limited to 36 Teams  
3 levels of play — Advanced, Intermediate, Social

**SAT. OCTOBER 25, 2025 – 9AM START**

**QUARTERFINALS • SEMI-FINALS • FINALS • 3RD PLACE**

Each match is 1 game to 15. You're guaranteed 3 matches!

Entry Fee: \$50 per Team  
\*Billed to Member or by check

Register by filling out the form and  
sending to Jan Coggins  
480.229.7347 or [jancoggins22@gmail.com](mailto:jancoggins22@gmail.com)

# AROUND THE CLOCK

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## UP CLOSE AND ‘PERSONNEL: STEVEN STARK

After being the ‘man in black’ for a long time, newly promoted **Steven Stark** is now the man in khakis at the Club!

Born and raised in the Long Beach, CA area, Steven’s lived up and down the CA coast—and he still has his first surfboard to prove it. But he admits that Meadow Vista is amongst his favorite areas of that state. During his early adult life, he led a somewhat nomadic lifestyle. He refers to it as his “Brewery Tour”, and his favorite spot on the tour was Austin, TX—not just for the home brews—but for the music scene and that culture that keeps Austin ‘weird’.

He rose through the ranks to become a Starbuck’s manager, but decided he’d never work for anyone again. He managed a family restaurant with his mother for a spell, and founded his own liquidation company and auction business.

Steven’s mother moved to Hot Springs Village 8 years ago. He came to visit her and as he said, he ‘loved it’ here. During that visit, it just so happened that Diamante was running an ad on Indeed.com. Steven applied for the position and has called Diamante home for the past 3 years. As you’ll recall, Steven took some time off last year and headed for the blue skies of Montana. After a little soul searching and ‘a little help from my friend’, Steven returned to HSV, refreshed and hopeful about what the future holds for him at Diamante.

He’s witnessed so many changes—*all good!* Perhaps the biggest is in the kitchen. He sees more positive attitudes, and credits this to Chef Terry. Their skills are superior to just a short time ago, and they’re delivering consistency now. Steven admits that the Clubhouse is slower than it used to be. With the 30th Anniversary celebrations and all of this year’s social events, he’s fearful that many Members have been drawn to the events and away from the regular dining experience. But, he’s hopeful regular dining customers will return as word spreads about all the recent changes—and other ideas and plans that are in the works.

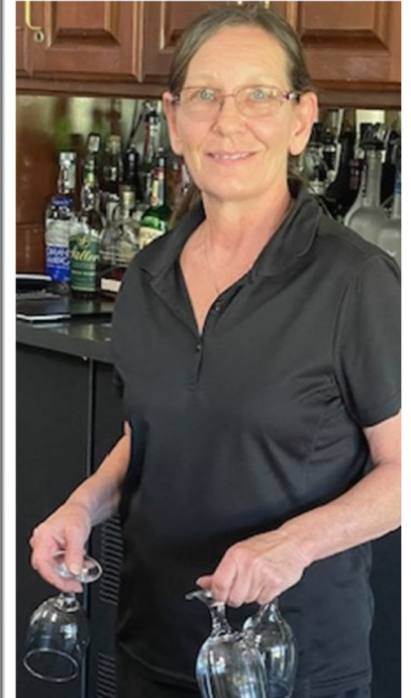
Steven’s attitude is refreshing and much appreciated—he’ll do whatever he can for Members to make their Club experiences right—and First Class. Management has trusted his judgement in the past and Club Members appreciate his extra effort to please them. In his words, ‘that’s what a business should be all about’, adding, ‘I’m good when I go to bed at night, knowing that I did my job well.’ Thanks for everything you do, Steven, and ‘congrats’ again!

