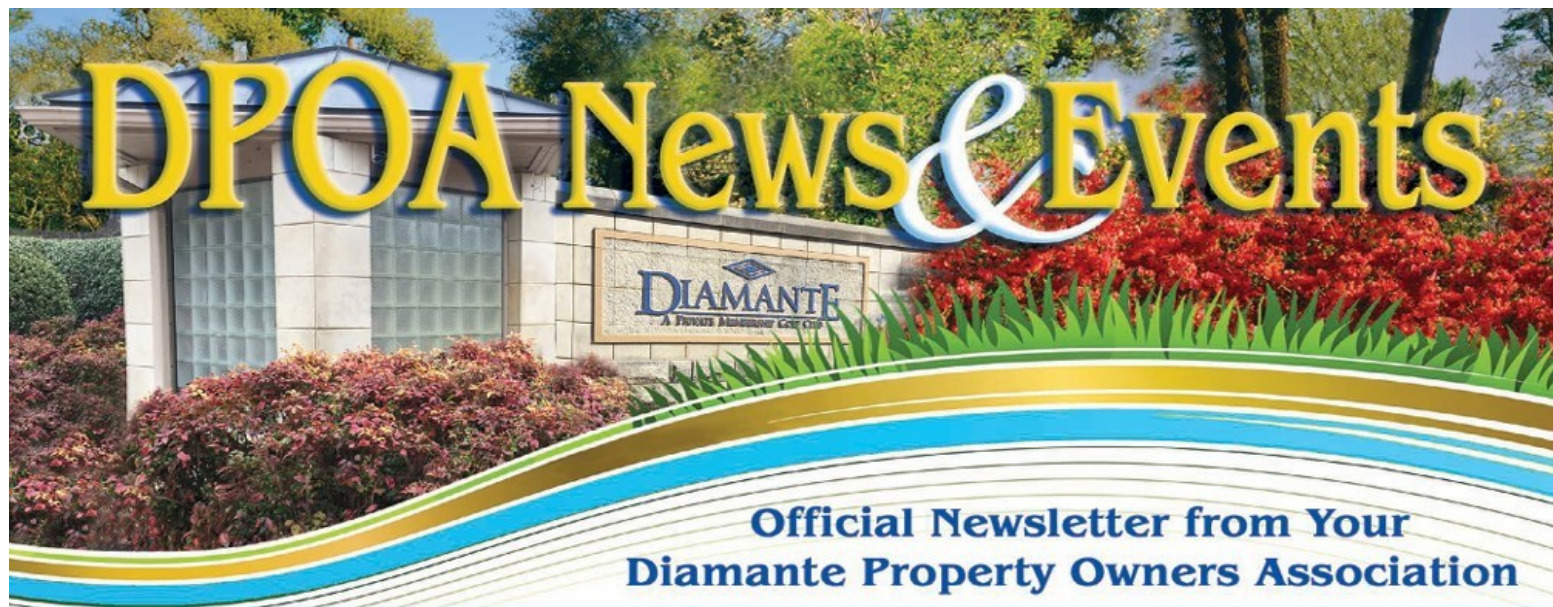




September 2026

Dear Neighbors!

September brings a fresh wave of routines and cooler weather. With football games kicking off and the harvest month officially here, we are excited to share what's in store for the season ahead.

This month, we bid a fond farewell to retiring board member **Ford Williams**. Over the past two and a half years, Ford has been a champion for our mission, serving faithfully on our board and leading our efforts in fiscal responsibility. Known for asking the thoughtful questions that kept us grounded, Ford organized the Giving Tree and assisted in several DPOA fundraisers. We are deeply grateful for his time, talent, and heart. Though his term has ended, he will remain an invaluable part of our extended family. Ensuring a seamless transition, **Mike Vickery** has officially stepped into the role of treasurer.

The DPOA is excited to deliver Christmas cookies to our homebound neighbors this holiday season. If you know of someone who would love a sweet visit, please let us know.

To ensure a brighter holiday for children in the Central Arkansas foster care system, the DPOA and Diamante Country Club are joining forces with Tri-Lakes CASA for an Angel Tree Giving drive. We are thrilled to have Ford Williams spearheading this event for the DPOA; look out for our October newsletter, where we will have more information on how you can help.

