



October 2024

## Dear Neighbors!

**T**here are plenty of reasons to **LOVE** October. 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 tremendous opportunity for our members.

**Cheeseburgers in Paradise** was held October 12 and was a resounding success. Joe Stafford, Lori McGhee, and their committee created a fun-filled evening for all to enjoy. A heartfelt thank you to **Nora Bergfield** for donating her 50/50 winnings back to the DPOA. Photos and details of this event can be found on page 4 of this newsletter.

The **2024 Diamante Intercollegiate** (formerly UALR Woman's Golf Classic) begins play Saturday, October 19th and continues through Tuesday, October 22nd. The tournament scheduled 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.

Finally, the DPOA Board is seeking volunteers to serve in January 2025. 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 makes the DPOA and the Diamante community a place where dreams do, in fact, come true!

—Heidi Hilbert, DPOA President



## Talking Points

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## HAVE A FUN-FILLED SPOOKTACULAR NIGHT!

Although the Village may not have many kids knocking at your front door dressed in their favorite costumes and expecting a treat, you may be surprised. One year, several wives spent the Halloween weekend at an out-of-town lake cabin and asked their husbands to answer the door should any children happen to show up asking for treats. Surprisingly, that evening, one of the husbands called his wife in a state of panic and screamed,

**"THEY'RE EVERYWHERE...THEY'RE EVERYWHERE!!"**

So be prepared, and have some treats handy to give to any and all little visitors who offer to do a trick! ♦



### Administrative Note

We have made an effort to insure all recorded DPOA members and their spouses are on the distribution list for our DPOA Newsletter. If your spouse did not receive a newsletter, please send an email to the [TrustyScribe@att.net](mailto:TrustyScribe@att.net) with the name and email address to be added.

If your neighbor says they didn't receive, the DPOA Newsletter, let them know they should inform us as above. If you wish to be removed from the distribution list, have an email address change, whatever, please let us know. Even a suggestion or two as a property owner is welcomed.



### Course & Court Conditions

Check daily conditions at [diamantecc.com](http://diamantecc.com)

[diamantecc.com/course-conditions](http://diamantecc.com/course-conditions)

[diamantecc.com/tennis](http://diamantecc.com/tennis)

[diamantecc.com/pickleball](http://diamantecc.com/pickleball)

The DPOA News & Events newsletter is published monthly, and will be sent to all property owners. On page 11, is the DPOA dues form which can be sent to Ford Williams, at 8 Aventura Trace, Hot Springs Village, AR 71909

### Treasurer's Report

As of September 30, 2024

#### Membership

As of September 30, 2024, 175 members paid \$15,120 in DPOA dues and additional contributions.

#### Fund Balances

Funds available for operations:

**\$5,618**

Reserve (emergency) funds:

**\$7,500**

Total funds:

**\$13,118**

CHECK THE LIST in this newsletter to see 2024 Active Member and Supporter. To become a 2024 Active Member and Supporter, please send your payment of \$80 payable the DPOA to:

**Ford Williams**

8 Aventura Trace

Hot Springs Village, AR 71909

Email: [ford.williams@me.com](mailto:ford.williams@me.com)

**Note: DPOA dues are voluntary and are not tax deductible.**



## What Is the Real Story Behind Halloween?

The origins of Halloween date back to the Celts of ancient Ireland, who celebrated the new year on November 1. That day marked the transition from the warm, fruitful summer months to the cold and dark winter, a period that was most often associated with death. So, on October 31, the night before the new year, they celebrated what was known as *Samhain*. It was a night when the boundary between the living world and the world of the dead became thin, and ghosts could return to walk the earth.

These meddlesome ghosts damaged crops and caused trouble, but the blurred line to the spirit world also made it easier for Celtic priests to make predictions about the coming year.

### How Did Halloween Traditions Start and Why?

Those same prophecy-speaking priests commemorated the night by building huge bonfires that became the hub for evening activities. People gathered around in costume to disguise themselves as ghosts, tried to tell each other's fortunes, enjoyed a big feast, and made lanterns out of gourds. Those big bonfires attracted insects, which then attracted bats. That's why those flying critters are now associated with Halloween.

