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## From the Desk of the President



### BY GARY BECKER President's Report

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Way back in the dark ages when I was a child, people would sing while doing housework. My aunt Lucille in particular would walk around the house all day singing. One of her favorite songs was After the Ball is Over. The chorus I heard a thousand time was:

After the ball is over, after the break of morn  
After the dancers leaving, after the stars are gone  
Many a heart is aching, if you could read them all  
Many the hopes that have vanished, after the ball

By the time you read this, all of our Mardi Gras Balls will be over. For the Club and patrons, the season was a successful one. No hearts aching here. All of the events were well attended; and the ceremony, the food, and the music were enjoyed by the attendees. Congratulations to Chris Rahaim, Chef Ricky, Mikayla, Dani and the entire staff for the handling of the busy season. Sometimes the Club had multiple events scheduled the same day.

Should you wish to keep up with the community events and haven't subscribed to our email list/blast the link is <https://theclubatdiamondhead.com/My-Account/My-Subscriptions> or you can follow on Facebook @Clubat-Diamondhead.

When this newsletter is pub-

lished, our golf courses will be busy with out-of-state golf groups ranging in size from 8 to 140 golfers. Please welcome them. They help us reach our goal of golf dues and fees covering the costs of golf maintenance, without any member annual and monthly dues needed to subsidize that cost. Superintendent Dan Hamman has our courses in such excellent shape, that demand is increasing. We will strive as always to balance the benefit of outside play, with the rights of our members.

For our youth members, planning is underway for the annual Fishing Rodeo on April 27th at Twin Lakes. This event seems to get larger and better every year. If you would like to book an event at either the Twin Lake Pavilion or the Community Center, please contact Heather at 228-255-1900 xt. 170.

Coming events at the Club include the Easter Sunday Buffet, Latitude 30 3rd Anniversary Party, Good Friday Buffet, Easter Saturday Pre-Fixed Dinner, a Disco Party and more. The new menus for Latitude 30 Patio and Grill and the Oak Room will be rolled out in March.

At the baseball field, on February 2nd the Hancock Youth Athletic Assn. held a clinic. Five professional P360 trainers were on hand to teach the kids baseball techniques. Sixty children and their parents turned out for a fun night at East Rec. The C&B Mobile Snack Shack was on hand

with great food and snowballs, with a portion of the profits going to the Baseball League. East Rec. will be home to some of the local teams for practice this season. It's good to see the kids using the fields again.

On the courts, spring ten-

nis leagues are in full swing. St. Stanislaus, OLA, and the Hancock Hawk tennis teams are back at our courts practicing and will

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### Easter BRUNCH

MARCH 31  
SEATINGS AT 10:30, 12:00 & 1:30

Omelet Station

<b>SALADS</b> Strawberry Goat Cheese Salad with Honey Vinaigrette Garden Pasta Salad Cucumber & Tomato Salad	<b>SEAFOOD STATION</b> Fried Catfish Stuffed Crabs Jonah Crab Claws Boiled Shrimp Seafood Gumbo
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**CARVING STATION**  
Sweet Chili Glazed Salmon  
Herb Crusted Prime Rib  
Smoked Apple & Bourbon Glazed Ham

**MAIN LINE**

Boursin Macaroni & Cheese Flash Fried Brussels Sprouts Squash Casserole Grilled Asparagus with Blue Cheese Butter	Southern Style Green Beans Crispy Fried Chicken BBQ Ribs Rustic Potato Hash Smoke House Baked Beans
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**DESSERTS**  
White Chocolate Bread Pudding  
Assorted Pies  
Assorted Cakes

Assorted Breads & Butters

\$48 plus tax and gratuity. Children 5 - 12 - \$28, Children 4 and Under - Complimentary  
The Oak Room and Emerald Ballroom Serve Easter Buffet Only. Reservations are Required.  
Call 228-255-2918 ext. 3  
Latitude 30 Patio and Grill  
7:00 - 10:00 - Breakfast Menu available. 10:30 - 1:30 - Easter Buffet Available. Open Seating.  
No Reservations. Limited Menu - 4:00 - 8:00

THE CLUB  
DIAMONDHEAD

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## DIAMONDHEAD COUNTRY CLUB & PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC. Board of Directors Financial Summary, January 31, 2024

Month	Revenue	Expense	Net Income (Net Loss)	Budget	Budget Variance	Dues Allocation
Membership Dues	287,276	-	287,276	252,008	35,268	-
Country Club	244,179	282,903	(38,724)	26,920	(65,644)	38,724
Community Center	1,500	9,923	(8,423)	(6,935)	(1,488)	8,423
Tennis	4,645	9,386	(4,741)	(2,955)	(1,786)	4,741
Golf Shop	146,740	55,854	90,887	116,038	(25,152)	-
Golf Course Maint	-	123,721	(123,721)	(128,278)	4,557	-
Golf Academy	2,520	9,694	(7,174)	(6,559)	(616)	7,174
Grounds Maint	-	20,844	(20,844)	(31,117)	10,273	20,844
Facilities Maint	-	26,717	(26,717)	(33,700)	6,983	26,717
Marketing	-	19,260	(19,260)	(18,160)	(1,100)	19,260
Pier House	5,625	6,688	(1,063)	(26,973)	25,910	1,063
Airport	1,200	1,497	(297)	780	(1,077)	297
Marina	5,313	5,657	(344)	(3,450)	3,106	344
Recreation	1,500	14,159	(12,659)	(9,840)	(2,819)	12,659
Administration	4,864	117,281	(112,417)	(105,860)	(6,557)	112,417
<b>Totals</b>	<b>705,363</b>	<b>703,585</b>	<b>1,778</b>	<b>21,919</b>	<b>(20,141)</b>	<b>252,664</b>

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Capital Projects	Expensed	Approved	Variance
Grounds	-	-	-
Country Club	-	-	-
Golf	-	-	-
Tennis	-	-	-
Recreation	-	-	-
Facilities/Maintenance	-	-	-
Administration	-	-	-
Marina	-	-	-
Airport	-	-	-
Contingency	-	-	-
<b>Totals</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>

## • BUSINESS

### MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS THE CLUB AT DIAMONDHEAD AND PROPERTY OWNER'S ASSOCIATION, INC. January 15, 2024

A meeting of the Board was held at 5000 Diamondhead Circle, Diamondhead, Mississippi. President Baker chaired the meeting and called it to order at 6:00 p.m. Present were President Becker, Vice President Sislow, Treasurer

James, Secretary Tauzin, Director Blackwood, Director La Fontaine, and Director Nutting, Director Lee, Director Pineau Absent: Ex-Officio Marthouse, and Director Ramirez. Also, present were GM Abadie, In-House Counsel Jones, Legal Assistant Kinsley, and 10 POA members.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – Minutes of the meeting of December 18, 2023, were approved by email vote completed on December 28, 2023.

**APPROVAL/AMEND MEETING AGENDA** – A motion was made by Director Nutting and seconded by Vice Pres. Sislow. The motion passed unanimously.

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT** – President Becker provided his report.

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**COMMITTEE REPORTS** – Administrative Committee: Reviewed the status of the Accounts Receivable and Account balances owed.

Marina/Airport Committee: Bob Pineau named committee chairperson. President Becker reported the issue with the marsh grass being blown into our marina. Favorable conditions and work are helping to clear the debris.

House Committee: Reported Toast inventory continuing, reviewed the work on repair and updating the Ball Room hallway, discussed and recommended the purchase of four (4) warming bins for our catering service. Reported the drawings for the storage addition have been reviewed and recommendations will be presented once cost estimates are complete.

Golf/Grounds Committee: Continuing with the dirt work around holes 5 and 3 and bunker repair on the Pine after the recent storm. 2024 cart decals and handicap decals are being issued and are in use. Hoppy Smith is to receive a top 50 teaching award for US kids at the PGA show in Orlando

Recreation Committee: Discussed priorities for 2024 Lighting needs and pool staffing planning.

**GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT** – GM Abadie provided his report.

**POA MEMBERS COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS** - None

**REGULAR AGENDA – 2024-01** – A motion to approve the purchase of four (4) heating food pan carriers. Not to exceed \$2,100 dollars. Motion was presented by Director LaFontaine and seconded by Secretary Tauzin. After discussion the motion was passed by unanimous vote.

**POA MEMBERS COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS** – Mr. Watts spoke on the need for more positive communications on amenities and work of the POA, to counter the negatives presented by a few on Facebook and other social media.

**NEXT MEETING** – The next scheduled meeting will be Monday, Feb 19, 2024, at 6:00 P.M. at the Diamondhead City Council Chambers.

**ADJOURN - A motion was made by Director LaFontaine and seconded by Director Blackwood to adjourn. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned 6:50 pm.**

Respectfully submitted,  
Dennis Tauzin  
POA Board Secretary

## • COMMUNITY

# East Hancock Library News

BY MARY GOBERT

Time is flying by as we are close to being a quarter of the way through 2024. It seems like a heartbeat ago we were welcoming the new year, and here we are. The library continues to recover from the plumbing issue in December, but we have made great progress. We are also expecting thousands of new books, and have rearranged the shelves to accommodate them. Don't let any more of

2024 pass by before you get over there!

Call us at 228-255-4800 to see if these favorites have resumed in the meeting room at this time:

**Make and Take** on the second and fourth Mondays  
**Acrylic Painting for Kids** on the first and third Thursdays

**Acrylic Painting for Adults** every Thursday

**Sit and Be Fit** on Fridays  
Literary Society of Diamondhead Book Club on the

second Wednesday of the month

Meanwhile, these favorites continue:

**Storytime** for budding readers ages 0-5 meets at 10:30 on Mondays in the Kids' room. There's lots of learning fun to be had for the littles!

**Crafts and Conversation** happens every Friday at 12:30. Bring your current project and enjoy some company while you get it done!

*See you at the library!*

## Women's Community Support Center

**FREE EMPLOYMENT SKILL CLASSES – NEW SCHEDULE BEGINS IN MARCH**  
**\*\*\*NEW CLASSES OFFERED FOR PARENTING & ANGER MANAGEMENT\*\*\***

Women's Community Support Center, located off Hwy. 603 in Bay St. Louis, is a non-profit faith based Christian organization committed to helping women, from all walks of life, obtain job and life skills needed to find meaningful employment and break the cycle of poverty.

Our Gulf Coast Christian Women's Job Corps free employment skills program is offered on an eight (8) week schedule.

Our Daytime classes will be held on Monday and Tuesday. We will offer an Evening class on Mondays 5-8:00pm. February, we began a new Parenting class on Wednesdays from 9-11:00 a.m. and a new Anger Management class on Tuesdays 9-10:00 a.m. Most classes have open enrollment at all times.

For students and instructors, please call soon as possible at 228-586-3510.

We are in need of female

volunteer instructors for all class schedules daytime and nighttime. Training is available at our facility for both our Gulf Coast Christian Women's Job Corps and Hancock County Correctional Facility instructor courses. We are now accepting inquiries for all positions and can provide training at your convenience.

