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FROM THE DESK OF THE PRESIDENT

**BY NANCY SISLOW,
PRESIDENT OF THE POA**

Your POA Board spent the past month working on ways to trim costs and exploring ways to develop consistent funding for the future. One plan by previous Boards was to assure that the Bylaws affirmed the requirement that property owners pay dues to support the amenities. That plan was known to require legal testing and the recent ruling by the Court has shown that the plan will not work. So, one of the costs that was eliminated was the cost of legal fees to pursue, through the court system, the idea that the bylaws provide a permanent requirement for all property owners to pay dues to support the amenities. The notice of the Board's action to that end was sent out in an E-blast, through our Facebook page, and posted on the POA web page. In case you missed it, it can be found by typing this into the search bar of your computer - <https://diamondheadms.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/12/2024DecPOAAnnouncement.1.pdf>.

Based on that decision, the Board is now working on other approaches to finding funds to support the amenities. This work will cause us to spend your dues with that focus in mind. A permanent solution must be found, or we will suffer the consequences of inaction that may include the loss of amenities. Some responses on social media have alluded to POA Boards making poor decisions, to spending funds incorrectly and to pursuing legal action inappropriately.

However, every past Board has acted to the best of their ability in the best interest of the organization as they saw it at the time.

This challenge of funding the support of the amenities requires more than 11 concerned members can do, as there are many nuances to consider in doing the right thing. This Board will be seeking expert advice. I plan to share any ideas as they become more concrete than just a dream.

Diamondhead has met many challenges head on in its past. One of the biggest was Hurricane Katrina, who came ashore on August 29, 2005. There are many heroic stories of how this community coped with the loss of almost 250 homes in the area south of I-10, flooding of 460 homes throughout the community in low-lying areas, impassable roads, with a week without water and 30 days without electricity, financial devastation to all who were affected and the huge change in the population as those from the coastal towns of Bay St. Louis, Waveland, Pass Christian who were in need of a home and safety moved to the available 3500 homes in Diamondhead. This community pulled together then and it will do so now as we face the challenges of our future. Mississippians have always helped each other. I know we will do that now.

I, and all the Members of the Board, thank you for the opportunity to serve the Diamondhead Property Owners Association and its great amenities.

NEW MENU
Arriving January 2



We're excited to announce that we will be rolling out
our new menu on January 2, 2025!

We look forward to seeing you!

Questions? Call 228-255-2918 ext. 3

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DIAMONDHEAD COUNTRY CLUB & PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC. Board of Directors Financial Summary, November 30, 2024

Month	Revenue	Expense	Net Income (Net Loss)	Budget	Budget Variance	Dues Allocation
Membership Dues	223,563	-	223,563	252,008	(28,445)	-
Country Club	297,293	291,815	5,478	(3,185)	8,663	-
Community Center	1,685	8,191	(6,506)	(7,120)	614	6,506
Tennis	6,569	11,830	(5,261)	(1,220)	(4,041)	5,261
Golf Shop	231,178	65,857	165,321	153,747	11,575	-
Golf Course Maint	-	117,071	(117,071)	(129,199)	12,129	-
Golf Academy	909	7,810	(6,901)	(7,052)	151	6,901
Grounds Maint	-	27,759	(27,759)	(31,685)	3,926	27,759
Facilities Maint	-	26,575	(26,575)	(38,100)	11,525	26,575
Marketing	-	10,910	(10,910)	(10,547)	(363)	10,910
Pier House	5,625	2,649	2,976	4,007	(1,031)	-
Airport	1,200	1,170	30	780	(750)	-
Marina	8,056	7,427	629	(1,826)	2,455	-
Recreation	200	11,657	(11,457)	(11,410)	(47)	11,457
Administration	13,634	143,066	(129,431)	(124,223)	(5,208)	129,431
Totals	789,912	733,785	56,127	44,975	11,152	224,799

Year-to-Date	Revenue	Expense	Net Income (Net Loss)	Budget	Budget Variance	Dues Allocation
Membership Dues	2,837,150	14,685	2,822,466	2,767,088	55,378	14,685
Country Club	3,020,267	3,469,290	(449,024)	(132,817)	(316,207)	449,024
Community Center	16,752	104,365	(87,613)	(59,346)	(28,266)	87,613
Tennis	71,000	116,337	(45,338)	(15,150)	(30,188)	45,338
Golf Shop	2,571,716	750,535	1,821,181	1,752,329	68,851	-
Golf Course Maint	20,072	1,552,189	(1,532,117)	(1,678,964)	146,847	-
Golf Academy	39,134	114,455	(75,321)	(63,865)	(11,456)	75,321
Grounds Maint	-	352,603	(352,603)	(360,008)	7,405	352,603
Facilities Maint	-	313,592	(313,592)	(383,344)	69,752	313,592
Marketing	830	149,267	(148,438)	(133,819)	(14,619)	148,438
Pier House	61,875	34,434	27,441	13,097	14,344	-
Airport	13,200	12,974	226	8,299	(8,073)	-
Marina	111,813	108,111	3,702	(28,013)	31,715	-
Recreation	12,642	247,983	(235,341)	(169,017)	(66,324)	235,341
Administration	121,026	1,446,767	(1,325,741)	(1,152,919)	(172,822)	1,325,741
Totals	8,897,476	8,787,586	109,890	363,552	(253,662)	3,047,694

