



Official Newsletter from Your
Diamante Property Owners Association

December 2025

Dear Neighbors!

Holiday Greetings! Sending heartfelt wishes for a joyful and safe holiday season to all residents of Diamante and their families, recognizing the various ways in which our community members celebrate. Can you believe Christmas and 2026 are just around the corner??

Thanks to Volunteers: A special thank you to all the volunteers who decorated the Diamante Boulevard and the surrounding neighborhoods with Christmas lights and décor this year and those who assisted with the Couple’s Golf fundraiser in July. Your support has been crucial to the DPOA’s success. A big shoutout to the board members, committee volunteers, and residents who have generously contributed both financially and with their time and effort to enhance our neighborhood and make it a wonderful place to live.

Upcoming News and Reminders: The Cookie Exchange is set for December 19 from noon to 2 p.m. (see page 9 for more information) and the “Decorate Your Mailbox for Christmas Contest,” sponsored by the DPOA, will award prizes for the most beautifully decorated mailboxes, and judging begins the week of December 15th.

Diamante Giving: I would like to express my gratitude to everyone who participated in the Angel Tree Giving Opportunity. The DPOA collaborated with Tri-Lakes CASA to deliver gifts to 24 foster children in Central Arkansas. We were pleasantly surprised that all the Angels were claimed within just one week. Thank you to all members for your generosity and support for these children in need. This is one of the reasons why Diamante stands out as a wonderful place to call home.

As the year draws to a close, I want to urge everyone to take a moment to appreciate this festive season, reflect on the past year, and perhaps even outline your goals for the upcoming New Year. The DPOA thanks you all for making our neighborhood a wonderful place to live.

—Heidi Hilbert, DPOA President

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November Champagne Wine Dinner



The Diamante November wine tasting dinner featured Champagne Brice, a family-owned winery situated in Bouzy, within the Grand Cru-classified village of Montagne de Reims, Champagne. This winery was founded at the close of the 17th century, and shifted their focus to champagne after specializing in still red wine production.

Champagne Brice was established by Jean-Paul Brice and is now represented by his sons, Rémi and Jean-René Brice, along with Christophe Constant, who serves as the cellar master. The Champagne Brice wines tasted were the Heritage Brut Rosé, Brut Heritage, Bouzy Red Grand Cru, and Blanc De Noirs Grand.

The evening concluded with a delightful dessert wine from Château Bouscassé, a late harvest Vendémaiaire. The winery is a renowned wine estate located in the Madiran region of Bascoy, owned by the Brumont family. The family is recognized for their exceptional blends of Tannat, Cabernet Sauvignon, and Cabernet Franc. Chef Terry Thompson paired this exquisite, sweet wine with foie gras profiterole and salted caramel.

Next Diamante wine tasting is February 2026.





December Birthdays

Ann Roberts	December 2
David Brady, Jr.	December 2
Garland McGhee	December 3
Joan Jones	December 3
Lorna Nobles	December 3
Mark Hittner	December 7
Stephanie Noblett	December 9
Fred Noblett	December 12
Lori McGhee	December 12
Pattie Jones	December 13
Randy Maxey	December 13
Larry Brocaw	December 14
Ken Henderson	December 14
Rebecca Hittner	December 14
Jess Stephens	December 16
Fred Wren	December 19
Bryan Kennedy	December 20
Mary Alice Kindred	December 20
Joye Carr	December 22
James Williams	December 23
Brian Fort	December 25
Mark DeRemer	December 26
Danny Pool	December 29
Cully Exsted	December 30
Doug McIntire	December 30
Kathy Carter	December 31
Paul Reinsh	December 31
Jennifer Russell	December 31



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Who Invented Santa Claus?