To learn more about our mission and to offer your time or financial support, please visit our website at [www.womenscommunitysupport.org](http://www.womenscommunitysupport.org) or call 228-586-3510.

The classes include Bible Study, Career Skills, Relationship Building, Conflict Resolution, Computer Skills, Money Management, and now new Parenting & Anger Management classes.

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have several matches here. Lastly our tennis pro, Matt Garman was married December 27th in Key West, a great place to celebrate. Matt and his

new wife Brandy hosted a tennis round robin February 23rd at East Rec. to celebrate their nuptials. The Dave Mayley band played at the event. If you happen to run into Matt, be sure to congratulate him.

Thanks for reading!

**THE DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSIONS FOR THE APRIL EDITION OF THE DIAMONDHEAD NEWS WILL BE FRIDAY, MARCH 15.**

HANCOCK COUNTY  
PRIMARY (MARCH 12TH) ELECTION

# CANDIDATE FORUM

Carl Boyanton - Mike Ezell - Michael McGill

Ghannon Burton - Dan Eubanks

*Hosted by Hancock County Republican Women*

Date

**Monday, March 4, 2024**

Time

**5:30pm**

Place

**American Legion MS Post 77**

503 Waveland Avenue,  
Waveland, MS 39576

Submit questions for candidates until  
February 29, 2024, to  
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**7824 Alawal Ave.**  
\$417,000

One of a kind golf course home! Overlooks the green of the #2 Pine Fairway, all brick home, 3 bedroom, 2 bath, 2,734 SF, large great room with fireplace, Florida room, large dining room, eat in kitchen, golf cart garage and two car covered carport, the property is on two lots and has a one bedroom, one bath, 680 SF guest house, perfect for many uses.



**6513 Kiko Street**  
\$22,000. 75 ft x 125 ft

Nice level lot for your new home, non flood zone, nice homes around it, near golf course and Country Club, enjoy the amenities of Diamondhead.



**1311 and 1313 Mapunapuna Dr.**  
\$70,000 each

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Sunday 8:00 am Holy Eucharist  
Sunday 10:00 am Holy Eucharist

### DIAMONDHEAD COMMUNITY CHURCH

5301 Diamondhead Circle  
(288) 255-5556  
**Weekly Schedule**  
**SUNDAY**  
Worship – 10:00 a.m.  
Lifeline Discipleship Classes for all ages: 9 a.m.  
Adult Christian Education Classes: 9 a.m.  
WIRED - Youth Choir: 5:30 p.m.  
WEDNESDAY  
Youth Night Activities – Wednesdays: 5:30 p.m.  
\*\* LOOKING AHEAD \*\*  
Children's Choir

(K-6th grade) Musical: ESTHER-ORDINARY FAITH Rehearsals have begun for this musical and it's not too late for youth from the community to be a part of this fun event which will be presented on May 19 at 6:00 p.m. Rehearsals are at the church each Sunday at 5:30 p.m.

### DIAMONDHEAD METHODIST CHURCH

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Diamondhead, MS 39525  
Office: 228-255-6888  
Email: office@diamondhead-methodistchurch.com  
Website: www.diamondhead-methodistchurch.com  
Facebook: Diamondhead Methodist Church  
Interim Pastor: Rev Dwight Ramsey  
Sunday: 10:00 am Worship and Kid's Zone  
9:00 am Sunday School/Discipleship Hour

Tuesday 8:00 am men's breakfast and devotional  
Thursday: 4:00 pm and 6:00 pm Bible Study

### MOST HOLY TRINITY CATHOLIC CHURCH

9062 Kiln Delisle Road  
Pass Christian, MS 39571  
228-255-1294  
Email: admin@mhtcatholic.org  
Website: http://mhtcatholic.org  
Mass Times:  
Monday – Friday: 8:00 am  
Saturday: 4:00 & 6:00 pm  
Sunday: 7:30, 9:00, 11:00 am & 7:00 pm  
Reconciliation: Saturday 3:00-3:30 pm, or by appointment

### JACOB'S WELL BAPTIST CHURCH

29554 Vic Faye Road, Pass Christian, MS 39571; 228-255-2555, admin@jacobswellbc.org  
Worship times on Sundays: 8:45 am Worship, 10 am Sunday School, and 11 am Worship

### ANNUNCIATION CATHOLIC CHURCH

5370 Kiln-DeLisle Rd. Kiln, MS 39556  
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Dr. Parker grew up in Saucier, Mississippi where she enjoyed helping her Dad on the family dairy farm, as well as riding her horse and participating in local horse shows. After high school, she attended Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College for two years before transferring to Mississippi State University where she graduated with an Animal Science degree in 2008. She then graduated from Mississippi State University College of Veterinary Medicine in 2012. Dr. Parker enjoys internal medicine, wound repair and management, and wellness care.



**DR. PARKER**

Dr. English grew up in Hancock County. After graduating from Hancock High School, Dr. English began her undergraduate studies at Pearl River Community College and finished her degree in Biology at the University of Southern Mississippi. In 2013, Dr. English received her Doctorate in Veterinary Medicine from Mississippi State University. After graduation from MSU, she worked at Animal Health Clinic for 10 years before joining Animal Hospital of Diamondhead.



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Diamondhead PEO Chapter U enjoyed celebrating Founder's Day hosted by Diamondhead PEO Chapter T. PEO (philanthropic educational organization) was founded in 1869, has more than 1/2 million members and has given more than 415 million dollars in scholarships to women pursuing continued/higher education. -- By Kathryn Lewis



Author Lucky Ringwood (aka Diamondhead Jan White) was the guest Author at the Aloha Bookclub for their Jan meeting. This month's book was Lucky's "Desert Prophets"; her new book "Guardians of the White Oaks" was donated to the Diamondhead Library celebrating reading and the Author! From left: Leslie O'Neil, Marilyn Lott, Jan White, Judy Womack, Elise Breen and Kathryn Lewis. -- By Kathryn Lewis & Jan White



## • CLUBS

### THURSDAY MORNING LINE DANCERS

Lessons and dancing, led by Molly, will be held from 10:00 -11:00 am on THURSDAYS at the DIAMONDHEAD COMMUNITY CENTER. New solid flooring and a huge space. Plenty of room for social distancing. Everyone is welcome.

Great exercise, great fun, \$1 room rental per person, per session.

FOR DETAILS OR CANCELLATIONS see our web site: <https://sites.google.com/site/getmoving12345678/>

-- By Molly Kooney

### WINE CLUB

The **Diamondhead Wine Club** is dedicated to the exploration and enjoyment of wine. At each monthly tasting, we sample at least six different wines and learn a little about their history and origins. The Club is open to any who are interested in enjoying and learning about wine. Join us at our upcoming tastings:

**Thursday, March 21st – Down Under Wines – 7:00 at the Club**

Once again, we will taste wines from the Southern Hemisphere, including Australia, New Zealand, South Africa, Chile and Argentina. There are many outstanding wines produced in these countries and we'll try and find some good ones.

Cost is \$45 for DWC members and \$50 for guests. Please make your reservations by mailing your check payable to DWC to: P.O. Box 6523, Diamondhead, MS 39525 or by emailing Lou at [louertel@aol.com](mailto:louertel@aol.com) or Marshall at [mekygs@mail.com](mailto:mekygs@mail.com).

**Thursday, April 18th – NAPA vs. SONOMA – 7:00 at the Club**

Napa has Carneros. Sonoma has the Russian River Valley. Napa has Oakville & Rutherford. Napa has Dry Creek Valley and Alexander Valley. Each county is home to several distinctive and renowned appellations. We will pic three wines from each county and let you decide which you prefer.

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### GARDEN CLUB

The **Diamondhead Garden Club** is getting ready for it's annual flower show. The show will be at The Diamondhead Community Church on April 3rd and is open to the public from 2pm to 4pm. The ladies have worked hard on this. This is your opportunity to come and see some of the beautiful things that grow and thrive



**Creative design from 2023 flower show, winner of a blue ribbon and designer's choice award.**

in this climate. Don't waste your money purchasing trees, shrubs and flowers. That just struggle to survive and then die. Choose the ones that like to live here.

The March meeting of the Diamondhead Garden club will be on the 21st at the Diamondhead Community Church, 9:30 AM social 10:00 AM meeting starts. The program will be Flower Show 101 presented by Penny Crowford, Teresa Lake and Brierley Acker. Basic mechanics and designs will be the topics. The flower show schedule will be available via email by then and you will be able to sign up for the design you would to do. There are even some classes that are just for fun.

-- By Brierly Acker

### LADIES BRIDGE

The date for our March party is Friday 22, 2024 at the Country Club. Our arrival time is 9:15 and we shall begin playing bridge at 9:30. If you have any questions regarding Ladies Bridge Party, please contact Terre Settle at 255-9892 or Gay Young at 255-1528.

The winners of the January Party were Gay Young First Place and Liz Leonard Second Place. Our Special Prize went to Velma Nauman.

-- By Gay Young

### DIAMONDHEAD WOMEN'S CLUB

Our February meeting was Showcasing and honoring our local Charities. We



**Diamondhead Women's Club: Our February meeting Charity representatives: Betty Maxwell, Chloe' Beasley, Judith Brannan, Barbara Ambrose, Diane Bennett, Marshall Kyger and Renee Davis.**

were presented with great information on what each Charity offers to our community. Thank you to all for coming out and supporting our local charities.

Our March meeting will be on March 6th at 11 am. At this meeting we will

have a Diamondhead Heritage Program,

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where we will learn all about the history and heritage of the Diamondhead Women's Club and honoring our former presidents. Please join us in learning more about the Diamondhead Women's Club and its wonderful heritage.

Here is a brief look at our upcoming events, speakers and fund raisers:

In April, we will be finalizing all of our plans for our annual Glitz & Titz fundraiser, set for April 16th. This year it will be "Puttin' on the Glitz". Benefiting Pink Heart Funds. This meeting will be held at an alternate location TBD.

In May, Gary Becker will our guest speaker from the Diamondhead POA giving us an update on the happenings in DH and what to expect in the rest of 2024.

Be on the lookout for our Restaurant Gift Certificate raffle tickets. Tickets are on sale NOW. This will be 'A Year of Divine Dining' raffle. Tickets are \$10 each. One winner will receive all twelve gift certificates worth \$150.00 each. The raffle ticket drawing will be on March 19th at 5:30 at the Diamondhead Country Club, Latitude Bar & Grill. Cash Bar starting at 4:30. Tickets can be purchased up to 30 minutes prior to the drawing. The Winner does not need to be present to win. (Winner must be 21 yr. or older). Tickets can be purchased from any Diamondhead Women's Club member or you can contact Judy Womack @ 228-332-0775 or Rachel Huskins (call or text) 504-400-3013. Proceeds will benefit the Gulf Coast Center for Nonviolence.