**Steven Stark** falls asleep each night contemplating how he can make Members even happier tomorrow, in his condo in the **West end of HSV.**

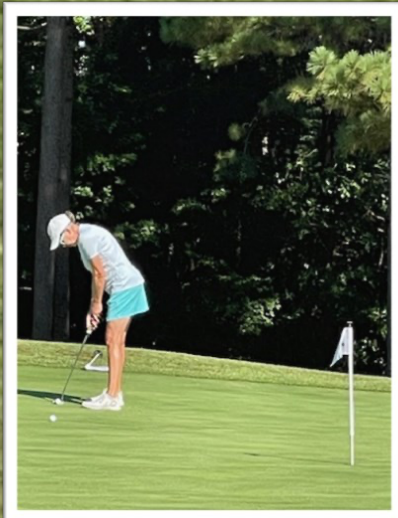


# DPOA OCTOBER NEWSLETTER

## There's Always Something Going On Around Here!



# Because It's Diamante, of Course...





# AROUND THE CLOCK

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## If You've Got It, Fla-haunt It!

## Fun Facts for Your Halloween Seance

**What does the word "Halloween" mean?** Hallowed Evening or Holy Night—because Halloween is a Catholic holiday too. Short for All Hallows' Eve, Halloween is the day of the vigil held the evening before All Saints' Day on November 1. Pope Gregory IV added All Saints' Day to the official Church calendar in 837 C.E., expanding the holiday, which was previously celebrated only in Rome, to all churches.

**The first city-wide celebration** took place in Anoka, Minnesota, in 1921.

**America's favorite Halloween candy?** Reese's come out on top according to a 2023 poll with 29 percent of Americans choosing it as their favorite. Snickers came in second followed by a three-way tie for third between candy corn, Kit Kats, and M&Ms.

**Halloween's unofficial theme song "Monster Mash"** was first released by Bobby Prickett in 1962 on a LP with other monster-themed tunes, and "Monster Mash" was No. 1 on the Billboard Top 100 that year October 20-27.

**Candy corn** was first called Chicken Feed. The Goelitz Candy Company (now Jelly Belly Candy Company) popularized the classic tricolor Halloween treat when it began marketing the kernels under that name in 1898.

**Magician Harry Houdini** passed away on Halloween day.

**The first First Lady to decorate the White House to celebrate Halloween** was Mamie Eisenhower in 1958.

**Pumpkin is actually a fruit!** Anything that starts as a flower, like a pumpkin, becomes a fruit.

**Which state produces the most pumpkins?** Illinois consistently comes out on top! Other top-producing states include Texas, Pennsylvania, California, Indiana and Michigan.

**When you sell a house, are you required to disclose if it is haunted?** The answer is no. Only four states mention paranormal activity in their real estate disclosure laws. (see common disclosures on next page)



# It's **FRIGHTFUL** how many Real Estate listings there are in Diamante!



**40 Poe Boulevard.** Walls are freshly painted. Minor blood stains in original oak floors. 3-car garage with plenty of built-ins for the DIY guy. Used ropes, whips, chainsaws, pulleys, table saws and deep freezers to be sold at auction next month.

Get it before the Zombies do by contacting **Laurie or Ken Henderson.**



**123 Witch Way.** If cooking is your calling, you'll love the gourmet kitchen in this gem! Like they say, the couple that butchers together-stays together...and fill up those twin, over-sized freezers. Prepare those ancient concoctions on your new, 6-burner stove—cooking made easier thanks to a new, wall-mounted Kohler pot filler.

Take a “taste” drive with Diamante's own **Lori Adcock-McGhee!**



**666 Devils Head Drive.** It would be an absolute sin to let this one slip away! Features two over-sized living areas—a perfect setting to host large parties. Let the fun overflow to the backyard & a thermal-heated pool for the hottest spot on Earth!

Move in before Devil's Night—contact **Connie Vaden** today!



**67 Mourningside Lane.** Settle in with a real income producer! 4/2 country villa on 3 acres with its own cemetery. Home currently has no living areas, but it's a great \$\$\$ opportunity for owners who don't mind getting their hands a little dirty.

Open casket this weekend, hosted by **Candy Adams!**



**44 Love Potion, #9.** Motivated Seller—willing to pay all closing costs if transaction completed before the next Full Moon. 3rd Floor attic Condo needs a little TLC, but creaky stairs have been repaired and rodent & bat free for 12 months.

Make an offer they can't refuse by calling **Alice Weatherly** today!



**26 Cadaver Circle.** Built in 1934, by renowned surgeon Dr. Moreau, home recently renovated and is Diamante's only B&B, complete with a waiting list of old golfers dying to spend a Discovery Weekend here. If these sand traps could talk...