Capital Projects	Expensed	Approved	Variance
Grounds	-	-	-
Country Club	3,745	3,745	-
Golf	126,268	126,268	-
Tennis	-	-	-
Recreation	9,918	9,918	-
Facilities/Maintenance	-	-	-
Administration	-	-	-
Marina	-	-	-
Airport	-	-	-
Contingency	42,079	42,079	-
Totals	182,010	182,010	-

• BUSINESS

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS THE CLUB AT DIAMONDHEAD AND PROPERTY OWNER'S ASSOCIATION, INC. NOVEMBER 18, 2024

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

Present were President Sislow, Vice President Giarrusso, Treasurer Blackwood, Secre-

tary Damiens, Director LaFontaine, Director Pineau, Director Nutting, Director Stromeyer, and Ex-Officio Becker. Absent were Director Lee and Director Tubbs. Also present were Controller McInnis, Legal Counsel Jones and Legal Assistant Kinsley.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Minutes of the meeting of October 21, 2024 were approved by e-mail vote completed October 26, 2024.

APPROVAL / AMEND MEETING AGENDA – A motion to approve the agenda was

made by Director Nutting and seconded by Treasurer Blackwood. The motion passed unanimously.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT – President Sislow provided her report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS – Airport/Marina Committee- Nothing to report. Recreation Committee- Coke machines will be at every pool at no cost to POA. The committee agreed to

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• COMMUNITY

News from East Hancock Library

BY LEAH HOLMES

Happy holidays, Diamondhead readers! We hope you are enjoying the spirit of this most wonderful time of year. The magic of the season started early for us, with the long-awaited author visit from former Wisconsin Governor, Martin Schreiber, on December 5. Readers might recall that “Marty’s” My Two Elaines, a poignant memoir about Marty’s wife’s struggle with Alzheimer’s, was the focus of our inaugural Diamondhead Reads! Initiative, which launched this past summer. Thanks to all who turned out to support Marty. We also hope that those caring for a loved one with memory loss were able to connect with other caregivers who might be experiencing similar challenges.

The library is excited to extend the conversation about memory

loss with a second book, the much-acclaimed, Still Alice, by Lisa Genova. Although the book is not an “official” part of our Diamondhead Reads! program for this year, we invite the community to read the book in anticipation of Genova’s exciting, in-person author visit to the library’s HOME-GROWN: A WRITER’S EXCHANGE event, happening on Saturday, February 1, 2025. There, Genova, a Ph.D. in neuroscience, will be “in conversation” about the topic of memory loss and of course, Still Alice (there is also a movie by the same name, for which actress Julianne Moore scored an Oscar). We hope all will make plans to attend our HOMEGROWN event and enjoy this rare opportunity to hear from a top influencer on aging.

We are excited to announce a new library program beginning in

January: True Crime Tuesdays!, from 10 – 11 AM on Tuesday, January 14. For each session on the second Monday of the month, I will present a juicy, sometimes strange (but never too scary!) crime story: some topics will come straight from the headlines; others will be more obscure, but no less interesting. I’ll do the research, you bring your questions and theories, and together we’ll try to answer, “What were they thinking?!”

Other activities here at East Hancock Library include our Strength & Flexibility class, from 10:30-11:30 on Fridays (but 11:30-12:30 on the last Fridays); our Mahjong Dragon Ladies on Tuesdays from 1-4; our Adult Painting and Make & Take craft classes on alternating Mondays from 2-3; Literary Society of Diamondhead from 10:30-11:30 on

the first Wednesdays of the month; Adult Spanish on most Thursdays (starting again in January); and of course, our very successful Memory Café on the 4th Friday of the month for caregivers and those experiencing memory loss.

Our vibrant library holiday trees are sure helping to make the season bright for the 30th anniversary of our Holiday Tree Gala! Although East Hancock is now closed on Wednesdays, we hope you will stop by any other day to enjoy the amazing creativity of our local business and organizations. If you like what you see, consider touring all our Hancock Library System branches to see trees of every stripe!

Wishing you peace, joy, and a good book this holiday season,

Leah at the Library

Community Generosity Overflows: Diamondhead Exceeds Toys for Tots Goals!

BY MICHAEL BURKE AND DON BALL

Over the holiday season, you may have noticed white cardboard boxes scattered throughout Diamondhead and specifically at The Club. These boxes, decorated with a red toy train and the words “Toys for Tots” stenciled on the side, were placed to collect new, unwrapped toys for the holiday season. The goal was to bring joy to children in need within our community.

This toy collection initiative was a collaborative effort involving the Marine Reserve forces based at the Gulfport naval base, the Diamondhead Property Owners Association (POA), and Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 2880. A total of six collection boxes were filled by the Patrons of The Club and five more were filled by friends and comrades of the VFW.

Thanks to the overwhelming generosity of the

community, the Marines picked up the boxes in early December, finding each one filled to capacity—plus an additional lagniappe stack of extra toys on top. The 2024 Toys for Tots donations from Diamondhead far exceeded last year’s contributions, marking a significant increase in local giving.

Nationally, the Toys for Tots program was started in 1947 by a Marine Reservist and his wife. It’s a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, which was launched as a national campaign by the Marine Corps Reserves in 1948.

The mission of the program is “to collect new unwrapped toys and distribute those toys to less fortunate children” at Christmas time each year.

The Diamondhead VFW Post is thrilled at our local response to the program and look forward to the next giving season to top 2024 numbers. If you would be interested in hosting a Toys for Tots



Santa Claus was present at The Club in December to ensure local Marines received the 2024 Diamondhead Toys for Tots community collection of toys.