The theme for our DHWC is Supporting & Celebrating Women. The objective of this club shall be to promote an informed and active interest in the civic, social and moral welfare of the community; to serve the community through the dedication of time and energy for worthy purposes; and to undertake and complete one or more charitable, humanitarian or social welfare projects each year.

Our meetings (we do not meet in June, July, or August), are held the first Wednesday of each month from September to May, beginning at 11:00 a.m. at the Diamondhead Country Club, Emerald Ballroom, unless otherwise noted. Membership is \$20.00 and is open to all women.

Dates and times for upcoming meeting, events and fundraisers to be announced in upcoming issues of this publication and you can follow us on Facebook.

For more information about the Diamondhead Women's Club or any of our events, please contact the DHWC President, Marilyn Lott @ 601-528-3336.

-- By Rachel Huskins

### ST. THOMAS EPISCOPAL CHRISTIAN WRITERS

### BOOK CLUB

St Thomas Episcopal Christian Writers Book Club will meet March 8th at 9:30 am to discuss: "The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe" by C. S. Lewis. Join us for Coffee, pastries, discussion and fellowship. This event will be held at the DH Episcopal Church (5303 Diamondhead Circle) and is open to all who are interested.

-- By Kathryn Lewis

### DIAMONDHEAD DEMOCRATS PROGRESSIVES INDEPENDENTS ALLIANCE

The Diamondhead Democrats, Progressives, Independents Alliance (DDPIA) will hold its March meeting on Thursday, March 21 at 10:00 a.m. at the Hancock County Library Diamondhead location. Meet and greet time is followed by our business meeting and a featured speaker. Past speakers have included the Diamondhead City Manager, the Hancock County Library Director, the CASA dog handler, and many more informative speakers. DDPIA is a fun and inclusive group that welcomes you to join us.

-- By Faye Krouse

### GEAUX HIKING CLUB

Spring is on its way... yup... the days are getting longer and warmer. And that means we're going hiking! Not that we've been sitting at home... no sirree! We've taken full advantage of the cooler weather and enjoyed several hikes.

Starting with: The regularly-scheduled first Saturday of the month hikes along the Fountainebleau Trail in Ocean Springs (both January and February). These hikes are led by expert naturalists who point out the flora and fauna (ok, mostly bugs) found in the forest, savannah and marsh habitat found along the trail, which are never the same. They are "the bomb"! Don't miss the Saturday, March 2, hike. Meet at Twin Lakes a bit before 8:00 to drive to Ocean Springs in time for the 9:00 hike. Lunch afterwards somewhere in Ocean Springs. Leader from Diamondhead to Ocean Springs: Sheila Edwards

There was also a day excursion to St. Francisville to the largest circumference tree east of the Sierra Mountains, where Jim Culpepper, state forester and director of PROJECT Learning Tree and renown arborist Dr. Malcolm Guidry shared their knowledge of trees and the Cat Island, LA, environment. Hikers on this trip also toured the Myrtles (supposedly haunted) and Hemingbough.

Late in January we did a "hike & learn" in Diamondhead, exploring early Diamondhead and answering the questions: Why is there a Gex Drive? Why is there an Exit 16?



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Followed by lunch at Aroma.

We also hit the Briar Patch trail, one of the Bethel Bike Trails, off Hwy. 15 north of D'Iberville. Lots of roots and washouts to negotiate through the pine forest. Recognized several types of trees, shrubs and flowers (thanks to hikes led by naturalists at Fountainbleau Trail in Ocean Springs).

And as we go to press in February, there is a hike in progress in Sedona, AZ; and there is a re-try hike of Bogue Chitto State Park scheduled. Details of those hikes will appear in the April edition of this newspaper.

Now, for our up-coming March hikes; they include:

Saturday, March 2 (see above)

We're repeating Betty Whittington's wonderful overnight hike to Avery Island in Louisiana. This year it is on the calendar for Thursday, March 14 and Friday, March 15. **IMPORTANT:** Please let Betty know by COB Tuesday, March 12, if you are planning to participate so she can make reservations for lunch on Thursday, March 14, as the Riverside Inn is small. Her phone number is: 228-731-2296. Once again, we'll lunch at the Riverside



**Mark LaSalle at Fountainbleau Trail.**

Inn, in Broussard, LA. and then go to Avery Island. We found the accommodations at the Hampton Inn were quite satisfactory, so we'll stay there again. Call ahead and book your room soon if you plan to go: Hampton Inn & Suites—855-605-0317; 400 Spanish Town Blvd. New Iberia; \$98-104. After hotel check-in in New Iberia, we'll walk across the street to the Guada-

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**Lisa with Bald Cypress.**

lajara Mexican Restaurant, where we'll surely find a yummy dinner. Friday, March 15—After breakfast at the hotel (included with the room) we'll explore Jefferson Island and Acadian Village in Lafayette, LA before returning to Diamondhead. Contact Betty for details on this excellent hiking experience.

Thursday, March 21, Tuxachanie National Hiking Trail offers a variety of vegetation in plains, savannas and swamps and have an abundance of pitcher plants and palmettos. Wild orchids can occasionally be found. Timbered ridges of longleaf and slash pine add to the scenery. Rows of live oaks mark the trail's entrance on Hwy. 49, where off-highway parking is available. No climbing,

but the trail does have hills. We will not hike all 11 miles of the trail. Meet a bit before 8:00am at Twin Lakes. Lunch on the way back to Diamondhead. Leader: Sheila Edwards

Saturday, March 26, return to walk amongst the camelias at Bayou Gardens in Lacombe, LA, followed by lunch nearby. Meet at Twin Lakes a little before 8:00am. Leader: Linda LaCour

The DH Geaux Hiking Club is open to everyone; all ages and abilities are welcome. There are no dues. You do not have to live in Diamondhead.

Our March planning meeting will be held Tuesday, March 5, in the Kanaka Room, DH Country Club at 6:00pm

-- By Sheila Edwards

### PEO CHAPTER T

The P.E.O. Chapter T sisters recently hosted our P.E.O. Founders Day Luncheon at the Diamondhead Community Church. Over 100 sisters from 10 southern Mississippi Chapters attended the luncheon honoring the seven founding sisters of P.E.O.

It was a wonderful celebration with a Mardi Gras theme complete with decorated shoes, beads and a second line! The seven Founders all attended Iowa Wesleyan University and established P.E.O. in 1869. They organized P.E.O. out of deep love and friendship for each other and worked together for the advancement of women. Today P.E.O. continues as a women's philanthropic educational organization that's primary focus is to give women educational opportunities through scholarship, grants, awards, loans and stewardship of Cottey College.



**Geaux Hiking: Jefferson Island Vista.**



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## • DIAMONDHEAD MARDI GRAS

# Krewe of Boaters Enjoys a Wonderful World

BY JIM MILLER

Members and guests of the Diamondhead Boaters Association enjoyed the 2024 Mardi

Gras Ball on January 27 under the theme "What a Wonderful World." The evening's dance music was furnished by Razoo with program effects from music director Ron Talent.

Commodore Jim Miller welcomed attendees and opened the tableau with a history of the Boaters Association and the Krewe of Kamehameha which were founded in 1976. Miller turned over the program to the Master of Ceremonies, Ron Rech, who entered the ballroom to Elvis Presley's version of "Wonderful World."

Rech expanded on the theme by reminding the crowd that too



King Jerry Gillen and Queen Phil Gillen are surrounded by their royal court. To the left of Queen Phil are Maid Dori Cantrelle, Mail Renee Riso and Lady-in-Waiting Gail Hutchings. To the right of King Jerry are Equerry John Hutchings, Duke David Riso and Duke Norman Cantrelle.

many people take the world for granted and should stop to appreciate nature's glory, whether in a sunrise, a sunset or snow on a mountaintop. Even a thunderstorm eventually ends, and a colorful rainbow turns the earth into a beautiful world once more, reminding us that troubles are only temporary.

Rech introduced visiting royalty from the Krewe of Diamondhead, King Ali'i Honura Jeremy Damiens and his Queen Meg Damiens and from the Krewe of Selene, Queen Selene, Kim Koppman, and King Endymius, Steve Koppman. The MC called attention to the recent passing of

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# MARCH 2024 CLUB NEWS

## GOOD TIMES AND GREAT FOOD

**BY CHRIS RAHAIM  
CLUB MANAGER**

Welcome, March! We thank everyone who took part in the Mardi Gras festivities! The short season kept us on our toes, but we had loads of fun with the Krewes and their guests. We have another busy time coming up in March, and we look forward to seeing you!

### PORK CHOP WEDNESDAY

Every Wednesday night in March, we will offer a 12-ounce, Bone-In Grilled Pork Chop served with a cornbread muffin and mixed greens. \$13. Dine-in only, limited availability. 5:00 – 8:00.

### THURSDAY DINNER SPECIAL – BEEF BRISKET PLATE.

Served with fried corn on the cob and baked beans. Each week, you will be treated to a different style.

- March 7 – Alabama White Sauce • March 14 – Texas Chimichurri • March 21 – Memphis Dry Rub
- March 28 – Kansas City

### FRIDAY NIGHT LIVE MUSIC

In Latitude 30, 7:00 – 10:00

- March 1 – Monster Crawfish • March 8 – Witness
- March 15 – Razzoo • March 22 – Crow the Culprit • March 29 – Southern Voice

### SATURDAY DINNER SPECIAL – SNOW CRABS

Two Snow Crab Clusters, Corn, Potatoes, and Sauce. \$40. Dine-in only, limited availability.

### TUESDAY NIGHT BINGO

Please join us on March 12 & 26th for our fun Bingo Night with Brigitte & Sylvia! 6:00 – 7:30

### WEDNESDAY TRIVIA NIGHT

Every Wednesday Night in Latitude 30 with Ronnie Hammons! 6:30 – 8:30

### THURSDAY - KARAOKE NIGHT

With Ray Walters in Latitude 30 from 6:00 – 10:00.

### TUESDAY NIGHT BINGO

The second and fourth Tuesday. Feb 13th and 27th. 6:00 – 7:30. February 13 will be Mardi Gras Bingo and Buffet.

### WEDNESDAY TRIVIA NIGHT

With Ronnie Hammons in Latitude 30 from 6:30 – 8:30. We will not have trivia on Valentine's Day.

### THURSDAY KARAOKE NIGHT

With Ray Walters in Latitude 30 from 6:00 – 10:00.

### MARCH 2 – AUSTRALIAN WINE DINNER FEATURING MOLLYDOOKER WINERY

Join us for a night of "Pour Decisions" when we explore the wines of Australia along with a 5-course dinner! \$120 per person, inclusive. Discount available for POA members in good standing. Doors open at 6:00 pm, and the first course is served at 6:30. A Cash bar is available. Tickets are non-refundable. Call 228-255-2918 ext. 3 to make your reservations.