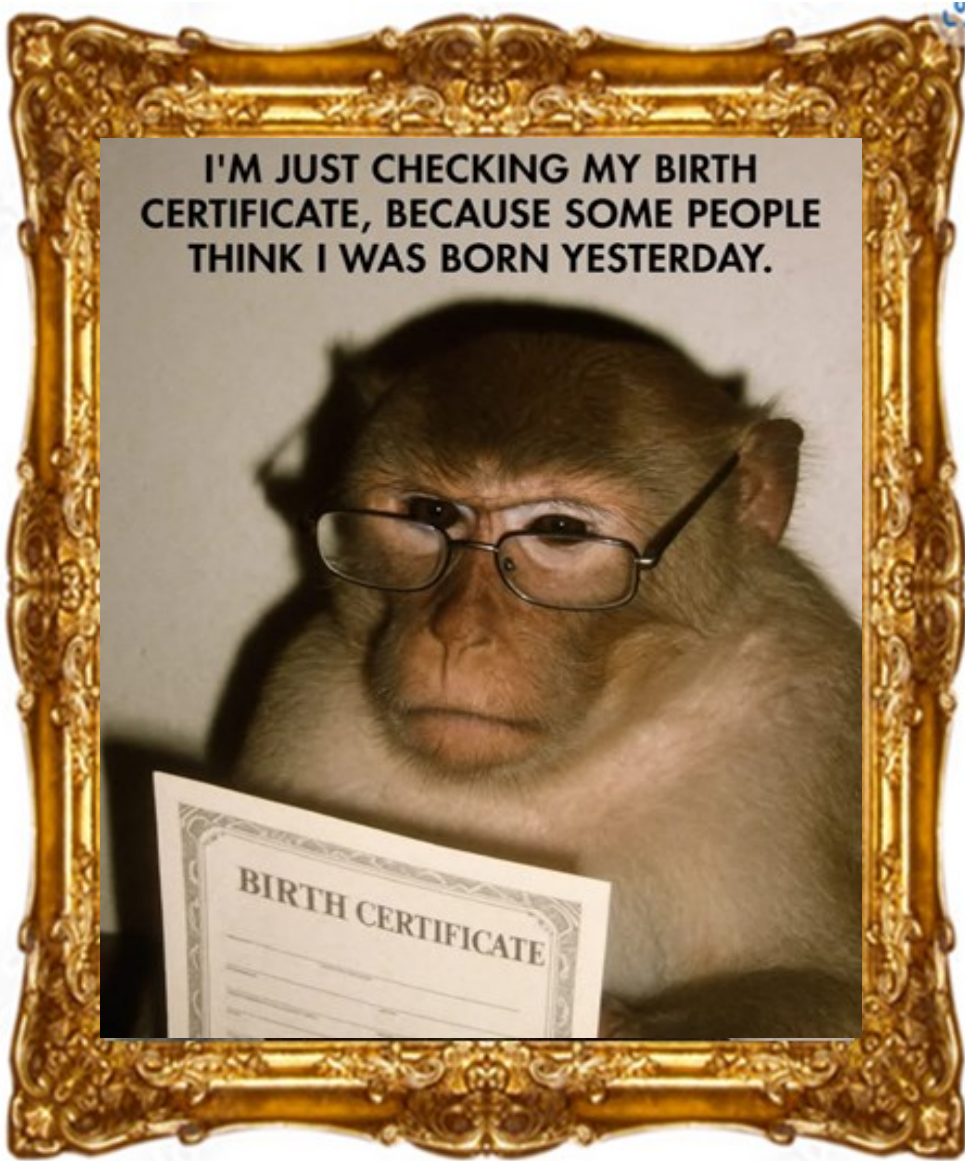
At the request of the family, all visitations being made through **Pam Boynton**



**55 Skeletal Place.** The price just got *slashed* on this one! As we like to say in the business, this one has good bones! Plenty of room! Hang all of your skeletons in these over-sized walk in bedroom closets. Don't forget to bring a flashlight.