Santa Claus—otherwise known as Saint Nicholas or Kris Kringle—has a long history steeped in Christmas traditions. Today, he is thought of mainly as the jolly man in red who brings toys to good girls and boys on Christmas Eve, but his story stretches all the way back to the 3rd century, when Saint Nicholas walked the earth and became the patron saint of children. Find out more about the history of Santa Claus from his earliest origins to the shopping mall Santas of today, and discover how two New Yorkers—Clement Clark Moore and Thomas Nast—were major influences on the Santa Claus millions of children wait for each Christmas Eve.



The legend of Santa Claus can be traced back to a monk named St. Nicholas who was born in Turkey around 280 A. D. St. Nicholas gave away all of his inherited wealth and traveled the countryside helping the poor and sick, becoming known as the protector of children and sailors.

In 1822, Episcopal minister Clement Clarke Moore wrote a Christmas poem called “An Account of a Visit from St. Nicholas,” more popularly known today by its first line: “Twas The Night Before Christmas.” The poem depicted Santa Claus as a jolly man who flies from home to home on a sled driven by reindeer to deliver toys.

The iconic version of Santa Claus as a jolly man in red with a white beard and a sack of toys was immortalized in 1881, when political cartoonist Thomas Nast drew on Moore's poem to create the image of Old Saint Nick we know today.

Christmas Facts

- ◆ Each year, 25-30 million real Christmas trees are sold in the United States alone. There are about 16,000 Christmas tree farms in the United States, and trees usually grow for between four and 15 years before they are sold.
- ◆ In the Middle Ages, Christmas celebrations were rowdy and raucous—a lot like today’s Mardi Gras parties.
- ◆ When Christmas was cancelled: From 1659 to 1681, the celebration of Christmas was outlawed in Boston, and law-breakers were fined five shillings.
- ◆ Christmas was declared a federal holiday in the United States on June 26, 1870.
- ◆ The first eggnog made in the United States was consumed in Captain John Smith’s 1607 Jamestown settlement.
- ◆ Poinsettia plants are named after Joel R. Poinsett, an American minister to Mexico, who brought the red and green plant from Mexico to America in 1828.
- ◆ The Salvation Army has been sending Santa Claus-clad donation collectors into the streets since the 1890s.
- ◆ Rudolph, “the most famous reindeer of all,” was the product of Robert L. May’s imagination in 1929. The copywriter wrote a poem about the reindeer to attract customers into the Montgomery Ward department store.
- ◆ Construction workers started the Rockefeller Center Christmas tree tradition in 1931.

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Making A List—And Checking It Twice!

Did you know that the tradition of commercially printed Christmas cards was first introduced to America in 1875 by Louis Prang, a German immigrant and printer who owned a shop near Boston, Massachusetts?

While some imported cards appeared in the U.S. in the late 1840s, they were expensive and didn't initially catch on. Prang, who is often called the "Father of the American Christmas Card," was the first to mass-produce high-quality, chromolithographed cards, making them affordable and popular for the American public.

Christmas card tradition in America quickly grew into a beloved annual custom. Prang's first successful cards in the U.S. often featured flowers, plants, and children rather than traditional seasonal images like Santa or snow, reflecting his commitment to introducing fine art to the masses through printing. By the 1880s, the sending of Christmas cards had become an integral part of the holiday season, helping to maintain kinship and connection as families became more geographically separated due to industrialization. A major turning point came in 1915 when Joyce Hall and his brothers (who later founded Hallmark) popularized the folded card in an envelope—a format that allowed for a longer personal message than a simple postcard, establishing the industry standard we'd all come to know and appreciate as we were growing up—one of many traditions inherited from our parents and grandparents.



There's also an 'art' for maintaining this tradition. People died. People divorced. We'd change jobs and lose track of coworkers. People moved, and you'd lose track of neighbors or the families that your children played with in the old neighborhood. In some years, the funds might get a bit scarce and moms might be forced to cut names from their annual list. If you were cut from someone's list, you probably retaliated a year or two later. There are plenty of reasons why these Christmas card lists are edited each year, and sometimes, it can become personal.