These pagan traditions continued until Christianity extended its influence into the Celtic lands, and the celebration became generally toned down. The name "Halloween" came from the Christian All Souls' Day celebration, also known as "All Hallows." And since All Hallows was on November 1, folks began to call *Samhain* "All Hallows Eve." That name was eventually shortened to Halloween.

What are other Halloween traditions you know and love? When it comes to bobbing for apples, you can attribute their introduction to early Roman conquests and the Romans' fall holiday which was symbolized by an apple. As for black cats, the idea of being spooked by felines has roots in the Middle Ages. Back then, many believed that witches avoided detection by turning themselves into black cats. Then there are the traditional Halloween colors of black and orange. This theme once again dates to the Celtic festival of Samhain. For the Celts, black symbolized the "death" of summer while orange represented the harvest season.

### How Did Halloween Become an American Holiday?

The Halloween that you know today is a result of the great American immigrant melting pot. At first, celebrations were limited in colonial New England as the Puritans weren't on board with the holiday's pagan roots. Because of this, Halloween was more common in Maryland and the southern colonies. But as different European ethnic groups began to immigrate, a distinctly American version began with public events to celebrate the harvest. Neighbors would gather at these "play parties" to share stories of the dead—also known as ghost stories—and enjoy some mischief-making. Still, it was not until a large wave of Irish and Scottish immigrants migrated during the 19th century that the holiday became widely celebrated across the country. Historians estimate that by the early 20<sup>th</sup> century, Halloween was celebrated across North America by almost everyone.

### What's the History of Halloween Costumes and Trick-or-Treating?

Wondering how trick-or-treating came about? Well, there are several theories about that. One idea is that the custom came from Ireland where young people once took part in a tradition called guising where they would dress in costume and then sing, tell a joke, or perform another sort of "trick" before collecting a treat of fruit, nuts, or coins. There's also the act of souling, which traces back to 15th-century Christians who would go door-to-door asking for treats or "soul cakes." They would take these pastries in exchange for a promise to pray for the souls of those homeowners' dead relatives. Later, American children took a note out of the European book and began going door-to-door asking for treats.



## Wastin' Away Again in Margaritaville! Cheeseburgers in Paradise

### DPOA Board

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**TBD**

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The evening was filled with singing and dancing featuring numerous Diamante members. Mark Kincaid lead the Conga Line Dance with a long line of members lined up behind him following his dance moves around the patio and beyond. After a brief demonstration of the Macarena by Linda Fulton, Jeanne Ballard, B.J. Conner, and Susan Anderson, the dance floor filled up with members ready to do the Macarena in full force - it was a sight to behold.

The sing-along included song leaders singing the verses with everyone joining in on the choruses using the lyrics sheets they were furnished. Neil Phelan lead the sing-along on "Margaritaville" and Bill McGhee was the leader for "Two Pina Coladas" which, not by coincidence, were also the two drink specials. The frozen Margarita and Pina Colada machines at the Tiki bar proved to be very popular.

The sing-along concluded with Neil and Bill leading the group in the Jimmy Buffett song "Volcano."



Renee and Jim Robinson took home the awards for best-dressed for the theme. They were truly "resplendent" in their colorful tropical outfits - you will want to see the photograph. Mary Ellen and Glenn Laursen were the event photographers with photos planned for the bulletin board as well as the Diamante website.

The DPOA was in full support of the event by including promotional articles in the newsletter and by donating a number of

door prizes. There was also a 50/50 raffle won by Nora Bergfield, who promptly donated her 50% back to the DPOA for future projects (THANK YOU Nora).

Joe Stafford served as the MC and DJ for the event and kept things lively throughout the evening with tropical theme music, regular dance music and some humor mixed in with his MC duties. When it was over he made the comment that the event was successful because it was a total team effort. Numerous Diamante members stepped up with their time and talent and the Diamante staff really came through with first rate service in all areas important to the event. It was a patio party to be remembered.