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8185 Ridgewood Dr | Kiln
4 bed | 2.5 bath
2775 sqft | \$425,000

Beautiful house in Kiln situated on 3 acres. This house is in great shape with an open & split floor plan, formal dining room, granite countertops, and so much more.



25541 Broadridge Dr | Picayune
4 bed | 2 bath
2339 sqft | \$275,000

Situated on 7 private acres (only about 2 acres cleared). The main level offers an open floor plan, large living room, spacious kitchen, lots of decks, workshop/garage, & so much more.

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**415 Highpoint Dr
Diamondhead**
2 Bed | 2.5 Bath
1217 sqft | \$219,000



Beautifully remodeled Townhome located across from community Club House. Back yard features an oversized deck overlooking the prestigious Cardinal Golf Course. Kitchen features stainless steel appliances, quartz counter tops, and vinyl plank flooring. Highpoint offers private pools. Diamondhead POA offers four community pools, an outstanding club house for dining, Tennis world, two championship golf courses and much more.



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307 Turner St | Bay Saint Louis
3 Bed | 2 Bath | 1104 sqft
\$292,000



Completely remodeled within the last few years. X Flood Zone. Golf Cart Community. Granite countertops & stainless steel appliances. Large corner lot, fenced in yard, lots of parking, large workshop with 110 power. Exterior HardiPlank Type. Furniture is available with listing.



246 Lakeside Villa Unit #J | Diamondhead
1 Bed | 1 Bath | 645 sqft | \$109,500
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**73664 N Diamondhead Dr
Diamondhead**
3 Bed | 2 Bath | 1630 sqft
\$240,000



**654 Mauna Loa Pl
Diamondhead**
4 Bed | 2.5 Bath | 2977 sqft
\$350,000



**15067 Chickasaw Rd | Kiln
Jourdan River Shores**
Waterfront Lot | 0.11 Acre
\$110,000



**85537 W Diamondhead Dr
Diamondhead**
2 Lots | 0.46 Acre
\$62,000

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208 Kona Villa | Diamondhead

2 Bed | 2 Bath | 951 sqft | \$164,900

Renovated 2 bedroom condo overlooking the 13th green of The Pine Golf Course. Balcony overlooking private green space. Abundant storage throughout. Enjoy the Diamondhead Lifestyle - 2 Championship 18 hole Golf Courses, Tennis World, Walking Trails, Kayak Launches, Marina, Airport, Shopping, Dining and more....



**85565 W Diamondhead Dr
Diamondhead**

3 Bed | 2 Bath | 1410 sqft | \$185,000

Fantastic view of the Golf Course and pond. Attic access in the bedroom ceiling - only unit with this pull down access. Updated wiring & circuit breaker box. Pella windows & sliders. Double hung windows in one bedroom. Custom Levelour Cordless Shades. Ceiling fans, GE Microwave, Frigidiaire Dishwasher, Washer & Dryer, Samsung 55' TV & Sound Bar, Lanai
Monthly Fee Schedule includes: Water, Sewer, Fire, Garbage, Termite, Exterior Maintenance on Building, Liability Insurance, Grounds & Pool Maintenance, Street Lighting, Pest Control & Smoke Detectors.



**654 Kiko St
Diamondhead**

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.

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**103 Saint Joseph St | Waveland
0.15 Acre Lot | \$159,000**

Cleared lot ready for a custom-built home in a coastal community blending convenience with natural beauty near downtown Waveland and walking distance to the beach.



**305 Third St | Bay Saint Louis
4 Bed | 2.5 Bath | 1700 sqft | \$709,000**

Renovated historic home in Old Town, Bay St. Louis, featuring details like pine flooring and beadboard accents. Modern kitchen, master bedroom with ensuite, screened porch, fenced backyard and flexible layout. Conveniently located near beach, downtown, marina, and golf course.



**845 E Scenic Dr | Pass Christian
3 Bed | 3 Bath | 2500 sqft | \$5,499,000**

An exquisite 8.5-acre lot on Scenic Dr. overlooking the Gulf of Mexico. Property includes six parcels extending from Beach Blvd to Second Street. This valuable land is open for new construction and multiple-home development. It's completely fenced and gated at the front and rear entrances. The expansive grounds still have two 1940s cottages that were combined to create a saddlebag cottage with the new addition of a master wing. Use this land as an investment opportunity to build multiple homes or for your private sanctuary.



**206 Idlewood Dr | Waveland
3 Bed | 2 Bath | 2198 sqft | \$225,000**

Beautiful brick home situated in an established neighborhood, conveniently located to shopping and entertainment. This home features ceramic tile throughout, a bonus room, a sun room, freshly painted throughout and new light fixtures.



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Testimonials

“ Diane was an absolute pleasure to deal with. She was very patient & helpful through the whole process.”

-David C.



**6533 Shawnee St | Kiln
2 Bed | 1 Bath | 1100 sqft | \$168,000**

Looking to live in Jourdan River Shores? Cute house on high ground w/ access to community swimming pool, tennis court, and boat launch. This house would make a great starter/retirement home or investment. The interior was freshly painted and with plenty of natural lighting this cozy house will be bright and cheery.



**5034 Kilimanjaro St | Bay Saint Louis
3 Bed | 3 Bath | 2000 sqft | \$385,000**

Public boat launch is directly across Hwy 603. Only a 10 minute drive to Old Town Bay St Louis or Diamondhead and just 45 minutes to New Orleans.