In my early adult years, as I felt compelled to carry on this tradition, I often sent cards filled with red or green holiday confetti—imaging each recipient's surprise—and dismay—when all of the glitter fell from the cards as they were pulled from their envelopes! Recipients would often mention that they were still picking pine needles or Christmas tree glitter out of their shag carpeting for months after the holidays were over. One year, when my mother asked me to stop, I begrudgingly agreed to stop with this short-lived 'tradition.'

In the 90's, I spent several weeks crafting and editing 'themed' Christmas CD's that I would place in all of the holiday cards to people on the "A" list of family and friends. These CD themes included traditional music, country, big band, kids and pop tunes. Each year's edition was adorned with a custom CD label, printed from custom PC software and lovingly attached to each CD disc. Pretty slick operation! Each of the labels included a catchy title, like "Southern Comfort—and Joy" or "Nutcrackers-Sweet!" The labels also featured the current year's photo of us, or sometimes just of our 'kids'—our Gordon Setters, Gandalf and Frodo.



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But as CD's were replaced by the likes of Spotify, and other Internet music platforms, that fun little holiday tradition was also short-lived. Plus, as Bluetooth became king, computers no longer had built in CD trays. So, off my merry little brain went in search of the next Christmas card tradition.



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I can't say what I came up with next was ingenious—as others had been sending them for years. But my execution was unique. I took a cue from the 'brag letters' that we'd receive from others and create our version to be an Associated Press-styled mini-newspaper, complete with a newsletter name, masthead, columns, datelines and photos, featuring our top stories from each year. Finally, I appreciated 'why' people sent these letters—they saved so much time vs. writing the same bit of news in every card! Making ours a mostly humorous look at our little world, it was less of a 'brag letter' and (at least from what we were told) more of *the card* that our friends looked forward to receiving and reading each year!

In recent years, for the various reasons previously listed, we've found ourselves cutting back also. Our cards are ordered the week after Christmas each year, so they're 50% off. But we've gone from a high of sending about 150 cards annually, down to about 60 or so cards this year. And we receive even fewer than that in return.

Often times, in emails or text messages received from friends, they'll remark how much they enjoyed reading our letter, adding that "we just couldn't get it together this year to send any out." Others have opted for the 'latest' card tradition—sending a family summer vacation photo to Shutterfly or Snapfish—and getting photocards back in a week or so, complete with black snowflakes or preprinted snowmen and their choice of canned captions, like "Season's Greetings from the Jaksa Family." Nothing says 'I'm Dreaming of a White Christmas' like a photo of someone's summer trip to the beach! Sometimes, you don't even recognize who the senders are. If you can't identify the mom and dad, fat chance you'll know the kids' names—or that they broke down and adopted a dog!

I think the most sacrilegious type of holiday greetings are from that group of friends or family (we all have them!) who download a generic holiday image off the Internet and post a note on Social media proclaiming "Happy Holidays to All of Our Family and Friends." Those highly personal messages warm the cockles of my heart every time I receive one. So thoughtful. So sincere. So 'in the spirit' of Christmas!

There are lots of other excuses you've probably heard for not receiving cards from others: how tedious it is to buy stamps, how expensive stamps are getting, how time intensive it is to address all those cards, how expensive gas is to deliver the cards to the post office. And who knows what the future will hold, because, let's be honest, Millennials and Generation Z'ers probably don't even own an address book. And, if they did, grandparents' and great grandparents' physical addresses probably wouldn't be in one. Which leaves even less hope for their aunts and uncles or great aunts and great uncles!

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Would it surprise you to know that some people cut the greeting cards they receive in half, and use the fronts (not written on) to create holiday postcards they'll send out following season? This is true—I've received several of my cards back as a postcard! Do I think of them as being 'cheap?' Or, should I feel flattered that they loved my card so much that they recycled it?