- Joe Stafford





# DPOA

## Active Members & Supporters

Candy and Rusty Adams

Mary and Kurt Alber

Mark Ansted

Nicky and Jim Baker

Jeanne Ballard

Dawn and Michael Battle

Paige and Mike Baumbach

Glenda and Fred Bean

Nora and Randy Bergfield

Dianne and John Blake

Yvonne and Larry Blevins

Bertie and Greg Bloxom

Carol and Jim Bodge

Sherry Boggs

Carolyn and Rob Bowers

Pat and Al Bowles

Pam and Steve Boynton

Suzanne and David Brady

Kim and Don Brady

Barbara Brannan

Larry Brocaw

Nita and Larry Brown

Marynell and Bill Brusenhan

Nancy and Jim Burk

Linda and Jim Buss

Kimberly and Shane Buss

Joyce and Jeff Carr

Cindy and Mark Cheatham

Barbara and David Clark

Jan Coggins and LeeAnn Newcomb

Laverne Collins

Cooper Homes

Debbie and Dennis Cox

Lexie Curtis

Deborah and Don Davis

Sylvia and Paul Day

Donna and Mike Doyle

Tonya and Dave Economon

Suki and Tom Ellers

Katy and Max Emmert

Carla and Jim Enna

Rhonda and Michael Erwin

Hope and Russ Fielder

Kim and Scott Finnell

Veronica Curioni and Ray Foley

Sheila and Carl Ford

Linda and Jim Fulton

Linda and Bruce Gasaway

Bert and Bill Gianulis

Jeanne and Frank Godbold

Leslie and Reece Goodman

Michael Greenoe Bros. Ventures

Michele and Fletcher Hamilton

Carol and Ralph Hamner

Holly and John Hardin

Ada anard Carl Harsch

Janice and Wes Harvey

Cherie and Wayne Haynes

Cheryl and Kurt Heinrich

Laurie and Ken Henderson

Michelle and Wade Herguth

Paula and Johnny Hibbs

Heidi and Greg Hilbert

Alice and Bob Hincley

Rebecca and Mark Hittner

Melissa and Jon Hoffman

Keith Hughes

Suzanne and Phil Iantosca

Jeanine and Barry Jacobsen

Marian James and Martin Pledger

Lola and Jerry Jamrich

Lori Brooks and David Jaquess

Faith and Brian Jenks

Stephanie Jimes

Margaret and Pete Johnson

Cathy King and Don Kennedy

Melinda and Mark Kincaid

Nancy and Tom Koski

## DPOA ACTIVE MEMBERS & SUPPORTERS—cont'd

|                              |                                 |                           |
|------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Nancy and Tom Koski          | Patricia and James Pike         | Jen and Bryan Stout       |
| Vanessa and Jim Langlais     | Sandra and Bo Powers            | Pam and Jerry Sullivan    |
| Connie and John Lauer        | Kathi and Mark Price            | Pam and Murray Sullivan   |
| Mary Ellen and Glenn Laursen | Lana and Mike Prosen            | Cheryl and David Surguine |
| Susan and Allen Lee          | Donna and Dan Quandt            | John Sutey                |
| Kim and Mike Lefebvre        | Patricia and Jim Redman         | Meja Taylor               |
| Kathy and Dean Link          | Cheryl and Paul Reinsch         | Dena and Tommy Teaster    |
| Sarah Loufek                 | David Rich                      | Linda Thomas              |
| Sherry and Steve Lux         | Cle and Dennis Riordan          | Bev Thompson              |
| Sandra and Mike Mathes       | Jocelyn and Clark Robbins       | Sissy and Bill Toney      |
| Sylvia and John Matthews     | Frances and Dick Robbins        | Kay and Phil Tyree        |
| Missy and Rick Maxey         | Renee and Jim Robinson          | Betsy and Greg Uldrich    |
| Lori and Bill McGhee         | Roxann and Mark Ryan            | Connie and Gerry Vaden    |
| Nancy and Doug McIntire      | Janice Schaefer                 | Pam and Dennis VanLeeuwen |
| LJ and Bill McIntosh         | Debra and Brian Schaeffer       | Patsi and Charles Veazey  |
| Martha and Alex McKindra     | Carol and Ted Schramm           | Kimberly and Ron Vineyard |
| Devvie and Kevin McMillin    | Karla and John Sebastiani       | Melissa and Bob Walker    |
| Joni and Charles Mecca       | Deadra and Mark Shinabery       | Brenda and Michael Walls  |
| Liz and Tim Melson           | Debra and Al Short              | Jeanne and Mike Walters   |
| Debbie and Dan Monaghan      | Karen and Ed Simmons            | Geri and Earle Wilde      |
| Carol and Curtis Mundie      | Linda and Merle Singleterry     | Kelly and Ford Williams   |
| Sherry Newman                | Janet and Bob Smith             | James Williams            |
| Stephanie and Fred Noblett   | Martha Smither                  | Donna and Ken Williams    |
| Lisa and Bill Noirot         | Steve St. Onge and Kathy Carter | Jane Wilson               |
| Guy Parker                   | Mary Jane and Joe Stafford      | Mary Ann and Richard Wood |
| Charolette and David Paul    | Mickey and Tom Stant            | Andrea and Thad Woodside  |
| Jackie and John Paul         | Jan and Jess Stephens           | Gayle and Randy Wooten    |
| Robin and David Persson      | Jeane Stewart                   | Anne and Fred Wren        |
| Marilyn and Neil Phelan      | Deedra and Mike Stofer          | Doug Zook and Jon Lilley  |
| Irene and Doug Picano        | Suzanne and Chuck Stofer        |                           |