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6:00 - 7:30

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Easter Prix-Fixe

# MENU

**March 30, 2024, 5:00 - 8:00**  
The Oak Room

**First Course (choose one)**

Snow Crab Claw Cocktail with Citrus Horseradish Sauce  
-or-  
Spring Salad (Strawberries, Goat Cheese, Spring Mix, Honey Vinaigrette)  
-or-  
She Crab Soup

**Second Course (choose one)**

Grilled Lamb Chops  
Served with Mint Gremolata, Creamy Parmesan Grits, Charred Squash and Zucchini, Wagyu Demi  
-or-  
14 oz. Prime Rib  
Served with Rustic Potato Hash, Charred Asparagus, Herb au Jus, Horseradish Cream  
-or-  
Fresh Seared Grouper Oscar  
Served with Charred Asparagus, Crab Topping, Beurre Blanc

**Third Course (choose one)**

Crème Brûlée Cheesecake with Fresh Berry Compote  
-or-  
White Chocolate Bread Pudding with Honeysuckle Rum Sauce  
-or-  
Italian Chocolate Budino with Spiced Orange Gastrique

\$55 plus tax and gratuity. POA discount available. The Oak Room menu is not available. Reservations are recommended. Call 228-255-2918 ext. 3

THE CLUB DIAMONDHEAD



**NEW MENUS**

We are excited to tell you that our new menus for Latitude 30 Patio and Grill and The Oak Room will roll out on March 6 and March 7! During this time, we will be introducing our new Seasonal Salad in The Oak Room. Until June 27, order the Spring 24 Seasonal Salad. Made with fresh strawberry slices, candied pecans, blueberry goat cheese, spring greens, fresh mint, and a citrus mint vinaigrette.

**EARLY ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARTY MARCH 7**

Representatives from Jamesons will be with us for this fun event. A Jameson Flight (Jameson, Jameson Orange, and Jameson Black Barrell) with chef's appetizers. \$22 per person/per flight.

**BOURBON & CIGARS MARCH 9**

Join us for a fun night on the Oak Room Patio from 5:00 – 7:00! Enjoy light appetizers and a custom selection of rare and unusual bourbons and cigars. \$46 per person\*, plus tax & gratuity. The price includes two drink tickets, a cigar ticket, and appetizers. Please call 228-255-2918 ext.3 to reserve your spot. \*Discount available for POA members in good standing.

**DISCO PARTY MARCH 16**

Put on your boogie shoes and join us in Latitude 30 from 7:00 – 10:00 for our Disco Party! DJ, Drink Specials, and Costume Party!

**LATITUDE 30 PATIO AND GRILL ANNIVERSARY PARTY MARCH 23**

We're celebrating the 3rd Anniversary of Latitude 30 with a delicious buffet from 5:00 – 8:00 in The Oak Room and Latitude 30. Music by Bradley Bones is on the Patio from 5:00 – 8:00. The menu is included in this issue.

**GOOD FRIDAY BUFFET**

Friday, March 29 The Oak Room Patio, from 5:00 – 8:00. \$35 plus tax and gratuity (POA discount available); Children 5 – 12 -- \$20, Children 4 and under – Complimentary. Available in Oak Room (Reservations Recommended) or Latitude 30 Patio & Grill. See the flyer in this newspaper for the menu.

**EASTER SATURDAY PRIX FIXE DINNER MARCH 30**

In The Oak Room from 5:00 – 8:00, featuring three courses.. \$55 plus tax and gratuity (No Oak Room Menu Available). POA Discount Available. Reservations are suggested. Call 228-255-2918 ext. 3. The Menu is included in this newspaper.

**EASTER BUFFET MARCH 31**

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2003 King Akua Kai the 29th Jim Frisina then recognized former kings and queens in attendance as well as recipients of the Royal Dolphin Award, individuals who have performed significant service in their years as Boaters members.

Rech then introduced members of the Royal Court: Maid Dori Cantrelle and Duke Norman Cantrelle entered with "Trees" sung by Patti Page; Maid Renee Riso and Duke David Riso entered with "La vie en Rose" sung by Edith Piaf; and Lady in Waiting Gail Hutchings and Equerry John Hutchings entered with "Blue Skies" sung by Willie Nelson.

A fanfare preceded the introduction of the royal couple, his royal highness King Akua Kai the 48th, Jerry Gillen, and her royal majesty, Queen Phil Gillen, who entered to the traditional

theme "If Ever I Cease to Love." The King wore white tails and the Queen a beautiful champagne gown with rhinestone beading and cap sleeves. King Jerry read his royal proclamation followed by the royal toasts offered to the King, Queen and Court.

King Akua Kai 47th Ronnie LaFontaine offered a toast to the King and Queen on behalf of the Krewe of Kamehameha, followed by King Jerry's toasts to his Queen, past King Ronnie and Queen Elaine LaFontaine.

King Jerry honored Queen Phil with the first dance of the evening, to the music of Louis Armstrong's version of "What a Wonderful World." The royal couple invited their court to join the dance, followed by past royalty of the Krewe of Kamehameha.

After the royal dance, the tableau began with Marilyn Lott's touching solo of "Blue Moon"

followed by the very graceful Sylene Dancers. Mary Mizell, Leslie O'Neill, Lou Ann Cox, Jenny Ramirez and June Curtin danced to "All Over the World," choreographed by Mary Mizell. Don Thibodaux returned to the ball's theme as he sang "What a Wonderful World."

King Jerry and Queen Phil requested that everyone follow them on the dance floor in the old Mardi Gras tradition, the Second Line. Dining and dancing followed complementing the festive atmosphere.

Karen Bryant and her ball committee set the proper mood of a wonderful world. Linda Theobald utilized her creative genius to decorate the tables with silk overlays in a world map design. Centerpieces of glass garden globes suggesting the earth sat atop clear glass cylinders filled with green and blue netting

which illuminated the cylinder and globe. The colors and design contrasted nicely with white chair covers and aqua bows around the back.

Once again, special recogni-

tion goes to Vice Commodore Paula Gonzalez for assisting the committee in creating another "Wonderful World" for the Diamondhead Boaters Association members and guests.



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## • DIAMONDHEAD MARDI GRAS

# Krewe of Olympus Royal Grand Ball Dazzles

BY LEANNE CORNWELL

On January 20, 2024, a night of splendor and royal pageantry unfolded in the Emerald Ballroom of The Club at Diamondhead. As the clock struck 6 pm, the ballroom shimmered with red and orange feather plumes, setting the stage for an unforgettable night. Partygoers witnessed a magical evening as the sixteenth annual Krewe of Olympus Royal Grand Ball was held with the theme “The Phoenix Rising”. King Zeus XVI Timothy Simmons and Queen Hera XVI Kathy Cobbs Simmons’ vision came to life through the exquisite table decorations, illuminated columns, and a grand picture of the mythical phoenix. The stellar decor, coupled with the presence of notable guests, created an ambiance of regal tradition.

Eileen O’Brien, Krewe President, extended a warm welcome to members, guests, and distinguished attendees. She took a moment to honor beloved members who had passed away in 2023 and acknowledged the presence of past Kings and Queens from the Krewe of Janus. Doug Maxwell, master of ceremonies and Music Man for the evening, skillfully guided the proceedings. Doug began the festivities with The Color Guard, consisting of Larry Sullivan, Ron Slatterly, and Cat Aguda, presented the national anthem and anthems of the five branches of the armed forces, adding a patriotic touch to the celebration.

After the introduction of visiting Royalty from other Krewes the main promenade of Olympus’ court dazzled guests with their ethereal entrance. The Ball was graced by their very own King Zeus XVI Timothy Simmons and Queen Hera XVI Kathy Simmons Cobb with a three-trumpet salute. Queen Kathy adorned a white strapless gown with iridescent sequined appliques mimick-



Photos by Robin B. Gaines of Robin B Photography  
**From Left to Right: Krewe of Olympus Court 2024, Apollo Jamie Kingston, King Zeus XVI Timothy Simmons, Queen Hera XVI Kathy Simmons Cobb, Aphrodite Alison Kingston and Debutante Kennedy Kingston.**



**King Zeus XVI Timothy Simmons and Queen Hera XVI Kathy Simmons Cobb.**

ing flames by Amelia Couture, epitomized The Phoenix Rising theme, accompanied by gold glitter heels, a 9-inch crown, and a two-sided jeweled scepter. King Timothy, dressed in a white tuxedo with tails, crown cufflinks, and pin, mirrored the queen’s elegance. Accompanying them was their court, Apollo XVI Jamie Kingston, and Aphrodite XVI Alison Kingston. Apollo donned a

complemented by gold Phoenix cufflinks, while Aphrodite shimmered in a black strapless mermaid-style dress with gold sequins in the silhouette of flames by Portia & Scarlett. The King and Queen’s official Krewe flags were presented by Eileen Boudin Lindquist, sealing the ceremonial significance. The night reached its crescendo as the royal couple shared their first dance to “I’m Walking to New Orleans” by

MS, and currently attends the University of Southern Mississippi, majoring in Marketing.

King Zeus XV Wayne Ponthier and Queen Hera XV Joanne Ponthier bid their final farewells, walking to the tune of “Bourbon Street Parade” earlier in the evening. Also, in true Olympus tradition, King Wayne offered a heartfelt toast to the new King and Queen, symbolizing the seamless transition of leadership within the Krewe.

There are always extraordinary people who make these soirees possible, and either work behind the scenes or right in front! The Club’s staff showcased unparalleled hospitality, contributing to the seamless flow of the evening.

The musical entertainment was provided by local favorite Southern Voice, whose lively tunes and energetic performances kept ladies and gentlemen spinning on the dance floor. Robin B. Gaines, of Robin B Photography, expertly captured the essence of the Grand Ball, ensuring that every moment was immortalized. Larry Sullivan, Marty Zavatchan, and Cat Aguda who served as committeemen, safely escorting Royalty on and off stage. The decorating crew, who worked hard to make a plain ballroom enchanting. Eva Amos who directed and assisted the Court including timing of their procession. Finally, to all the Board members who spent countless hours making “The Phoenix Rising” a success.

As the evening continued with dancing, revelry, and the spirit of Mardi Gras, Olympus’ Royal Grand Ball proved to be a captivating affair. The fusion of tradition, music, and the mythical theme created a memorable occasion. All hail King Zeus XVI Timothy Simmons and Queen Hera XVI Kathy Simmons Cobb!

Laissez les bons temps rouler!

Fats Domino. Later, as the celebration proceeded, the King and Queen were joined on the dance floor by Apollo and Aphrodite, all donning sunglasses, to groove to the rhythm of Earth, Wind & Fire’s “September,” a song that had also marked the coronation’s inaugural dance.