Let's face it, people who send out Christmas cards just like Christmas traditions. That's all there is to it. We're that minority that's more disciplined and organized when it comes to the Holidays. We're the ones who'd prefer to be addressing cards the day after Thanksgiving because we also have all of our Christmas shopping done, and we found better deals during the year than what merchants offer on Black Friday to amateurs!

So, in conclusion, we're probably the only ones who'll notice if you cut us from your list. Nobody else will care because no matter what you do—from posing in your matching pajamas to writing a merry manifesto to having open heart surgery. Your card won't be missed as much as Kris Jenner's—knowing that she delivered her custom gingerbread houses to each of her children and grandchildren on time. So, get out your red pen and delete us. Or don't.

We have one friend who swears that he has never crossed anyone (living) off his list. He rationalizes it this way: "You never know when you may want or need something from someone, and it's worth the \$3.50 to send a card and keep in touch." He's on our "A" list!

If you stop and think about it, we've all spent several of our childhood Christmases writing letters and buying stamps and mailing them off to a fictitious, jolly old man, whose only known address was 'The North Pole.' Now that we're a bit older and wiser, it seems more prudent that we should be sending our holiday greetings and warmest wishes to real people. If you agree, do your part to make someone's holiday a little more special this year. Help keep this tradition alive.

May your mailbox be overflowing with kind thoughts and fond memories from Family and Friends of Christmases past.

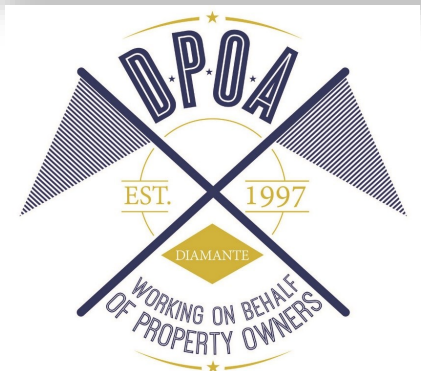
♦ *Craig Staley, DPOA Contributor*

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 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.

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





PLEASE JOIN US FOR A

Christmas

COOKIE EXCHANGE



FRIDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2025

AT NOON UNTIL 2 O'CLOCK IN THE AFTERNOON

DIAMANTE COUNTRY CLUB

HOSTED BY

THE DIAMANTE PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION (DPOA)

Bake and share your favorite recipe so other members can try it later. Bring 3-4 dozen cookies per member and package cookies nicely in boxes, tins, or bags. Diamante will also have packaging available.



Decorate Your Mailbox for Christmas Contest



Don't miss out on the fun! Embrace the holiday spirit by decorating your mailbox with all things you cherish about Christmas. Let's display Diamante's pride and holiday cheer!

DPOA judges will be awarding the most **creative mailboxes with prizes**. The contest ends on **Friday, December 19, 2025**, and prizes will be awarded following that date.

December Events at the Woodlands



Village Chorale

"The Heart of Christmas"

Tuesday, December 9, 2025 - 7:00 p.m.

We invite you to start your Christmas celebration this year with another excellent concert by The Village Chorale. The Concert, The Heart of Christmas, will be held on Tuesday, December 9, 2026 at 7:00 PM at the Woodlands Auditorium. Included on the program will be new compositions of traditional and modern carols by our favorite composers/arrangers – Dan Forrest, Craig Courtney, Mark Hayes, Jay Althouse, and others. As always a Chorale concert will feature nine wonderful instrumentalists who help to bring the music to life. We will also feature a dancer on two of the selections as a special treat this year. In addition the evening will be a multi-media experience as the Woodland's screens come alive with exciting graphic designs to enhance every selection. The cost for this annual performance is only \$15 for open seating.

We are grateful for our generous sponsors who make the concert possible. The concert Sponsor is ReMax of Hot Springs Village. We look forward to seeing you there on December 9 for a delightful evening of great music as we usher in the Christmas Season.