Stay tuned for more updates next month as we gear up for an exciting final quarter of the year!

—**Heidi Hilbert, DPOA President**



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September Fun Facts

- **September 7** is the first Monday of the month and is Labor Day.
- **September 11** is Patriot Day, held in honor and remembrance of those who died in the September 11, 2001, terrorist attacks.
- **September 11** also starts Rosh Hashanah, a Jewish holiday that marks the beginning of the new year.
- **September 13** is Grandparents Day this year. Honor your grandparents today—and every day!
- **September 17** is Constitution Day. This day celebrates the adoption of the U.S. Constitution, which occurred on September 17, 1787 (just five years before the founding of *The Old Farmer's Almanac*).
- **September 20** marks the start of Yom Kippur at sundown.
- **September 21** is recognized as the annual International Day of Peace. Observances range from a moment of silence at noon to events such as peace walks, concerts, and volunteering in the community.
- **September 22** marks the start of fall! This year's Autumnal Equinox occurs at 8:05 P.M. EDT. On this date, there are approximately equal hours of daylight and darkness.
- **September 29** is Michaelmas. Michaelmas is an ancient Celtic "Quarter Day," which marked the end of the harvesting season and was steeped in folklore.

Famous People Born in September

Lily Tomlin	September 1	Stephen King	September 21
Barry Gibb	September 5	Bruce Springsteen	September 23
Dr. Phil	September 6	Scottie Pippen	September 25
Bernie Sanders	September 8	Serena Williams	September 26
Harry Connick, Jr.	September 10	Bill Murphy	September 27
Colin Firth	September 10	Bryant Gumbel	September 29
Prince Harry	September 15	Truman Capote	September 30
Lance Armstrong	September 18	Johnny Mathis	September 30

UA LITTLE ROCK



UALR Diamante Intercollegiate Girls Golf Tournament October 16-20

Diamante Welcomes Collegiate Women Golfers

Diamante will once again welcome collegiate women's golf teams for the UALR Diamante Golf Tournament, October 16–20. Players and coaches from universities across the country will stay with Diamante families while competing on our beautiful course. This year will be the largest field ever, with 23 teams! The host team, UALR, recently won the Ohio Valley Conference Championship in dominating fashion, which qualifies them for the NCAA Regional Tournament (article and picture can be found here: <https://ltrojans.com/news/2026/4/21/womens-golf-trojans-go-wire-to-wire-to-claim-ovc-championship.aspx>).

The teams participating this year are: UALR, Arkansas State, University Central Arkansas, Ball State University, California Baptist University, University of Wyoming, Corpus Christi University, East Texas A&M University, Houston Christian University, Lipscomb University, University of Memphis, Missouri State University, Stephen F. Austin State University, The University of Texas at Arlington, The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley, Jacksonville State University, University of Louisiana Monroe, Sam Houston State University, Utah Tech University, University of North Carolina at Asheville, Troy University, University of Northern Colorado, and the University of North Alabama.

This special event would not be possible without the generosity and hospitality of our community. Several teams are bringing additional players and coaches this year, and our host families have graciously adjusted to accommodate them. At this time, all housing needs have been met. However, if you are interested in hosting in 2028, please reach out to Dawn or Mike Battle.

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Mike Battle—Email address: mbattle007@gmail.com
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Please join us in welcoming these talented student-athletes and their coaches to Diamante—and come out to enjoy some outstanding collegiate golf!