**Missy Maxey** is showing this property nightly, from 10pm-Midnight!

**“Now that I’m another year older, I’m fortunate to have someone call and check on me everyday. He is from Asia, and is very concerned about my car warranty.”**



2025 Club Members

## October Birthdays

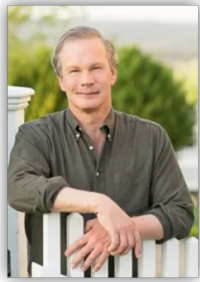
- 1st Lori Brooks
- 2nd Wayne Haynes
- 5th Bruce Cox
- 7th Jerry Gilmore
- 9th Greg Reese
- 13th Jake Firkins
- 18th Leslie Goodman
- 20th Susan Christian
- 24th Mike Lefebvre
- 25th Dave Economon  
Mark Buller
- 30th Chap Chancellor  
Greg Hilbert  
Lloyd Swanson
- 31st Josh Casada



\*If your birthday is not listed here, or there are errors, please send any edits to [csbc801@gmail.com](mailto:csbc801@gmail.com) so that we can update our list for next year! If you’re not on the list, your spouse/partner may not be either...let us know!



# Our Adopted State: An Hour’s Drive to An Oasis of Design & Southern Hospitality



Nestled high on a bluff overlooking the Arkansas River in Roland, Arkansas, **Moss Mountain Farm** is the visionary 600-acre country estate of celebrated garden designer, lifestyle expert and PBS celebrity, **P. Allen Smith**. More than just a picturesque private residence, the farm serves as a living laboratory for sustainable living, organic gardening, architectural preservation, and an engaging destination for the public, reflecting Smith’s deep-rooted passion for horticulture and conservation. Moss Mountain Farm is a modern interpretation of the 18th-century design movement known as **ferme ornée**, or "ornamented farm." This concept seamlessly blends a functional, working farm with aesthetic beauty and gracious leisure spaces. The farm's layout, inspired by the likes of Mount Vernon’s and Monticello’s gardens and design, Moss Mountain Farm features a series of distinct outdoor “rooms.” These spaces—including the dramatic **Daffodil Hill** (boasting over a million blooms in spring), the secluded Hidden Rose Garden, the extensive one-acre vegetable plot, and various orchards—demonstrate how agriculture and ornamental design can coexist in stunning harmony.

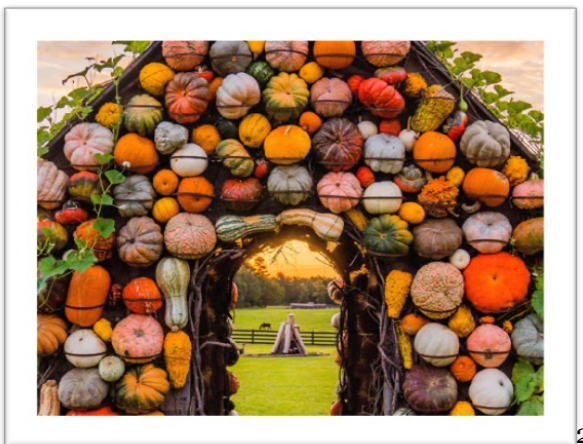
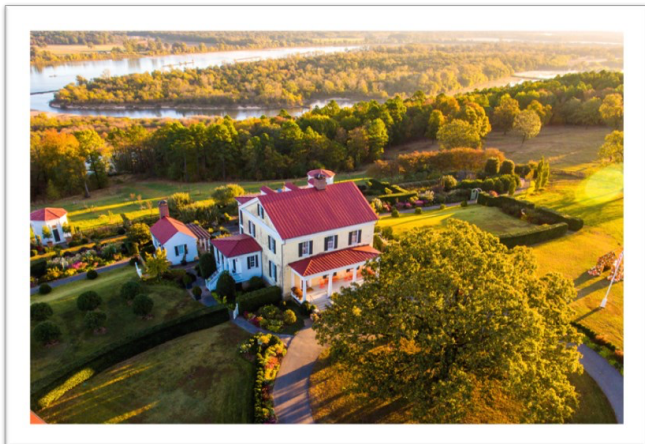
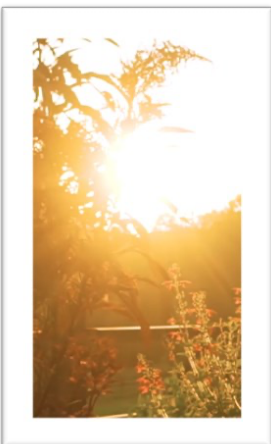
At the heart of the estate is the **Garden Home**, a three-story Greek Revival-style farmhouse that looks authentically old but was built with an eye toward modern sustainability. The architecture pays homage to the 1840s farmhouses of the region, yet incorporates eco-friendly features like passive solar energy, thick walls insulated with shredded denim, and low-VOC paints. Smith's design showcases his commitment to timeless Southern elegance while promoting green building practices. The house and its twin dependencies—a summer kitchen and an art studio—are deliberately sited in line with the property's crowning natural anchor, the **Big Sister Oak**, a 350-year-old post oak.