Hot Springs Concert Band annual Christmas at the Woodlands Auditorium. This beautifully crafted musical celebration is not only a feast for your ears but also a beacon of goodwill, with proceeds benefitting the Kiwanis Club of Greater Hot Springs Village's impactful programs for children and youth. Secure your General Admission ticket for just \$15 and become a part of this musical endeavor, where the power of community and the charm of Christmas unite.

Woodlands Auditorium

1101 DeSoto Boulevard
Hot Springs Village, AR 71909

**For information, please contact
501.922.4231 at the Woodlands Box Office**



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The Muses Present Voices of Angels

Friday, December 12, 2025 - 7:00 p.m.

Come and experience the inspiring message of the Christmas Angels, through the beauty of music, word and dance, at the Muses 20th annual "Voices of Angels" sacred classical Christmas concert at the Woodlands Auditorium. This seasonal family favorite, takes audiences on a musical journey of sacred selections from various lands, times and traditions, reset in contemporary arrangements, bringing 800 years of Christmas tradition to 21st century audiences. This concert as "an elegant, inspiring and uplifting offering of unparalleled Christmas music," so do NOT miss it! Take a break from the busyness of the season, and come to the Muses "Voices of Angels," where you'll be bathed in sacred peace and rejuvenated by the uplifting, elegant musical celebration of the true Spirit of Christmas. General admission tickets are only \$35; for more information call 501.609.9811. Get your tickets TODAY!

Woodlands Auditorium

1101 DeSoto Boulevard
Hot Springs Village, AR 71909

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Office**



The Bellamy Brothers

Sunday, December 14, 2025 - 2:00 p.m.

Hot Springs Village POA is proud to present the original Bellamy Brothers!! Join us for an afternoon full of their greatest hits! David and Howard plunged into the country music world in the late 70s and continued having hit after hit into the 1990s. "Let Your Love Flow," "Redneck Girl" and "Old Hippy" and just a few of the songs in their catalog. Still keeping an active touring schedule, the brothers have played for audiences around the world and now they'll be at the Woodlands Auditorium on Sunday, December 14 at 2:00 pm. General Admission tickets are only \$45 each.

[Click here for some of their greatest hits.](#)

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UP CLOSE AND 'PERSONNEL': PATTI HATHAWAY

There's only one way to put it—Illinois' loss is Arkansas' gain. Even more succinctly stated, Patti is Diamante's gain!

Born and raised in the far southwest suburbs of Chicago, Burbank and Plano, IL, Patti was one of nine children growing up, which probably instilled in her the grace and patience that's served her well. She attended Crescent City High School and eventually became a medical industry professional, until she hung up her smock in 2009. Her career afforded her the opportunity to do a bit of traveling—and her preferred itinerary included anyplace with a beach. Most memorable was an all-girl trip she took to the white sands of Aruba. It was through her in-laws that Patti became acquainted with the Village, and in 2010, she relocated to The Natural State. This April, she will celebrate five years with Diamante.

While she enjoys everything about her job at the Club, Patti particularly likes the events that draw large groups and feature live music. She said that Members (and the Club) are at their very best when they're enjoying an evening of dancing and having a good time. She should know—she's been a dancer most of her adult life: line dancing, two-stepping and even a few ballroom dance lessons thrown into her repertoire of dance moves! While she admitted that the 30th Anniversary Gala was 'over the top' as far as Club events go, she's glad the Club is once again offering up a wider variety of social events to draw all Members back to the Clubhouse.

She also admits that while not all Members agree, she thinks a good change in her 5 years of service has been the evolution to a more casual atmosphere. Patti observed that very few people want to eat in the Dining Room now, unless it's for a special event. Most are interested in the outdoor patio, or the bar

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area seating, where her Chicago Bears can now be viewed on the big screen. Admittedly, she's a sucker for any NFL game being televised given that football is the sport she's most passionate about. (Such blasphemy in the midst of diehard golfers, pickleballers and tennis players!). Amid all the recent changes, the one that Patti is most happy about is the loss of those long sleeved shirts and bow ties that previously had been the mandatory uniform for all service employees. Not sure if Patti's were buried or burned, but she's thrilled those days are gone.