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DÎNER *en* BLANC

10 OCT, 2026 6PM-10PM



\$95++

PER PERSON



ITALY

- Imb sugo arancini
- Classic tomato and mozzarella bruschetta
- Artichoke and white bean salad
- Prosciutto and melon crostini with mascarpone
- Porchetta on polenta

LIVE ACTION STATION



FRANCE

- Duck confit cassoulet, herbed breadcrumbs
- Baked Brie, strawberry-balsamic and black pepper jam
- Onion fondue tartlets
- Lentil salad, goat cheese, pickled green beans
- Smoked salmon cakes, crème fraîche, chives



SPAIN

- Garlic shrimp with olive oil
- Bacon-wrapped dates
- Manchego with quince paste
- Marinated peppers, grilled asparagus, romesco
- Classic paella

LIVE ACTION STATION



GREECE

- Hummus and tzatziki, Kalamata olives, grilled pita
- Ketta kabobs, preserved lemon
- Traditional Greek salad
- Chicken and lamb souvlaki skewers
- Dolmas

Desserts

- Lemon and chocolate cannoli
- Chocolate éclairé
- Churros and hot chocolate
- Baklava

ALL WHITE DRESS CODE

A Note from Fisher House . . .

BIG THANKS to everyone in Diamante who contributed to the Veterans Day tournament. Because of you, the Fisher House is doing well. Dave Coker, the Fisher House Foundation CEO, says the Little Rock Fisher House is among the top performers in occupancy rate. Since opening on September 26, 2025, there have been 149 families and 207 total guests, with 109 nights of lodging and an estimated cost savings of \$117,165. Hearing how much the cost-free lodging has meant to the families is very humbling. We forget how blessed we really are until we see others' circumstances. It is a privilege and an honor to help these veterans and their families.

Debby Meese
President, Friends of Fisher House

September Birthdays

Scott Hauth	September 1
Betsy Uldrich	September 1
Patricia Redman	September 4
Basil Wetzel	September 4
Meja Taylor	September 5
Gerald Vaden	September 6
Jim Bodge	September 7
Parker Ash	September 8
Bill Clayson	September 8
James Pike	September 9
Danny Pool	September 9
Jan Stephens	September 9
Laurie Henderson	September 10
Carol Mundie	September 10
Clint Atchley	September 11
Kathleen Dingman	September 11
Brooke Patino	September 11
Kim Lefebvre	September 12
Nora Bergfield	September 13
Ron Knight	September 13
Jami Parham	September 13
Archie Frye	September 15
Fletcher Hamilton	September 15
Geri Wilde	September 17
Yvonne Blevins	September 20
Donna Quandt	September 21
Bob Collie	September 22
Carol Friedman	September 22
Jeanne Ballard	September 23
Carol Hamner	September 23
Clint Blackman	September 24
Donna Doyle	September 25
Cherie Haynes	September 26
Jim Redman	September 26
Carl Harsch	September 27
Shelton Segrest	September 27
Brenda Walls	September 29
Nicole Baker	September 30
Michele Baptiste Hamilton	September 30
Tim Melson	September 30



DIAMANTE VETERANS DAY GOLF TOURNAMENT

November 9, 2026

Please accept this invitation to participate in Diamante's second annual
VETERANS DAY CHARITY GOLF TOURNAMENT.

Friends of Fisher House Arkansas in Little Rock will be our beneficiary. Fisher Houses are built by Fisher House Foundation and then gifted to be owned and operated by the Department of Veterans Affairs (Central Arkansas Veterans Health Care System (CAVHS)) in association with the attached hospital (John L. McClellan Memorial Veterans Hospital in Little Rock). Fisher House Arkansas supports two medical campuses in Central Arkansas that serve patients from Arkansas, Oklahoma, Texas, Missouri, and Tennessee. The 16-suite Fisher House Arkansas provides lodging to Veterans and their families, accommodating 24 to 36 family members with a spacious common kitchen, laundry facilities, spacious dining room and a living room with a library and toys for children. The house is 100% accessible. The Fisher House is a temporary residence and is not a treatment facility or hospice center.

Fisher House Arkansas was dedicated on September 26, 2025, and began lodging families of Veteran patients being treated at John H. McClellan Memorial Veterans Hospital. Log on to <https://fisherhouse.org> to learn more about the Friends of Fisher House Arkansas and/or <https://fisherhouse.org> to learn more about the Fisher House Foundation.

The tournament entry fee is \$600 per team (\$150 per player and single players accepted), which will include golf cart, range balls, goodie bag, and lunch after play. Format is traditional 4-person scramble. There will be a shotgun start at 10:00 a.m. and lunch will be served after play. Sign up now and don't wait until it's too late!