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Holiday Season and throughout the New Year!**



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730 Ieke Cir | Diamondhead
3 Bed | 2 Bath | 1868 sqft | \$279,000

Come see this spacious & updated home on a large corner lot in Diamondhead! New roof, new HVAC & stainless appliances. The fireplace makes for a cozy living space. Enclosed porch allows for quiet morning coffee hour; walking distance to the nearest community pool. This home will not last long come see it today!



8042 Hancock Dr | Bay Saint Louis
3 Bed | 2 Bath | 1188 sqft | \$120,000

Come see this affordable and newly renovated 3 Bed/2 bath home in Bay St. Louis. This home boasts a spacious Master Suite, Stainless appliances, and an open floorplan. This home is close to entertainment including the Local Casinos and the Beautiful Coast of the Gulf of Mexico.



400 Thomas Shields Blvd | Bay St. Louis
2 Bed | 2.5 Bath | 1623 sqft | \$479,000

Looking for a Cute Coastal Farmhouse....Look no more! This 4 year old 2 bed/2 bath home in the Shieldsboro Subdivision has Hardi- Plank Siding, Quartz counters, Vinyl Flooring, spacious bedrooms, and a great loft area! Also a community pool and is walking distance to the Beach and old town Bay St. Louis.



11162 New York St | Bay Saint Louis
3 Bed | 1 Bath | 2026 sqft | \$479,000

This 3 Bedroom Home sits on a deep water canal. This Home has an oversized porch, great views and features: Stainless Appliances, Granite Countertops, Luxury Vinyl Floors. Upstairs Offers a spacious bedroom and storage area. The outdoor living space offers a Second Lot that offers covered storage for the boats, the jet skis, and the camper.



8176 E Cypress Dr | Perkinston
4 Bed | 3 Bath | 2468 sqft | \$289,000

Custom built home with 6.1 acres. Fenced Pastures, New carpet and flooring throughout, stocked pond, detached Shop that is 1200 sqft with a roll up door, a small office and a 900 sqft apartment: 1 bed/1 bath spacious living and kitchen area and a private laundry room for friends and family to stay in.



8044 Firetower Rd | Kiln
2 Bed | 2 Bath | 1410 sqft | \$259,000

Looking for that country Home....Here it is...Come see this solid Brick home that can easily be converted back into a 3 bedroom. Features a fenced yard, Formal Dining, House Generator, Spacious Laundry Room, Enclosed Back Porch, as well as a Fantastic Master Suite. Close to Picaune and Kiln and Just a short drive to the interstate.

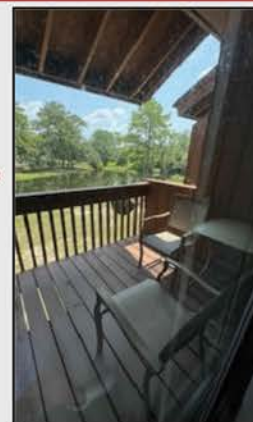


354 Loulu Pl | Diamondhead
Water Front Lot | 0.2 Acre | \$60,000

Come see this Prime Water Lot in Diamondhead with a bulkhead already in tact. This lot is just minutes from the Jourdan River which is perfect for fishing, boating, swimming, and all the fun water sports. Close to entertainment and casinos. Your options are endless!

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208 Lakeside Villa
Diamondhead
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Deposit:
\$900.00

2nd floor - end unit.
Studio unit in
Lakeside Villa,
Mostly
UNFURNISHED!

Water only included
in the rent.

6 Month Minimum
Lease.



239 Molokai
Diamondhead
1 Bed | 1 Bath
Rent: \$995/mo

Fully Furnished
Updated Condo.

Freshly painted.
Located In Molokai
Village. The back
porch overlooks
the pool.

Water And Sewer
Included.

Diamondhead Aviation: New Year's Resolutions

BY PAUL GILBERT

How many of us make a New Year's resolution each year? Lose weight, eat healthier, learn a new language, and so many other resolutions that fade by January 31st. Aviation resolutions offer ways to make

a plan for lasting improvement, as well as a safer year of flying.

Tired of being grounded by an overcast cloud layer? How about working on the instrument rating? It's the most useful rating a pilot can have. The skills acquired in training will improve heading and altitude

control and can ease the weather anxiety many non-instrument rated pilots face when marginal weather moves in.

When people think of flight under Instrument Flight Rules (IFR), they may imagine flight in clouds the whole trip, but most flights involve a

brief climb through a cloud layer, followed by cruise in clear air. The descent into clouds during the approach

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remove all signs at the pool stating no drinks and will be replaced with just no glass. Will be looking into the current organizational chart for rec There are a few little responsibilities that appear to be orphaned. Will be reconfiguring the tennis courts that are near the main pool, will be getting rid of the tennis courts and get two new Pickleball courts set up, talks about resurfacing and replacing the lights that are no longer working. The motion will be brought to the board in Decembers meeting. Administration/ Legal Committee- Nothing to report. House/Club Committee- Reviewed finance performance and plan to reduce its expenses with food and beverage. The card rooms are now set up to pay a fee for special arrangements such as food, beverage, and linens there will be a small service charge.

The new reduced menu is set up to roll out for January 2025. The catering business is increasing. There will be a family day at the club in the early spring. Facilities/Safety Committee- The staff located at the Community Center needs to relocate in order for us to save on energy. The kitchen floor needs to be repaired, currently waiting on a few bids so we can bring it before the board by next meeting. The television mount was done in the back of the Club and all the pressure washing in the back of the club was done as well. Will be bringing to the board at the next meeting about possibly changing out the spot light that is out on the patio for more ambient lighting. Golf/Grounds Committee- Nothin to report.