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



## Diamante Property Owners Association -- 2024 Dues Invoice

### Property Owner Information:

|  |  |
|--|--|
| First Name                             |  |
| Last Name                              |  |
| Preferred Email Address                |  |
| Mailing Address – Street               |  |
| Mailing Address – City, State, Zip     |  |
| Diamante Property Address if Different |  |

### Dues Information:

Please complete this form and send it with your check payable to “DPOA” to:

**Ford Williams**  
**DPOA Treasurer**  
**8 Aventura Trace**  
**Hot Springs Village, AR 71909**

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### ATTENTION NEW RESIDENTS! (AND THOSE WITH CHANGES!)

If you wish to be included in the 2024 DPOA Directory, please remember to send your updated contact information and photos to Sylvia Matthews at [hotexans@att.net](mailto:hotexans@att.net)

## September 30, 2024, Treasurer's Newsletter Report

|  | 9/30/2024       | Remaining<br>2024 | 2024 Full<br>Year<br>Projection |
|--|-----------------|-------------------|---------------------------------|
| Member dues                            | 13,920          | -                 | 13,920                          |
| Additional dues                        | 1,200           | -                 | 1,200                           |
| <b>Total dues revenue</b>              | <b>15,120</b>   | <b>-</b>          | <b>15,120</b>                   |
| Landscape maintenance                  | (10,575)        | (2,000)           | (12,575)                        |
| Sprinkler repair                       | (1,730)         | -                 | (1,730)                         |
| Electrical & lighting                  | -               | (250)             | (250)                           |
| Flags                                  | (197)           | (200)             | (397)                           |
| Holiday décor                          | -               | (400)             | (400)                           |
| Storage unit                           | (515)           | -                 | (515)                           |
| Welcome baskets                        | (359)           | (290)             | (649)                           |
| Office supplies                        | (210)           | (50)              | (260)                           |
| <b>Total operational expenses</b>      | <b>(13,586)</b> | <b>(3,190)</b>    | <b>(16,776)</b>                 |
| <b>Net operating revenue (expense)</b> | <b>1,534</b>    | <b>(3,190)</b>    | <b>(1,656)</b>                  |
| Picnic net revenue (expense)           | (214)           | -                 | (214)                           |
| Cocktail party net revenue (expense)   | 1,745           | -                 | 1,745                           |
| <b>Picnic net revenue (expense)</b>    | <b>1,531</b>    | <b>-</b>          | <b>1,531</b>                    |
| <b>Total net revenue (expense)</b>     | <b>3,065</b>    | <b>(3,190)</b>    | <b>(125)</b>                    |