We hope you will come, support the Veterans and their families, and enjoy your experience with the Friends of Fisher House Arkansas and Diamante Country Club Veterans.

Your support will help provide needed no-cost lodging for Veterans and their families as they work through their medical problems at John L. McClellan Memorial Veterans Hospital.

Register at





DIAMANTE™



2ND ANNUAL



VETERANS DAY CHARITY GOLF TOURNAMENT

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2026

10:00AM SHOTGUN START

4-PERSON SCRAMBLE



**Friends of
Fisher House
Arkansas**

- ★ \$600 per team (\$150 per person)
- ★ Limited to 20 Teams Sign up Early!
- ★ Includes: Golfing, cart, lunch

About the Cause

Proceeds benefit *Friends of Fisher House Arkansas*, supporting the new Fisher House in Little Rock. The 16-suite Fisher House provides lodging to Veterans and their families, accommodating 24 to 36 family members of Veterans receiving care far from home.

Sign Up or Donate Today!

Checks:

2026 Diamante Veterans Charity Golf-Fisher House
c/o Jason Gambrell
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Maumelle, AR 72113



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Displaying the American Flag

The American flag has a long history, and the members of the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) have spent nearly as long defending and honoring our nation's most iconic symbol of freedom...the American flag. Whether looking for the historic details on how the United States flag came to be or the rules and regulations that encompass and guide its daily flight, the VFW ensures that the needed information is provided and can be easily found.

Flag Etiquette

Flying the Flag at Half-Staff

On special days, the flag may be flown at half-staff. On Memorial Day, the flag is flown at half-staff until noon, and then it is raised.

Special Rules

- ★ Do not allow the flag to touch the ground.
- ★ Do not fly the flag upside down unless an emergency has occurred.
- ★ Do not carry the flag flat or anything in it.
- ★ Do not use the flag as an article of clothing.
- ★ Do not store the flag where it can get dirty.
- ★ Do not use the flag as a cover.
- ★ Do not fasten or tie the flag back, but always allow it to fly free.
- ★ Do not draw on, or otherwise mark, the flag.

Illumination Guidelines

As directed the Federal Flag Code, Section 2, paragraph a, displaying the flag from only sunrise to sunset on buildings and on stationary flagstaffs in the open is the universal custom. However, when a patriotic effect is desired, then the flag may be displayed 24 hours a day if properly illuminated during the hours of darkness.

Flag Disposal

- (1) The flag should be folded in its customary manner.
- (2) Importantly, when burning the flag, the fire must be large and of sufficient intensity to ensure the complete burning of the flag.
- (3) A folded flag should be placed on the fire.
- (4) The individual(s) can come to attention, salute the flag, recite the Pledge of Allegiance, and/or have a brief period of silent reflection.
- (5) After the flag is completely consumed, then the fire should be safely extinguished, and the ashes buried.
- (6) The individuals who are disposing the American flag must conform to both local and state fire codes or ordinances. ♦

—Heidi Hilbert

Source: <https://www.vfw.org/Flag>



SUPPORT OUR AMERICAN VETERANS

August 31, 2026, Treasurer's Newsletter Report

	8/31/2026 Actual Month to Date	8/31/2026 Actual Year to Date	8/31/2025 Actual Year to Date
Member dues	80	12,460	11,990
Additional dues	80	3,090	2,940
Total dues revenue	160	15,550	14,930
Landscape Maintenance	(4,453)	(13,009)	(10,002)
Sprinkler repair	-	-	(1,020)
Electrical repair	-	-	-
Flags	-	(92)	(298)
Holiday décor	-	(3,595)	-
Welcome baskets	-	(657)	(432)
Storage unit	-	(945)	(515)
Administrative costs	(22)	(511)	(163)
Total operational expenses	(4,475)	(18,808)	(12,430)
Net operating revenue (expense)	(4,315)	(3,258)	2,500
Net picnic	-	86	(623)
Net cocktail party	40	2,397	4,576
Other fundraiser	-	-	-
Net fundraising	40	2,482	3,953
Donations received	-	220	
Interest income	0	2	
Net revenue (expense)	(4,275)	(554)	6,453