One of the highlights of the evening was the grand entrance of debutante Kennedy Caroline Kingston, daughter of Apollo XVI Jamie Kingston and Aphrodite XVI Alison Kingston. Escorted by Alijah Joseph Lee of Gulfport, Kennedy made a stunning debut wearing a traditional white designer debutante ball gown with satin buttons down the back. Kennedy is a recent graduate from the University of Southern Mississippi with a BSBA Degree in Accounting. Debutante-Emily Marie Riley and her family were unable to attend the Ball due to a family emergency; however, she was recognized during the tableau and was missed. Emily is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Marcus Riels of Diamondhead,



## • DIAMONDHEAD MARDI GRAS

# THE KREWE OF DIAMONDHEAD CELEBRATES THEIR 49<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL MARDI GRAS BALL FOR 2024

**BY RENEE KIRSCHENBAUM**

On Saturday, February 3, 2024 as the sun began to set on another beautiful Diamondhead day, the members of the Krewe of Diamondhead began making their way to The Club at Diamondhead for the 49th Annual Mardi Gras Ball.

Members were excited as they entered the ballroom that was magically decorated to celebrate the theme of Abracadabra. With floating candles, a smoking cauldron, fortune tellers and ..... you could feel the magic in the air. Members grab libations and found their seats in anticipation of a wonderful night of magic and royalty.

The ball opened with the traditional singing of the National Anthem, by Mike McGraw. As everyone settled back into their seats for the evening festivities, the Magic Man and Master of Ceremonies, John Kirschenbaum was introduced to the them song "Magic Man" by Heart. Once at the podium, Kirschenbaum gave a brief history of the Krewe and welcomed all attending.

The visiting royalty guests were welcomed and introduced. In attendance were Krewe of Sylene, Steve and Kim Koppman; and Krewe of Boaters, Jerry and Phil Gillen. The Board of Directors were then introduced and thanked for their incredible service to the Krewe.

The evening then moved on to the introduction of the Royal Guard of past Kings. Those returning for the event were 2013 HRH Mickey Hatem, 2019 HRH Ron Rhoades, 2020 HRH Scott McNamee, 2021 HRH Kevin Parrington, 2022 HRH Joe Doyle and 2023 HRH Hoppy Smith. Unable to attend the event was 2001 HRH Don Perkins.



Photos by James Cook II

**2024 Krewe of Diamondhead Royal Court, (L to R bottom) Page Alba Damiens, Page Mills Harwood and Page Christopher Liese; (Stage) Maid Renee Lawson, Maid Anna Liese, Maid Margaret Giarrusso, First Maid Jessie Harwood, Queen Meg Damiens, King Jeremy Damiens, First Duke Heath Harwood, Duke Trey Giarrusso, Duke Chris Liese, And Duke Mike Lawson.**



**Ali'i Honua the 49th Jeremy Damiens and Mō'i Wahine the 49th Meg Damiens.**

As the Royal Guard settled into place the Krewe then welcomed the Master Magician for the evening and Captain of the Krewe of Diamondhead, Ricky

Sheppard. Ricky made his way through the ballroom to "Magic" by Pilot and then took his place on the dance floor.

The excitement was building

on the stage the audience felt the magic grow as they awaited the next magical encounter.

The next journey through the magical even took us on a magical carpet ride. Taking flight through the skies without restrictions from earthly limitations and breaking free from constraints gives magical dreams a new way to travel. Duke Trey Giarrusso and Maid Margaret Giarrusso soar through the room to the song "Magic Carpet Ride" by Steppenwolf. As they ascended the stairs the music dimmed and the magic continued.

Moving into the magic and superstitions the audience was posed to decide if magic was a trick of the eye, sleight of hand, a smoke distraction or was it something more? Was it just a superstitious myth or was it magic? First Duke Heath Harwood and First Maid Jessie Harwood posed those questions as they glided their way to the stage to the song "Superstition" by Stevie Wonder.

The maids were all dressed in champagne sequin dresses reminiscent of bubbles in the queen's champagne glass. They wore beautiful black feather and rhinestone headpieces that topped off their royal look. The Dukes wore black tails, top hats and gold fleur de lis cufflinks, which were gifts from the first maid.

With royal court set on stage the magic turned to trumpeting fanfare announcing their royal highnesses. Entering to the traditional music of the Royal March, Mō'i Wahine THE 49TH Meg Damiens was escorted by High Royal Highness Hoppy

as everyone prepared to see the royal court each representing magic in different ways. Magic captures the imagination and our first couple introduced us to white magic and black magic or good and evil. Casting their mischievous spell on the audience as they made their way through the room to the song "Black Magic Woman" by Santana, was Duke Mike Lawson and Maid Renee Lawson. As they took their places on the stage the music dimmed and all eyes turned to see what magic would be conjured next.

With the ability to open minds and stretch imaginations magicians have used illusions and effects to delight their audiences. Guiding the krewe's imaginations were Duke Chris Leise and Maid Anna Leise as they glided through the ballroom to "Magic" by Olivia Newton John. Once they settled into their positions

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# THE KREWE OF SELENE CELEBRATES MARDI GRAS

**BY SARAH  
SCHAFFER-PARRINGTON**

The 25th edition of the Krewe of Selene's Mardi Gras Ball, held on February 2nd, was a resplendent celebration of a quarter-century of grandeur. Hosted at the prestigious Ballroom of the Diamondhead Country Club, the event unfolded with an air of elegance and sophistication.

Upon entering the ballroom, guests were greeted by a visual journey through time, with the walls adorned with collages showcasing the past Queens' royalty from their respective years. The homage to the Krewe's rich history set the tone for an evening filled with glamour and nostalgia.

The ambiance transformed into a silver Hawaiian paradise, where the most striking decorations were not only the ornate settings but the guests themselves. Tuxedos and the most enchanting silver gowns adorned the attendees, embodying the essence of the Silver Jubilee. The theme was a nod to a quarter-century of opulence and a celebration of the Krewe's enduring legacy.

The highlight of the night was the entrance of the Royal Court of 2024, resplendent in Mardi Gras Colors. First Goddess Karla Perry and First Duke Brian Perry led the procession, accompanied by Goddess Kelly and Duke Todd Torguson, as well as Goddess Jenny and Duke Lloyd Ramirez. Their regal presence



Photos courtesy of Portraits by Penny Majors

**Goddess Jenny Ramirez, Goddess Kelly Torguson, First Goddess Karla Perry, Queen Kim Koppman, King Steven Koppman, First Duke Brian Perry, Duke Todd Torguson and Duke Lloyd Ramirez.**



**HRH Betty Maxwell, HRH Angie Burkhardt, HRH Marge Edwards, HRH Cindy McNamee, Captain Terri Downing, HRH Roxanne Worack, HRH Sarah Schaffer-Parrington, HRH Tersea Ertel, HRH Mary Maisel, HRH Brenda Smith, HRH Kim Koppman, HRH Pam Marshall, HRH Jeannie Carapetian, HRH Gayla Torguson, HRH Kathy Cobb, HRH Linda Theobald, HRH Sandy Noon and HRH Sherry Bulger.**



**Selene Dancers, from left: Mary Maisel, Cindy McNamee, Suzy Smith, Sue Warren, Barbra Quebedeaux, Louann Cox, Gail Hutchings, Leslie Price O'Neill, Jeannie Carapetian, June Curtin and Gayla Torguson.**



**King Endymius, Steven Koppman and Queen Selene Kim Koppman.**



**Escort Mark Cuevas and Founder of the Krewe of Selene Captain Terri Downing.**

a crucial element of any Mardi Gras soiree, was orchestrated by the talented Ron Tallant for the tableau, creating an enchanting backdrop for the night's revelry. The Regulators serenaded the crowd, adding a melodic touch to the jubilant atmosphere.

The allure of the Krewe of Selene's 25th Mardi Gras Ball was heightened by the enchanting performance of the Selene Dancers. Amidst the celebration of the 2024 Royalty and their esteemed guests, these talented dancers paid homage to the Krewe's rich history by gracefully interpreting multiple themes from years past, weaving a mesmerizing tapestry of movement and expression. Their performance served as a living tableau, honoring and embodying the various themes that have defined the Krewe's illustrious journey over the past 25 years. Their performance became a living testament to the Krewe's commitment to tradition, creativity, and the enduring spirit of Mardi Gras revelry.

added a vibrant and ceremonial touch to the festivities.

The crowning moment belonged to the 25th Queen, Kim Koppman, and King Endymius, Steven Koppman. Dressed in royal attire, they commanded attention under the glittering chandeliers, embodying the grandeur and tradition of the Krewe's Silver Jubilee celebration.

Betty Maxwell, the evening's emcee, skillfully guided attendees through the festivities, ensuring that every moment was cherished and celebrated. The music,

For those captivated by the allure of the Krewe of Selene and eager to become a part of this storied tradition, the invitation was extended through Membership Director Teresa Ertel. Anyone interested in participating or seeking more information was encouraged to reach out to Teresa at [teresaertel@aol.com](mailto:teresaertel@aol.com), ensuring that the legacy and magic of the Krewe of Selene continue for generations to come.



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### DH GOLF CHRIS ALTESE, PGA DIRECTOR OF GOLF

Temperatures are warming and we have had some beautiful weather to play golf already this year. Golf booking activity for the spring season continues to be strong. We continue to receive compliments on our service, hospitality, facilities, golf course conditioning, and our community as a whole. As you know, The Club at Diamondhead is a special place!

Postponed from January, we hosted our Double Black Diamond Superintendent's Revenge Golf Classic. I am pretty sure the superintendent won this one! Lots of fun but it was a challenge. Congrats to our flight winners... Corbet's - Ernie Lee/Dwayne Braud & Chris Morrison/Jay Sanders (tied), GOAT - Karen Dougherty/Tom Daugherty, Palisades - Liz Bell/Charles Bell, Hunter Seymour/Alec Jimerson, Bobby Cotie/Ed Craig, Ken Walkington/Ronnie Austin, Art Burgoyne/Warren Morgan, Albert Ragas/Al Gutierrez (tied), Rambo - Jill Wiles/Fred Wiles, Donald Davidson/Brett Davidson (tied).

Our Super Bowl Scramble overall team champions and Pa-

triot's Flight champions consisted of Tom Amedee, Bernie Breen, Billy Stroud, and George Thibodeaux. The teams of Bill Hatchett Jr./Tom Begley/Jerry Champ/Don Smith and David Nyein/Hunter Seymour/Louis Picard/Alec Jimerson tied for first place in the Steelers Flight. Bob Johnson/Ken Tyler/Dave Flowers/Mike Walton were the champions of the Cowboys Flight. Jason Thornhill/Blake Nation/Brennan Carter/Devin Bates tied with the team of Cammie Walkington/Ken Walkington/Elliott Walkington/Ronnie Austin for first place in the Packers Flight. This is always a fun way to kick off the big game! Thanks to all that stayed for our Super Bowl Party in Latitude 30.

In February, we also held the Gulf Coast Invitational hosted by Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College. MGCCC won the event proving why there are ranked among the best in the nation. Andrew Zielenski of MGCCC was the individual medalist with a score of -3 for the 36-hole championship event.