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT – Controller McInnis gave a report including financial data and Marketing report.

POA MEMBERS COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS –None.

REGULAR AGENDA –

2024-25- A motion to replace dump trailer for golf course and POA grounds maintenance made by Vice president Giarrusso and seconded by Ex-Officio Becker. Motion passed unanimously.

2024-26- Motion to spread upon the minutes, the authorizations to receive notice of meetings of the board via email made by President Sislow and seconded by Director Nutting. Motion passed unanimously.

POA MEMBERS COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS – Jessie Harwood spoke about member input to future plans and important amenities. And spoke about setting up a Q&A. Katheryn Lewis spoke about amenities.

NEXT MEETING – The next scheduled meeting will be on Monday, December 16, 2024, at 6:00 P.M. at the Diamondhead City Hall Chambers.

ADJOURN to Executive Session-

• See AVIATION
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Motion made by Ex-Officio Becker and seconded by Director Blackwood. The meeting adjourned at 6:24pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Meg Damiens
POA Board Secretary

On November 6, 2024 a request for Consent to Receive Notice of Special Meetings via Email was sent electronically to the Members of the Board of Directors from Council Jones. All Members of the Board have since replied with their consent on the following dates:

November 6, 2024

President Sislow, Director Pineau, Director Lee, Vice President Giarrusso, Ex Oficio Becker, Director Tubbs, Secretary Damiens

November 7, 2024

Director LaFontaine

November 8, 2024

Director Stromeyer, Director Nutting

November 13, 2024

Treasurer Blackwood

• TOYS

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box in your Diamondhead business, please reach out to the local Marine Reserve representative at <https://gulfport-ms.toysfortots.org/> or Diamondhead VFW Post 2880 before October 2025.

Amanda L. Pidgeon of Hancock County High school was presented the VFW Post 2880 National Citizenship Education Teacher Award for 2024-2025 at the annual VFW Christmas Banquet on 4 December 2024. Her selection will now go to

VFW District One which covers all VFW Posts in Hancock, Harrison, Jackson and George counties.

District winners advance to the state level and from there to the National level. Winners at all levels receive cash awards and commemorative plaques. Amanda serves as Head of the English Department at Hancock High School. She holds a Master of Arts in English from Southern New Hampshire University where she graduated with a 3.93 GPA. She has been a guiding force, shaping the academic and personal growth of countless students in the county.

In addition to her professional accomplishments, Amanda is deeply involved in the community. She has served as the United

Way Representative for HHS and has been recognized as one of the Top 10 Outstanding Citizens by the Hancock County Chamber of Commerce. Her community involvement extends to her leadership within the Junior Auxiliary of Hancock County, where she has held multiple positions including President. Amanda Pidgeon is an outstanding educator, leader, and community member who embodies the qualities that the Teacher Of The Year Award seeks to honor.

Her and husband Ryan along with their son Jesse reside in Diamondhead, MS.



VFW Post 2880 Teacher of the year award presented to Amanda L. Pidgeon by post member Don Ball.

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Adult Christian Education Classes: 9 a.m.

"Wired" Rehearsal : 5 p.m.

TUESDAY

GriefShare: 2 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

Youth Activities : 5:30 p.m.
Choir Rehearsal : 5:30 p.m.

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Email: james@c112.org.
Our mission is to help encourage the people of Diamondhead and the surrounding areas towards faith in Christ. Our desire is to minister to both the unchurched (those with little or no church experience) and those we call the de-churched (individuals who have been hurt in the past or disillusioned by the actions of some within a church setting). Join us in worship -- Sunday at 10 a.m. We also extend an invitation for you to attend one or more of C 112's monthly activities and events. We offer men's, women's and mixed small groups/Bible studies; children, youth, and family activities. Please check out C 112's regularly updated Facebook page and our website to find out the time, place and description of the events in which you are most interested.
Facebook: C112
Website: c112.org.

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PEO CHAPTER U BY KATHRYN LEWIS PEO (PHILANTHROPIC EDUCATION ORGANIZATION)



Diamondhead Chapter U member Sarah Parrington presents her book "Forbidden Flames of Valor". Sarah's book is available on Amazon and at her boutique Sugar Magnolia.

THURSDAY MORNING LINE DANCERS BY MOLLY KOONEY

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/>

LADIES BRIDGE PARTY BY GAY YOUNG

The date for our January Bridge Party is Friday 24,2025 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 con-

tact Terre Settle at 255-9892 or Gay Young at 255-1528.

The winners of the November Party were Liz Leonard First Place and Janet Parker Second Place. Our Special Prize went to Barbara Gibbons.

MAH JONGG GROUP BY SANDY PRICE

Hello everyone! We'd like to invite you to play Mah Jongg with us - each Tuesday morning we have lunch (usually at 11:30) then play from 12:30 - 4:00 PM. We usually play in a card room that we have reserved for us. It's a fun time; we're not real competitive. And afterwards we go to Latitude 30 for beverages until we adjourn for the following week. Please join us!! Thanks, Sandy Price 228-255-5457 or 228-342-5217.

DIAMONDHEAD NEWCOMERS

By Alison McCraw
The Diamondhead Newcomers

Club had a wonderful time at the joint December Fa La La Luncheon with the Diamondhead Women's Club. Everyone was decked out in festive, holiday attire, for an afternoon of holiday cheer, delicious food, and lively conversation.