As the holidays approach, Patti fondly recalls her years living up North and often having a White Christmas with family and friends—but also recalling that we had more snow last year than much of the rest of the Country. Her family's traditions were simpler then. Midnight mass. Celebrating a huge feast with the family. Opening presents, and then watching with joy as the younger children played with the presents Santa had dropped off the night before. Her favorite Christmas song has long been "Grandma Got Run Over By a Reindeer" (even though in the Village version it's more likely that "Grandma Ran Into a Reindeer in Her Shiny New Lexus on the Way Back from the Dollar Store")! A close second for Patti is always singing along to "The Little Drummer Boy."

During this time of year, and when she's not on the clock at Diamante, there are lots of things that turn Patti into a Village Couch Potato: the movie "Home Alone" and its many sequels; any of the HGTV holiday shows—from decorating the house—to decorating the tree—to decorating the baked goods; the Hallmark Channel Christmas movies—so many movies with the same drama—will he/she make it home in time for Christmas and will he/she be spending it alone? Let's not forget the icing on the sugar cookie, Patti's Chicago Bears on the NFL Network, and all those other NFL games, as she watches the playoff brackets take shape!

When asked what she's writing to Santa for this year, Patti humbly responded, "oh, I never ask for anything." According to her, she's already been blessed to work for so many kind and caring Members. "They've all been so good to me, and they're all so respectful." She added, "they're all what keep me here. And it's not just Christmas. They remember me on my birthday. She shared that a couple of the Club's good Samaritans helped her out when she was ill and needed an expensive procedure done, adding "They always have my back."

Unlike so many of us during the holiday season, Patti won't have far to travel. She concluded, "Diamante is my family now." She's already home for the holidays.

♦ *Craig Staley, DPOA Contributor*





Naughty or Nice?

Last Minute Gifts for Everyone on Your List!

Buying Christmas gifts for family and friends shouldn't be a chore—and real gifts are much more fun to open than a Gift Card! What do your friends enjoy doing? Or what do you like that you think someone else will also enjoy? And, you can never go wrong with some interesting food items—after all—we all have to eat! Here are some favorite online merchants as well as some local finds. Hopefully, these suggestions will make your gift-giving a bit easier and allow you to 'wrap things up' early this year!

Happy Hunting and Merry Christmas!



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Mistesvanilla@gmail.com





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Like You Never Left the Fairway!

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www.mrsmeyers.com



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The Home Alone Must-Have!

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Even the North Pole Shops Here!



This website is our 'find of the year' and we head straight to the "sale" section, where you can find lots of Razorback, Longhorn and Cowboys merchandise at ridiculous prices. These doormats are \$4.99 (top) and \$2.99 (bottom). There are chili bowls that retail for \$18/ea on sale for \$9.99/each and lots of serving items too. Make your own sports themed gifts for pennies!

Go to: [47thmain.com](https://www.47thmain.com) and find something for everyone on your list. Fast and cheap shipping too! You can thank me later!

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I Can See Clearly Now!

If you know someone who reads a lot, surprise them with a 3-some of **Peeps eyeglass cleaners**. One terrific gift! **Amazon.com** storefronts offer a set of 3 of these for about \$13 bucks. Keep one in your purse, another in the kitchen and a third in the office. A simple and inexpensive gift for us Seniors!



Par for the Courses!

This one's for the Diamante chefs who think they have everything they need in their kitchen—wrong!

What home on the driving range or sand trap doesn't need one of these on their kitchen counter? Crafted by another favorite small business online, **Vagabond House**, this towel holder will be the talk of the next month's Bunko gathering. Get it: www.vagabondhouse.com



Golfer Paper Towel Holder
\$137.00

Looking for Another Great Arkansas-Made Gift Idea?