Beyond its aesthetic appeal, Moss Mountain Farm is a vital center for **conservation** and agricultural education. Smith, a fifth-generation horticulturist, uses the farm to demonstrate organic gardening methods, test new plant varieties, and champion the local-food movement.

A significant part of the farm's mission is dedicated to preserving biodiversity. The farm is home to **Poultryville**, where Smith founded the non-profit **Heritage Poultry Conservancy**. This initiative is crucial for preserving the genetic material of rare and threatened heritage breeds of domestic poultry, which are often overlooked by modern commercial farming. Additionally, the Hidden Rose Garden houses the **Noisette Rose Conservancy**, safeguarding a large collection of the first American rose.

There’s never a bad time of year to plan your visit. Smith welcomes the public to experience this oasis through guided seasonal tours and private events. Visitors are treated to tours of the home and gardens, often enjoying a farm-to-table lunch featuring recipes from Smith’s own cookbooks, all in an effort to share his knowledge and inspire guests to embrace a life connected to the land. Moss Mountain Farm stands as a remarkable testament to the powerful intersection of agricultural heritage, environmental stewardship, and design excellence in our adopted State.

You can learn more or make reservations at [www.pallensmith.com](http://www.pallensmith.com). Or, watch an informative video on YouTube.





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## Enjoy Life While You Can—Local Events that are Cheaper than Your Medicines!



**ARKANSAS ELVIS FESTIVAL**

**OCTOBER 23RD-25TH, 2025**

**HOT SPRINGS CONVENTION CENTER, HOT SPRINGS, ARKANSAS**



**HAPPY 7TH ANNIVERSARY**

**THE HOT SPRINGS RENAISSANCE FAIRE**

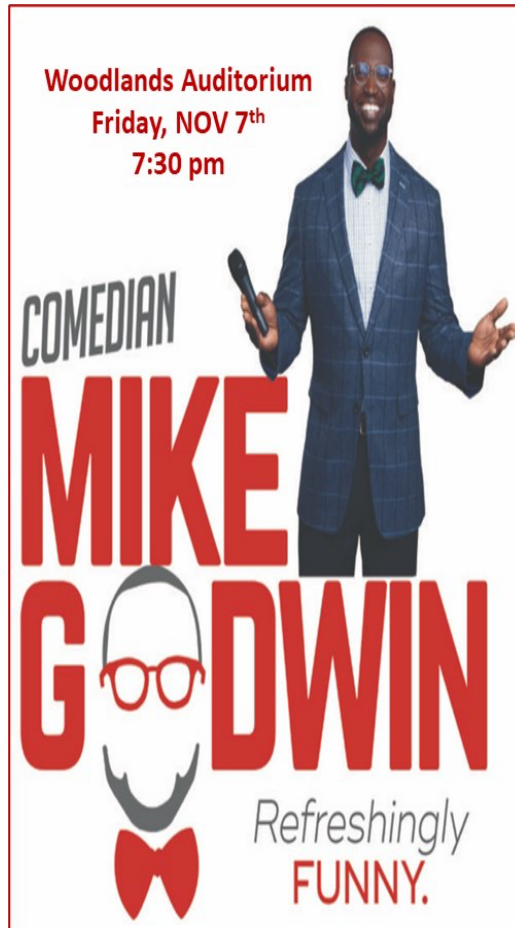
Happy 7th anniversary to Arkansas' Award Winning, Longest Running Renaissance Faire, **THE HOT SPRINGS RENAISSANCE FAIRE!**

More entertainment, More food and drink, More merchants, and More Merriment to make your stay in the 1570s the best one yet! The Hot Springs Renaissance Faire is many things. Arts and entertainment of various forms. Great shopping and awesome food choices for eating and drinking. A fun place to explore your imagination and free your spirit, but above all else - The Hot Springs Renaissance Faire is a place which welcomes everyone!