During the luncheon, members and guests were treated to entertainment by Mike Lacey, along with our very own, Marilyn Lott. Members even joined in the fun by singing the almost famous song, "The 12 Days of Christmas in Diamondhead," which was written by members of the Diamondhead Art Group. The Fa La La Luncheon supported many local causes, with a 50/50 raffle benefiting the Magdalen House, angel ornaments for CASA, and donation collection for veterans in need. Fantastic door prizes were also awarded to some lucky members. As the luncheon wrapped up, guests left with full hearts, new friendships, and a sense of belonging,

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Diamondhead Newcomers Club Celebrate Christmas



making it a perfect start to the holiday season.

The Newcomers Club looks forward to celebrating 2025 with you! Please mark your calendars and join us on Wednesday, January 22nd for our "Belle of the Ball" luncheon. Let's celebrate the New Year by reigning as a Queen or a Princess for the day!

Lunch is \$25 and dues are \$20 for the year. RSVP to newcomersdiamondhead@gmail.com by January 17th to secure your reservation. Whether you are new to Diamondhead or have lived here forever, we hope you will join us for some fun! Call Marilyn Lott for more information 601-528-3336.



WINE CLUB BY MARSHALL KYGER

The Diamondhead Wine Club is dedicated to the exploration and enjoyment of wine. At each monthly tasting, we sample at least 6 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, January 16th - The Merits of Meritage - 7:00 at the Club

The French are known for their fine wines: Bordeaux, Burgundy, Chablis, Rhône, etc. Yet they have no grape that match the names. They have long made their wines by blending the juice from different types of grapes although some of their wines come close to 100% of a particular grape variety. California on the other hand focused on varietal wines, largely made from the yield of a single grape variety, e.g. Cabernet Sauvignon, Chardonnay, etc. Many of those wines in fact had juice from other grapes included as well.

Today, California wine makers have broadened their horizons to



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If you have questions, call Lou at 630-750-8135 or Marshall at 228-363-2488.

DIAMONDHEAD DEMOCRATS PROGRESSIVES INDEPENDENTS ALLIANCE BY GERRY GILBERT

The Diamondhead Democrat, Progressive, Independent Alliance (DDPIA) will meet on January 16th at St. Thomas Episcopal Church, 5303 Diamondhead Circle. The meeting begins at 10:00 a.m. with registration and social time followed by the business meeting and a guest speaker. Each monthly guest speaker is always interesting and engaging. Some of the past speakers include the Diamondhead City Clerk, the Hancock County Schools Superintendent, and the East Hancock County (Diamondhead) head librarian. Please join us for what always is an informative and enjoyable time.

DIAMONDHEAD GARDEN CLUB BY BRIERLEY ACKER

Hope everyone had a joyous and safe holiday season.

Our January meeting will be on the 15th of January. Our program will be The Importance of bees in the environment, presented by Joshua Reeves

If you did not get to the library to

see all the Christmas trees Diamondhead Garden Club was the judges favorite and won the Blue Ribbon. The public's favorite has yet to be tallied.

Ours was gorgeous, many thanks to Paula Kirk and the many elves on her committee. Fabulous

Everyone is welcome at our meetings. If you are interested in joining or just want to see what we are all about, come and check out what we are planning for the rest of the year. Meeting is at The Diamondhead Community Church on the 3rd Wednesday of the month 9:30 social time 10:00 am meeting begin

Call President Linda Naron 216 3430

GEAUX HIKING CLUB BY SHEILA EDWARDS

Well, this group is never deterred from hiking... or exploring.... or having fun. We tried to hike the Possum Walk, and were rained out... again... And we tried to hike at the Renaissance Festival (really... we even got out of the car and walked across the field), but we were turned away (le sigh).... We didn't have pre-paid tickets and they were sold out. So... what to do? Uh... Duh... Go to the liquor store! Walk (hike?) along the aisles and imagine how "that" vintage will go with a future meal (oh, yum!) Love ya, Aquistapace!

We did get to try out the new trail in Diamondhead: the Noma Drive trail. This is a nice, wide, flat black-topped trail that starts near the DH City Hall and winds along Noma Drive and along the road down to the



Geaux Hiking Club

developing marina and dock area at the end of Noma. If you're looking for an easy local hike, Noma might fit your needs. Our group hiked for a chilly hour under a brilliant blue cloudless sky before enjoying lunch

at Camphouse.

Following are the hikes we've planned to the start of 2025; so come hike with us! And bring your fun, energy, and suggestions!

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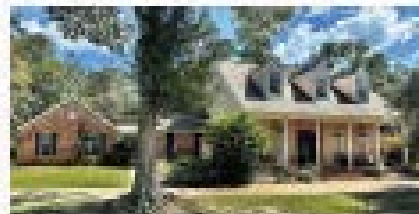
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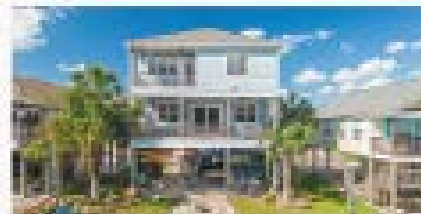
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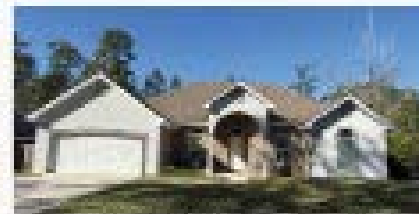
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bleau Trail, Ocean Springs. This hike is sponsored by the Jackson County Recreation Department, Mississippi Sandhill Crane Wildlife Refuge, and the Audubon Society and is led by an expert naturalist. Explore our constantly-changing coastal environment as we hike through the marsh, followed by lunch somewhere nearby. Meet at Twin Lakes a bit before 8:00am. Leave at 8:00am. Hike starts in Ocean Springs at 9:00am. Leader from Diamondhead to Ocean Springs: Sheila Edwards