You should know by now that Arkansas is the #1 rice-producing state in the country. So it makes sense that Hot Springs is home to **Origami Sake** distillery. Their award-winning sakes include White Lotus, A Thousand Cranes and Zero. Recipes can be found on their website, and you can find their products in most local liquor stores—*or when you take a tour!*

www.drinkorigami.com



Best Tool in Your Trunk!

This rechargeable mini-air compressor is available on **Amazon.com**, and it's perfect for those mornings when the cold weather reduces your car's tire pressure. Fill up all your tires in your garage in minutes. Works on balls, bikes and more! A must have!



Just Like Mom's...

Stonewall Kitchen offers so many reasonable food gift items—and better quality than Harry & David. We love this marmalade sampling, but they also have great BBQ sauce gift sets. Or try their chocolate and caramel ice cream toppings—so good!

www.stonewallkitchen.com



What's in a Name?

These are more golf terms you probably aren't familiar with. Glasses are made by **Susquehanna Glass Co.**, in PA, and for sale on **Gilt.com** for \$44.99. Definitions included for all your golf buddies: the lumberjack, mulligan, rain maker or a worm burner? www.gilt.com

Need to put together unique gift basket for someone special? Try these two North Little Rock stores for unique foods and gift basket items:

Eggshells Kitchen Company, in The Heights area. It's the best kitchen store in Arkansas and worth the trip! The couple that owns the store also offers cooking classes. Check them out: www.eggshellskitchencompany.com

Trader Joe's, 11500 Financial Centre Parkway, or www.traderjoes.com. The best holiday and gourmet foods at reasonable prices!



	10/31/2025 Actual Month to Date	10/31/2025 Actual Year to Date	10/31/2024 Actual Year to Date	12/31/2025 Estimated Remaining Forecast		12/31/2024 Actual Year to Date
Member dues	-	12,070	14,235	3,300	15,370	17,195
Additional dues	-	2,960	1,200	400	3,360	1,585
Total dues revenue	-	15,030	15,435	3,700	18,730	18,780
Landscape Maintenance	(1,425)	(12,027)	(11,315)	(3,500)	(15,527)	(12,433)
Sprinkler repair	-	(1,020)	(1,730)	(200)	(1,220)	(1,730)
Electrical repair	(73)	(73)	-	(50)	(123)	-
Flags	-	(298)	(197)	(50)	(348)	(197)
Holiday décor	-	-	-	(250)	(250)	(61)
Welcome baskets	-	(432)	(515)	(100)	(532)	(1,301)
Storage unit	-	(515)	(359)	-	(515)	(515)
Administrative costs	-	(163)	(305)	(100)	(263)	(327)
Total operational expenses	(1,498)	(14,528)	(14,421)	(4,250)	(18,778)	(16,563)
Net operating revenue (expense)	(1,498)	502	1,014	(550)	(48)	2,217
Net picnic	-	(623)	(214)	-	(623)	(214)
Net cocktail party	-	4,576	1,745	-	4,576	1,745
Other fundraising	-	-	1,015	-	-	1,015
Net fundraising	-	3,954	2,546	-	3,954	2,546
Net revenue (expense)	(1,498)	4,457	3,560	(550)	3,905	4,763

Beginning Cash at 1/1/2025	14,817
Net revenue (expense) YTD	4,457
Ending Cash at 10/31/2025	19,273
Emergency Reserve	(7,500)
Funds Available for Operations	11,773



Diamante Property Owners Association -- 2026 Dues Invoice

Property Owner Information:

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

Dues Information:

Amount: \$80

Due Date: 1/31/2026

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**

Note: DPOA dues are voluntary and are NOT tax deductible.

ATTENTION NEW RESIDENTS! (AND THOSE WITH CHANGES!)

If you wish to be included in the DPOA Directory, please remember to send your updated contact information and photos to

Sylvia Matthews at hotexans@att.net



Coming Soon
2026

Happy New Year
From the DPOA