**NOVEMBER 1ST & 2ND, 2025**

Located at THE GARLAND COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS  
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New options, new adventures, new merriment! Look for ticket options and prices! Go to [www.purplepass.com/hsrenfaire7](http://www.purplepass.com/hsrenfaire7)

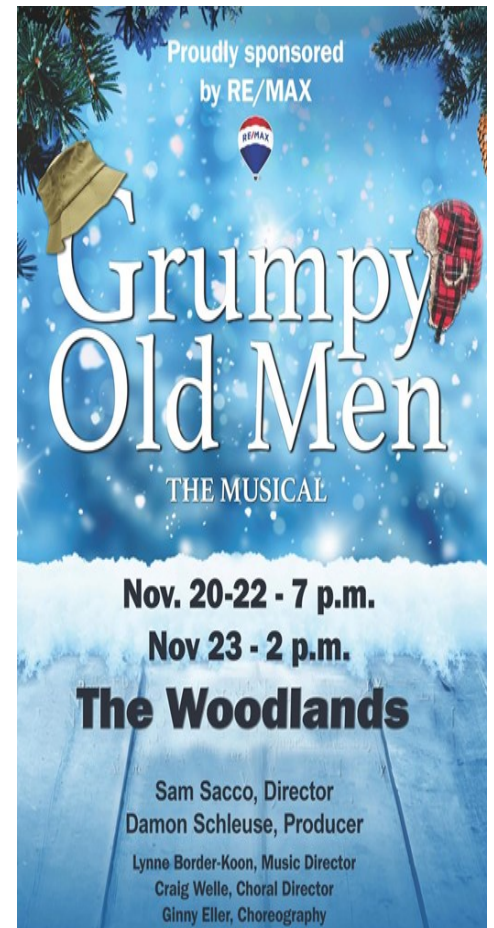


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COMEDIAN

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**The Woodlands**

Sam Sacco, Director  
Damon Schleuse, Producer  
Lynne Border-Koon, Music Director  
Craig Welle, Choral Director  
Ginny Eller, Choreography



# In the Spirit of Giving—the DPOA is Putting Some Fun Back in the Holiday Season!

Here are a few of the things that your DPOA Board is working on in the 4th Quarter, and into the New Year. It's going to be a great finale to our 30th Anniversary year—and we couldn't do it without a little help from our Friends—**Members Like You**—who make our Diamante Property Owners' Association special! **Watch for more details in the Club's Weekly Flyers and our November newsletter.**



## Hang an Angel on Our Tree:

The DPOA is feverishly working with the Club to announce the details of a 2025 Angel 'Giving Tree'. Your DPOA is a proud sponsor of this year's toy and clothing drive for some of the local area's foster children. The holidays are all about memories and traditions and we hope you'll join in to help make this Christmas a bit more Merry and Bright for others. Hang around—updates coming soon!



## You've Got (Holiday) Mail:

Get your creative juices flowing. Between Thanksgiving and early December, we're asking all DPOA homeowners within Diamante to decorate your mailboxes for the holidays. A host of celebrity Judges will then make the rounds to determine which homeowner(s) will earn Clubhouse bragging rights for the "Best Holiday Mailbox" in Diamante! Like they say, 'watch your mailbox' for more details!



## Keep Calm and Bake Christmas Cookies!

Think of it as holiday baking made easier. We'll be asking DPOA Members to bake 4 dozen of their favorite Holiday Cookie recipe and bring your goods to the Clubhouse in early December for a Cookie Exchange. Swap yours for 3 dozen unique cookies to take home. The remaining cookies will be boxed and delivered to our residents who are less able to enjoy the holidays—and local charitable organizations—if we have enough participants. Start those ovens!