Another sold out event with 32 couples competing. The Sweetheart Scramble is a fun time. Several couples from outside of Diamondhead look for-

ward to joining us for this event each year. Winners will be announced soon!

March is just one of many exciting months for golf in Diamondhead. We are preparing for The Big Kahuna Golf Challenge to be played April 5-7. Registrations are coming in fast. Please be sure to register soon if you have not already. Don Smith was instrumental in starting the Big Kahuna Golf Challenge over 20 years ago. This event continues to grow and has become one of the best golf events on the coast. The Big Kahuna is fun for all. As part of this event, The Chee-Weez will be performing on Friday, April 5th at 7:00pm. Tickets are available through the clubhouse front office. Call (228) 255-2918 for more information or to secure seats for one of the best shows of the year.

Annual golf members...If you have not picked up your annual golf membership bag tags and cart stickers, you can do so now in the Golf Shop.

Cart path only days, as much as we all dislike them, are required from time to time to protect our golf courses from damage. When cart path only, all golf carts, including those with handicaps, must remain on the

cart path the entire time. Players should use extreme caution when passing another golf cart so not to damage the golf course when doing so. If you must pass, wait for a high and dry opportunity as well as being sure to pass toward the outside edge of the golf course (not on the tee, fairway, or green side). Also, when we are able to operate as 90-degree cart rule we ask for all golf carts to remain a minimum of 30 yards away from the edge of the green and always return to the cart path side of the green. We appreciate your cooperation.

With several new members joining we thought it would be good to share our on-course restroom facilities with you again. The Club at Diamondhead has restrooms located at the halfway point on each nine and halfway point of each golf course (#9-#10) for your use. Plan accordingly and use the facilities provided.

Upcoming Events...

- 3/8 Deepwater Golf Classic #1
- 3/10 Daylight Savings Begins
- 3/11-3/13 Mid-South Seniors Golf Association
- 3/16 Gulf Coast Slavic Chase (Open to All)
- 3/22 Deepwater Golf Classic #2
- 3/23 DMGA Saturday Play

Day

- 3/30 Jack O'Neill Memorial Charity (Open to All)
- 4/5-4/7 Big Kahuna Golf Challenge
- 4/13 Most Holy Trinity Golf Event (Open to All)
- 4/19 PRCC Alumni Golf Event
- 4/20-4/21 Veteran's Golf Association
- 4/24-4/25 Ladies' Malahini Member-Guest
- 4/27 Hancock Football Booster Tournament (Open to All)
- 5/1 Gulf Coast Seabee Golf Invitational
- 5/4 Jackson State Alumni Golf Event
- 5/5 US Kids Golf Gulf Coast Local Tour Event
- Other Important Dates...
- 5/17-5/19 Malahini Member-Guest
- 5/23 Diamonds in the Rough Ladies' Invitational
- 5/24 Gulf Coast Slavic Chase (Open to All)
- 5/31-6/2 Hawaiian Mixed Couples Invitational

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Smith. The queen wore a beautiful off the shoulder gold shimmer dress adorned with sequins and beaded fringe. Her special amethyst ring was a gift from her maids.

The traditional train was attended by her pages Alba Damiens, Mills Harwood and Christopher Liese. Christopher and Mills both wore capes that matched the queen's train.

Once her highness was positioned on stage all waited with bated breath for the entrance of

the king. The fanfare played and Ali'I Honua the 49th, Jeremy Damiens entered the ballroom to the traditional king's song "If I Ever Cease to Love."

Jeremy wore traditional white tails, with the king's cape and gold crown cuff links and studs which were gifted to him by his royal court. All were honored as he sceptered to the audience on his way to the stage.

The royal stage was now set and guest of the king and queen were received at the stage. Those presented before their highnesses were, their Royal Highnesses 2023 Hoppy and Suzy Smith; Jeff and Melissa Woods and Savanna Wolffe.

The krewe then paid homage to the past queens that were in attendance of the evening festivities.

These past queens continue their service long past their reigning year and enjoy a sisterhood that endures the test of time.

Once the audience and the royal court were settled in it was time for the magical entertainment. Last years royal court spent minutes, possibly hours preparing their magic feats for the krewe. HRH 2023 Hoppy Smith and HRH Suzy Smith led their former royal court in "magic gone wrong" performance, which delighted everyone with laughter

and cheers.

Then King Jeremy toasted the krewe and his queen with blessing for a wonderful Mardi Gras before their royal dance. The king led his queen to the dance for their official royal dance to "Something About the Way You Look Tonight" by Elton John. After the first chorus the royal couple invited their court to join and the music changed to "24K Magic" by Bruno Mars. Once dancing former Kings and Queens were invited to the floor to join with royalty to finish the first dance.

At the completion of the dance the emcee announced that dinner was served, the bar was open and the Tease Me band would

rock the night away.

Later in the evening the Captain presented the royal umbrellas and everyone joined in on the Second Line. The evening continued on with thank yous to all that that decorated for the event and a special thank you to Janet Roche for her hard work in reconstructing the queen's train.

Everyone continued to dancing and partying throughout the evening. Members and guests finally retired for the evening when all the lights came on. The party only paused as everyone began preparing for the upcoming parade that would take place throughout the city of Diamondhead.



## • SPORTS

Diamondhead? This is part of the services that are available to all of our golfers. Say you don't golf...you don't have to miss out on all of the fun. The Golf Academy at Diamondhead can get you enjoying the game of golf in no time. Golf instruction is available all levels of play and especially beginners. Stop by and give it a swing! We guarantee that you will be glad you did.

Attention junior golfers... if you are between the age of 5 and 13 we would like to extend an invitation to try out for one of our Diamondhead Junior Golf Teams. Email Coach Richard at [rschorr@dhpooa.org](mailto:rschorr@dhpooa.org) or call the golf shop at (228) 255-3910 for more information. Our new season starts in late March and runs into May. It's not too late to join. Weekly practices and competitions. It's the real deal!

Usually, I would say it is critical that we all fix two ball marks and fill two divots every hole... any two will do! Now more fitting would be...Ball marks and divot repair...It's your course, so fix four or more for either or and they don't even have to be yours! We look forward to seeing you "PLAY MORE GOLF." Let's all get out and enjoy our beautiful golf courses and practice facilities. As always, let us know how we can help.

### DWGA BY COLLEEN JONES

In October of 2023, the Diamondhead Women's Golf Association and the Diamondhead Women's Golf Association Nines joined together in a fun pumpkin decorating contest. Votes were made by contributing \$1 per vote for the favorite pumpkin. The money raised was to be used to support young lady golfers. The groups were thrilled to raise \$1,200 for the cause. The Jack O'Neill Memorial Charity has agreed to match the funds to assist young lady golfers, 18 and younger, who are entering youth tournaments throughout the country. The Jack O'Neill Char-



**DWGA: Winners of Predict Your Score - Dianne Ackerman, Patty Hourin, Denise Burgeron, Pattie Blackwood.**

ity, a 501(c)(3) organization, was formed in 2018 to honor Jack's fervent wish to give every young golfer an opportunity to enjoy the game of golf.

Young lady golfers can apply for funds to help offset the entry fee for youth tournaments. Applications will be available March 1st and can be obtained in the pro shop at The Club at Diamondhead.

With the cold weather and rain we only got to play two weeks in January. January 4th we played a game where you try and predict what your net score would be on the Cardinal Course. Pattie Blackwood predicted her score exactly at. Patty Hourin and Denise Burgeron were off by two strokes. Dianne Ackerman was off by four strokes. Closest to the pin was Amy Swint on hole #4, Marta Wald on hole #7 and Cassandra Godbold on hole #13 and #17. Birdies were had by Amy Swint, Jeanne Hudgins, Karen Dougherty, Liz Bell and Cassandra Godbold had two birdies. There was one chip in by Jeanne Hudgins.

January 11th we played the game of Black Marks on the Pine Course. The First flight winner was Bet Bowen with one black mark. There was a three-way tie for second between Cassandra Godbold, Mary Lou Czaplicki and Jeanne Hudgins with three black marks. The Second flight winner

was Colleen Jones with two black marks. Second place was Joanne Fried with five black marks. Third place had a tie between Rita Durham and Fran Smith with six black marks. Closest to the pin winners were Georgeann Luxion on hole #2, Karen Dougherty on hole #6, Kim McElwee on hole #13 and Cassandra Godbold on hole #15. Birdies were had by Cassandra Godbold, Marry Lou Czaplicki and Bet Bowen. Chip in were had by Liz Bell, Margaret Papaleo and Kim McElwee.

### DWGAN BY SHIRLY HALTERMAN

"Rain, rain go away come again any day but Tuesday" is the current mantra for our Nines gals. Cold, rainy weather has played havoc with our golfing schedule. Of course, this summer when it is 90 degrees in the shade, we will be longing for this weather.

On Tuesday, January 2nd, we did manage to get in our usual first Tuesday of the Month Trophy Day with 13 brave gals showing up to play. Since we are alternating this format, this month Net Scores were recorded while next month Gross Scores will be used, and the winners were: Flight One (in a scorecard playoff for all three spots) 1st Place = Brigitte Becker, 2nd Place = Mary Ann Stromeyer and 3rd Place = Susie Fontenot. In Flight



**DWGA: Winners of Black Marks - Bet Bowen, Mary Lou Czaplicki, Cassandra Godbold, Jeanne Hudgins, Colleen Jones, Fran Smith, Rita Durham.**

Two, 1st Place = Nancy Barker, 2nd Place = Pattie Blackwood and 3rd Place = Pauline Singer. When it came to Lowest Putts, Brigitte Becker and Toni Rossol tied for First Place in Flight One while Janice Murray and Mary Murray tied for First Place in Flight Two (maybe its in the name). Longest Drive honors in Flight One went to Susie Fontenot and to Nancy Sislow in Flight Two. Amazingly, both Susie and Nancy also took the Closest-to-the Pin awards in their respective flights. There were no Chip-Ins or Birdies recorded during this round.

While we hesitated to cancel our round on January 9th, we removed our rose colored glasses when the Club closed the course due to the large amount of rain the night before. Oh well, next week is another day!

I guess maybe not, as freezing temperatures forced our courses to be closed on Tuesday, January 16th. Bummer! "Spring, O Spring where art thou!"

Finally, on Tuesday, January 23rd, we were able to get back on the course and played a game where all holes are played as Par 3s. The back nine of the Cardinal Course was our challenger; and of our 19 brave players, the following were the winners.

In Flight 1 - Judy Tauzin took

1st Place, Therese Mauterer took 2nd Place, and (in a scorecard playoff) Toni Rossol took 3rd Place. While in Flight 2 - Susie Fontenot grabbed 1st Place; and after yet another scorecard playoff, Brigitte Becker took 2nd Place and Nancy Sislow ended up with 3rd Place. When it came to Flight 3 - Nancy Barker garnered 1st Place, Janice Murray took 2nd Place and Pattie Blackwood (in, yes, another Scorecard Playoff) got 3rd Place.