Saturday, January 18—Forge Day at the Crosby Arboretum in Picayune, Mississippi. This event features blacksmithing demonstrations and hand-made crafts by local artisans. We'll also hike the trail at the Arboretum, which provides annotated plants, trees, and shrubs along the paths to add to the information and enjoyment. To form car pool, meet at the front of the DH Country Club parking lot at 9:15am. Leader: Sheila Edwards
 Wednesday, January 29—RARE late-day hike at McCleod

Park. We'll hike for about an hour in the late afternoon, followed by a yummy \$15 dinner of Royal Reds at the Jordan River Steamer. This special dinner-hike will start by meeting at the DH Country Club at 3:00pm to form car pool; drive to McCleod Park, hike, and then FEAST! Leader: Betty Whittington

Our next planning meeting will be Tuesday, January 7, 2025 at 6:00pm in the Kanaka room at the DH Country Club. We'll be planning the hikes that we'll begin 2025 with.

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• DH MARDI GRAS

Diamondhead Boaters Association Halloween Party

BY EDDIE MAUTERER

On October 25, the Diamondhead Boater's Association held its annual Halloween Party. The party was a spectacular event highlighted with the theme of "Aliens". The stage was decorated with a flying saucer and a backdrop of aliens visiting earth. The party was attended by 153 members. It was highlighted with a wide variety of costumes and a costume contest. Members were especially creative with their attire, and judges from the Southern Voice band had a difficult task picking winners. After the parade of elaborate and whimsical costumes the band anointed Witch Cindy Rushing as winner of the ladies' competition, Beast John Hutchings as the men's winner and political couple Lynn and Lou Anne Cox as best couple/group. The party was visited by Beauty and the Beast, a bee and beekeeper, couples representing the Kennedy's and the Trump's, ET riding in a bicycle basket, witches and warlocks, angels and devils and several space aliens. A dinner of chicken cordon bleu and roasted pork loin was enjoyed by all. After a delicious meal, members were able to dance the night away

to the music of Southern Voice. Credit for a wonderful event goes to Hank and Joanne Fried and their committee.



Diamondhead Boaters Halloween Party

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 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM

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• DH MARDI GRAS

The Krewe of Diamondhead Celebrates 50 Years at Their Annual Coronation Ball

**ARTICLE BY ROBIN GAINES
PHOTOS BY TOM KOGER**

The Krewe of Diamondhead held its Coronation Ball for the Mardi Gras year 2025 with the theme of The Gatsby Era. Jamie Wetzel-Morgan, Ball Chairperson, welcomed guests and ushered them to their seats for the festivities.

The National Anthem was sung by Marilyn Lott to kick the ball off in traditional fashion. The master of ceremonies, John Kirschenbaum, entered to the song “Bad Boy Good Man” instrumental by Tape Five and opened the celebration with a brief history of the Krewe, the announcement of our queens being named in the tradition of the founding members.

Board members from the Krewe of Diamondhead were then recognized and thanked for their hard work and willingness to ensure the Krewe has the finest every changing events and functions of any on the coast.

Kirschenbaum then introduced the Captain for the krewe, Hoppy Smith, who entered to the theme song

“Puttin’ on the Ritz” instrumental by The Grand Floridian Society Orchestra. Once he took his place in front of the stage, it was time to introduce the reigning court.

The 2024 court entered the ballroom to their theme Abacadabra and the song “Golden Eye,” by Tina Turner. The court included Duke Mike Lawson and Maid Renee Lawson, Duke Chris Liese and Maid Anna Liese, Duke Trey Giarrusso and Maid Margaret Giarrusso, and Duke Heath Harwood and Maid Jessie Harwood.

The “Herald Calls” signaled the

entrance of royalty. ALI’I HONUUA the 49th Jeremy Damiens & Mo’i Wahine the 49th Meg Damiens entered the ballroom to “If Ever I Cease to Love” and paid one last tribute to their loyal subjects. They took their places on the stage and the MC announced the retirement of the royal scepters. The past royalty, 2019 HRH Ron Rhoades and 2013 HRH Mickey Hatem

received the scepters and King Jeremy and Queen Meg took their seats.

The MC thanked the 2024 court for their outstanding Mardi Gras season before they adjourned to their seats to the song “ABRACADABRA” instrumental by The Steve Miller Band, thus concluding the Abacadabra theme.

The fanfare signaled and everyone turned their attention to the back of the ballroom where the doors opened once again for the incoming court. As the Royal Court for 2025 were formally announced, they entered the ballroom to the song “Sing, Sing, Sing (With a Swing)” instrumental, and each took their place on stage as they awaited the arrival of the King and Queen elect.

The maids wore the traditional black floor length gowns. The Dukes wore traditional black tuxedos. The Royal Court for 2025 are Duke James Embry & Maid Melissa Embry, Duke Dennis Holmes & Maid Patty Holmes, Duke Alijah Lee & Maid Kennedy Kingston, and Duke Heath Harwood & Maid Jessie Harwood.