We also did manage to get in our Scramble game on the back nine holes of the Pine Course with 19 of our members competing. The winning team with a score of 39 was composed of Sylvia Corban, Susie Fontenot, Marilyn Galus and Pat VanDer-vort. The Second Place team with of score of 40 was made up of Nancy Barker, Pauline Singer, Nancy Sislow and Judy Tauzin. In Third Place, with a score of 42, were Carole Griffin, Therese Mauterer, Janice Murray and MaryAnn Stromeyer. Sylvia Corban had a Chip-In on #10 and Nancy Barker scored a Birdie on #13.

Fortunately, there were five Tuesdays in January so we did manage to get in three rounds. Guess we have to be thankful for small favors. Until next month when we are hoping for better



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weather, keep hitting those little white (or whatever color you use) balls down the fairways.

### DMGA BY GENE DEMEDICIS

The Diamondhead Men's Golf Association is open to all men who are members at Diamondhead. The annual membership fee is \$25 for men 79 and younger. The membership is free for those that are 80 or older. We play every Wednesday morning and you must check in by 8 AM. I encourage you to come out and play with us if you are not already a member.

The game scheduled for January 17 was canceled due to wet conditions. The DMGA board used this opportunity to meet and discuss some rules changes to improve play. The maximum score for each hole going forward will be double bogey. This should eliminate any confusion by our scorekeepers.

The format for the game on January 24 was ABCD Three Best Ball. Finishing first was the team of Gene deMedicis, Kevin West and Art Burgoyne with a score of 111. In second place was the team of Fred Wiles, Den-

nis Laumann and Ronnie Austin with a score of 110. Kevin West won low individual with a net score of 73.

Closest to the pin winners were Joe Murray, Don Crosby, Fred Wiles and Dennis Laumann. Closest shot of the day was hit by Dennis Laumann at 9'9". In the Peers Points competition on January 31 the team of Erie Hebert, Percy Payne, Kevin West and Val Miller won with a score of minus 10. Finishing second was the team of Joe Murray, Larry Popovich, AJ Dilley and Pat Jarrell with a score of minus 11. In third place was the team of Dave Barbato, John Black, John Bunce and Lee Kormondy with a score of minus 16. Finishing fourth was the team of Marshall Miller, John Benus, John McLaughlin and Don Crosby with a score of minus 20. In fifth place was the team of Art Burgoyne, Ronnie Austin, Dennis Laumann and Lenny Alphonso. Erie Hebert and Percy Payne tied for low individual with a net score of 68.

Closest to the pins were won by Erie Hebert, John Black, Dave Barbato and Pat Jarrell. Closest shot of the day was hit by Erie Hebert at 4'6".

The format for the game on February 7 was ABCD Mixed Bag. Finishing first was the team of Norman Bowley, John Black, Val Miller and AJ Dilley with a score of 20 under par. In second place was the team of George Thibodeaux, Byron Gandy, Erie Hebert and Pat Jarrell with a score of 16 under par. In third place was the team of Jan Vest, Marshall Miller, John McLaughlin and Al Mast with a score of 15 under par. Two teams tied for fourth place at 13 under par. The team of Keith Nutting, Lee Kormondy and Cat Aguda tied with the team of Fred Wiles, Art Burgoyne and Gary Hava. AJ Dilley and John Benus tied for low individual with a net score of 68.

Closest to the pin winners were Cat Aguda, Jan Vest, Kevin West and Al Mast. Closest shot of the day was hit by Kevin West at 7 inches narrowly missing a hole in one. I'll see you on the course.

### TENNIS & RECREATION IN DIAMONDHEAD BY DONNA GOEDDE

On Friday Feb 2nd the Hancock Youth Athletic Assoc. held a



**The Hancock Youth Athletic Association hosted a baseball clinic at East Rec. in Diamondhead on Feb. 2.**

Baseball clinic.

Five Professional P360 trainers were on hand to teach the kids various baseball techniques.

We had over 60 kids and their parents out for a fun night at East Rec. The C & B Mobile Snack Shack was on hand to feed the kids great foods and snowballs with a portion of their proceeds going to the Baseball League. It was a great event. East Rec will be home to some of these local teams practicing this season.

Tennis – Spring leagues are

back in full swing – Come on out and watch some great Tennis matches.

We also have the Hancock Hawks Tennis team, Saint Stanislaus and Our Lady Academy out practicing and we will

Also be hosting a few matches. Come on out and cheer on these kids as they learn the great game of Tennis. We have temporary Pickle Ball courts that we can set up at the Tennis Club on a hard surface, Come on out and learn this super fun sport

## US Army retiree Col. Brian Perry honored with award

### BY THE PERRY FAMILY

The Colonel Brian D. Perry (U.S. Army, Retired) was inducted into the Honorable Order of Saint Barbara on January 17, 2024, in recognition of his 37 years of military service.

The United States Field Artillery Association's Honorable Order of Saint Barbara recognizes "those individuals who have demonstrated the highest standards of integrity and moral character; displayed an

outstanding degree of professional competence; served the United States Army or Marine Corps Field Artillery with selflessness; and contributed to the promotion of the Field Artillery in ways that stand out in the eyes of the recipient's seniors, subordinates and peers alike."

In his career, Colonel Perry deployed to Saudi Arabia and Kuwait in the Gulf War and to Afghanistan in 2001, and traveled to Iraq in 2004 with the Under Secretary of Defense

(Comptroller) on a fact-finding mission.

In 2003, Colonel Perry was inducted into the Officer Candidate School Hall of Fame.

Congratulations, Colonel!

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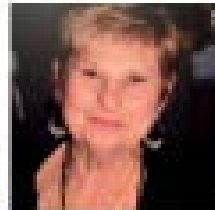
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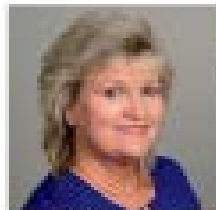
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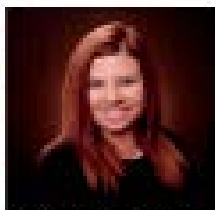
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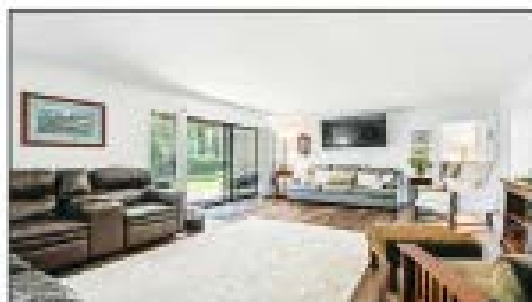
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**156 LANAI UNIT 103  
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Gorgeous condo on the first floor with views of the pond, Country Club and Golf Course. All the furniture is included except the 3 televisions. All new windows, AC unit was replaced last year. Come see what Diamondhead has to offer!



**8317 BAMBO STREET  
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3 Bed/2 Bath - 1967 sqft - \$248,900

Move-in ready. Garage has been made into an additional room (400 sq ft) and is heated & cooled. Many updates: Granite counters, large master suite with separate tub & shower and his and her vanities. Fenced backyard with storage shed/workshop.



**6816 CALIFORNIA WAY  
DIAMONDHEAD**

4 bed/3.5 bath - 2608 sqft - \$384,900

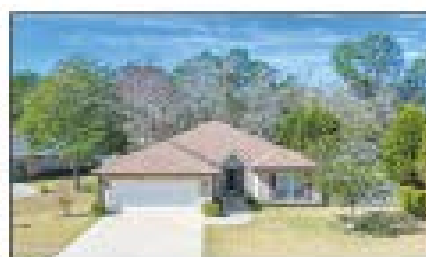
A stunning Avondale Home on 3 large corner lots. This beautiful home has furniture that can't fit the windows, plus a storm shelter room. The living room has a fireplace & wood floors, with brick floors in the kitchen, dining room and large family room. There is granite island and walk-in pantry in the kitchen. Main bedroom suite has wood floors, separate bath and office.



**389 LANAI UNIT 112  
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3 Bed/2 Bath - 1410 sqft - \$219,000

Stunning view of the Golf Course and Pond. DoD unit which is private and quiet. Also access to the bedroom ceiling - only unit with this pull down access. Updated wiring & circuit breaker box. Pella windows and sliders. Double hung windows in one bedroom. Custom LevelCoat Cabinets. Marble Ceiling Fan, 60" Microwave, Frigidaire Dishwasher, Washer & Dryer, Samsung 50" TV and Sound Bar. Local Monthly Fee Schedule. Fee includes Water, Sewer, Fire, Garbage, Property Exterior Maintenance of Building, Liability Insurance, Grounds & Pool Maintenance, Street Lighting, Pest Control and Storm Detection.



**654 KIRO STREET  
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3 Bed/2 Bath - 1687 sqft - \$239,900

Lovely home with a screened porch and fenced yard. Located close to the golf course and the Country Club. Home is move-in ready and in excellent condition.



**7714 MORNING WAY  
DIAMONDHEAD**

4 bed/ 3.5 bath - 2640 sqft - \$369,900

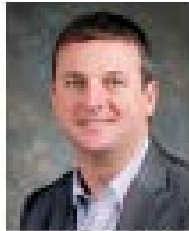
This home is light and bright with large rooms, lots of storage and a great view of Number One of the Pines Golf Course. Other features include walk-in pantry, separate office with its own side entrance, formal and informal dining, master suite downstairs.



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103 Sycamore Dr | Pass Christian  
3 bed | 2 bath | 2553 sqft | \$399,900

Check out this beautiful Timber Ridge home with lots of community amenities. It was built over the city building requirements. Nice porches, large living room, game room, & so much more.



6612 Iolani Ct | Diamondhead  
3 bed | 2.5 bath | 3006 sqft | \$459,900

Situated on over 1 acre of land at the end of a quiet cul-de-sac! Some features include: oversized double car garage with attached workshop, Florida room, Office and back patio.

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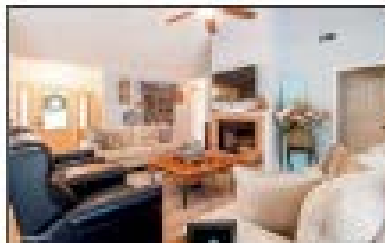
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6415 Kome Drive  
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\$277,000



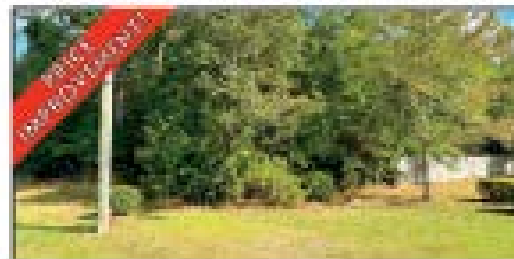
A must see home in the center of Diamondhead that features an open and split floor plan with vaulted ceilings and lots of windows for an abundance of natural light. When you enter the foyer you can walk into the living room/kitchen or enter into the office/formal dining room. Laundry room is off of the kitchen and connected to the double garage that has a golf cart spot for parking and its own garage door. Newly updated privacy fence for the backyard, where you have an insulated workshop with electricity, lights and receptacles already installed.



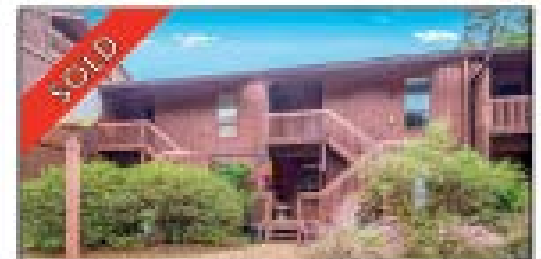
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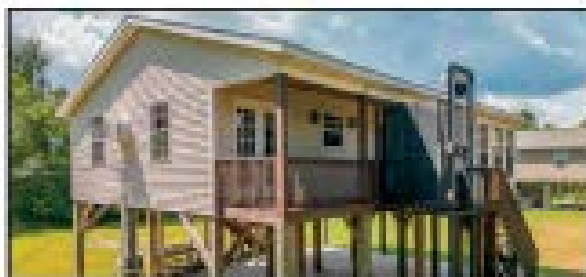
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**2 Possum Way | Diamondhead**  
**2 Bed | 2 Bath | 1020 sqft | \$166,500**

Come see this precious home in the Oaks subdivision in Diamondhead. Great Living space and spacious back porch. The Oaks offers your yard being mowed on a schedule and is close to entertainment. Enjoy the amenities: the Golf Course, 4 pools and Tennis Courts. This home is the ideal retirement and/or vacation home.



**846 Kaleki Ct | Diamondhead**  
**3 Bed | 2 Bath | 2224 sqft | \$274,900**

Come see this upgraded home, on almost a full acre! Some features include: a Living Room w/ additional Family Room and Formal Dining Room, Chicago Brick floors, Stainless Appliances, New Central AC units and Outside Patio space. Close to entertainment, Golf Course and Country Club.



**39 Cove Lake Rd | Carriere**  
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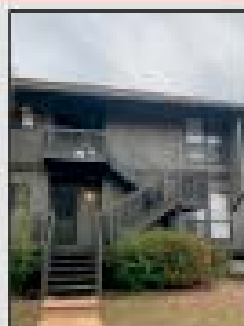
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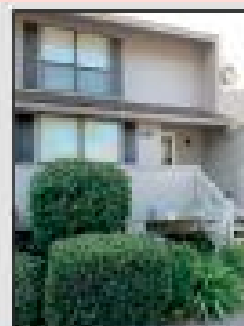


**411 Necaise St | Waveland**  
**3 Bed | 2 Bath | 1701 sqft | \$355,000**

Newly renovated 1930s Beach Bungalow, located two blocks from the beach! Seller has completed the entire project from saving the original heart of pine flooring, sourcing 100 year old cypress and mahogany doors from NOLA. Extras include double insulation-Interior included and two primary bedrooms.



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**845 E Scenic Dr | Pass Christian**  
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**4015 Cardinal St | Bay Saint Louis**  
2 Bed | 1 Bath | 864 sqft | \$229,000

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**103 Saint Joseph St | Waveland**  
100 x 65 | 0.15 Acre Lot | \$150,000

Nestled in a prime location near the beach. Cleared and prepared for construction. With the charm of downtown Waveland close by, you'll have convenient access to local amenities.



**416 Carroll Ave | Bay St. Louis**  
4 Bed | 3.5 Bath | 2458 sqft | \$1,160,000

Move in ready and fully furnished. Featuring stainless steel appliances, Marble counter tops in the Kitchen. Head outside to the carport under the covered breezeway that includes an accessory building with an additional 400 sqft of heated and cooled space.



**310 Saint John St | Bay Saint Louis**  
3 Bed | 2 Bath | 1953 sqft | \$699,000

Currently this is an income producing property but would also make a great primary or vacation home. This house is two blocks from the beach, restaurants, shopping, entertainment, and marina. The yard is completely fenced in and gated.



**401 Carroll Ave | Bay St. Louis**  
3 Bed | 3 Bath | 2719 sqft | \$1,100,000

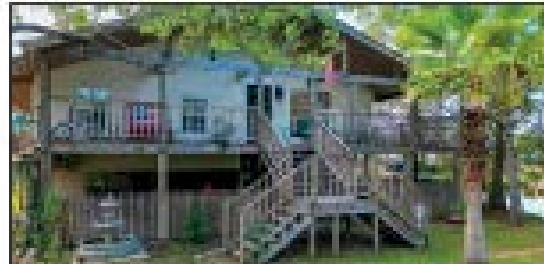
This historic cottage features a seamless addition with a large primary bedroom, ensuite bathroom and walk in closet, an updated kitchen, den, walk-in pantry, and office with brick floors. An added 400 sqft of bonus space with private entrance in the backyard.



**Diane Brown**

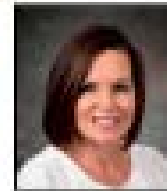
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**5002 Cook St | Bay Saint Louis**  
2 Bed | 2 Bath | 1700 sqft | \$299,900

This elevated fish camp boasts 1700 sf of open space to entertain and enjoy life on the water w/ 228 ft. of waterfront on 4 Dollar Bayou. Depending on the season, you can fish for freshwater or saltwater fish off your back pier.



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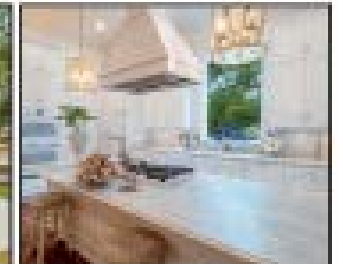
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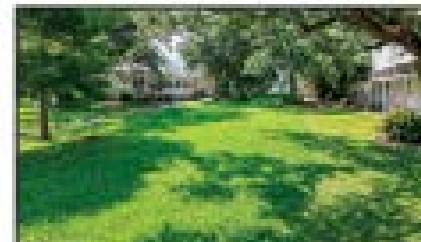
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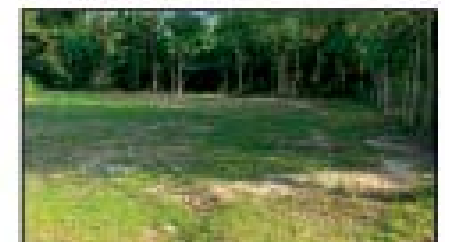
**6210 W Benton St | Bay Saint Louis**  
4 Bed | 2 Bath | 1398 sqft | \$137,000

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**214 E 2nd St | Pass Christian**  
.18 Acre | \$175,000

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**413 Nacaise St | Waveland**  
.13 Acre | \$89,000

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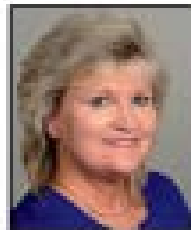
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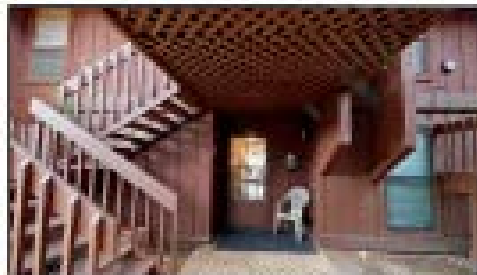
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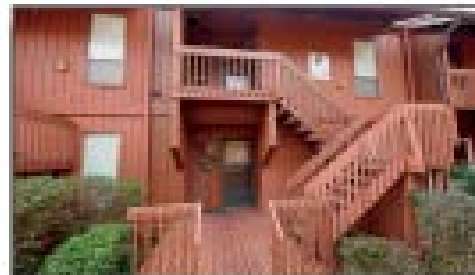


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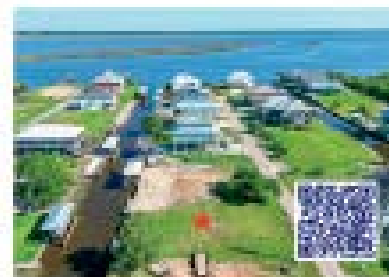
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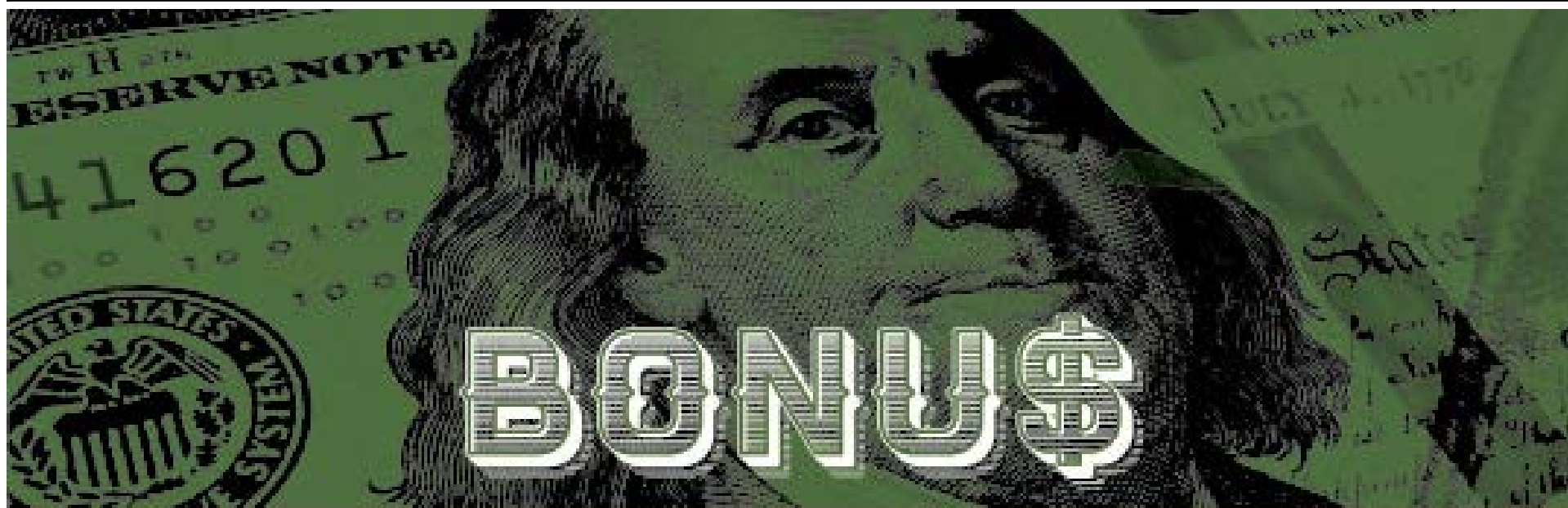
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