The “Herald Call” once again alerted the audience to the pending presentation of royalty. Queen elect, Alison Kingston entered the ball-

room proudly escorted by Rebecca Backstrom. Alison was stunning in a white formal neoprene gown designed by iconic & much loved designer ALYCE Paris, and featured regal white rosettes on both shoulders and an elegant train. The gown can truly be described as haute couture after several custom fittings and specialization by seamstress Janet Roche. She



From left, Meg Damiens, Queen Alison Kingston, Ali’i Ho Nua the 50th Jamie Kingston and Jeremy Damiens.

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January 2025 Club News

**JANUARY 2025
THE CLUB AT DIAMONDHEAD
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Happy 2025! As we kick off the new year, we want to take a moment to express our deepest gratitude to you—our incredible customers. Your support, smiles, and loyalty mean the world to us, and because of you, we can do what we love every day. Please mark your calendars and join us for these exciting events in January and beyond. Here's to another year of amazing memories!

**TUESDAY – BINGO NIGHT 0 FIRST & THIRD
TUESDAY OF JANUARY: JANUARY 7TH &
JANUARY 21ST 6:00–7:30 PM**

**WEDNESDAY – TRIVIA NIGHT 0 EVERY
WEDNESDAY, STARTING AT 6:30 PM**

- Note: No Trivia on January 1

**TRIVIA WEDNESDAY PLATE AVAILABLE
5:00–8:00 PM | \$13**

- Southwest Eggrolls
- Chicken Bites
- Mozzarella Sticks
- Served with marinara, honey mustard, and avocado ranch. No substitutions. Limited availability.

**THURSDAY – KARAOKE NIGHTS 0 SING
YOUR HEART OUT EVERY THURSDAY FROM
6:00–9:00 PM**

- Note: No Karaoke on January 2

**FRIDAY – LIVE BANDS IN LATITUDE 30 0
7:00–10:00 PM**

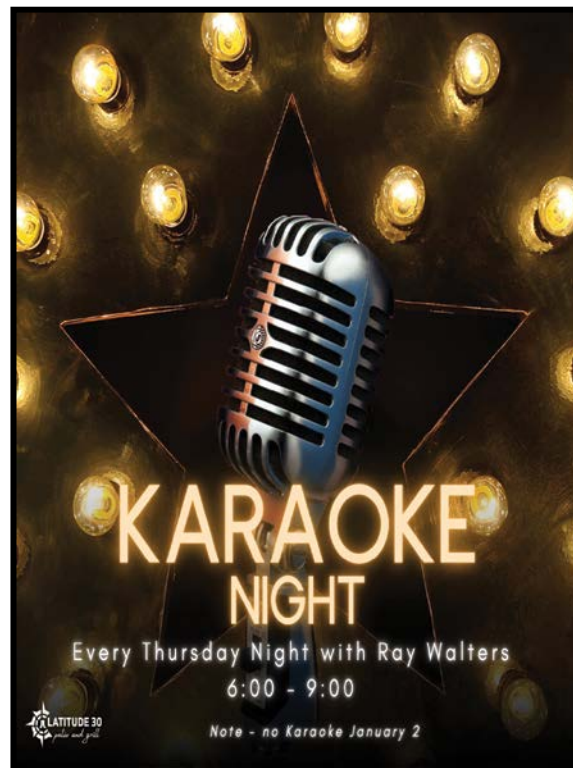
- January 3: No Band
- January 10: Short Circuit
- January 17: River
- January 24: Quarter Notes
- January 31: Missy and Ray

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usually lasts only ten or fifteen minutes before the runway starts to appear through the haze. Sure, there are days when clouds are all the way to the ground, but part of instrument training is learning when to keep it in the hangar and wait for better weather.

Building a Path to Proficiency

The flight review required by part 61 of the regulations requires a minimum of one hour of ground training and an hour of flight with a flight instructor. You must have had a flight review within the last twenty-four calendar months. Minus a few

finer points, this and three landings in the past ninety days are all the FAA requires for pilot currency for general aviation flying. But is that really enough? How about a New Year's resolution to spend an hour or two with a flight instructor each year? By the time your flight review is due, your skills will be sharp as ever and the flight review will be just a formality.

There are ways to achieve your currency goals without doing the flight review. WINGS seminars are scheduled throughout the year and many of them can be done remotely through webinars. Visit [faasafety.gov](https://www.faa.gov) to search for seminars and courses in various subject areas. Most events give

credit you can use to complete a phase of the WINGS program which can be used to satisfy the requirement for the flight review. If you're unfamiliar with the WINGS program, check out this link: https://www.faa.gov/documents/Wings_Manual.pdf

Another way to bypass the flight review is by earning a new certificate or rating. How about moving up to the Commercial certificate or the above-mentioned Instrument Rating? Adding a multi-engine or glider rating can introduce new dimensions to your flying. With a new certificate, your due date for the flight review is reset, and you're good to go for another twenty-four calendar months.

My next goal is a sea plane add on. I'm looking forward to the challenge of placing over a ton of metal smoothly onto the surface of nearby lakes and rivers. Looking through the seaplane handbook produced by the FAA, I can see it involves a whole new world, more akin to sailing. Here's the link if you care to check it out: https://www.faa.gov/sites/faa.gov/files/regulations_policies/handbooks_manuals/aviation/seaplane_handbook/faa-h-8083-23-1.pdf


Speaking of study guides, the FAA offers an entire library of books free of charge, covering topics like airplane and helicopter training, mechanic and air traffic controller. You can go to FAA.gov

but here's a link you can use to explore the enormous number of manuals they offer:

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Have a great 2025 and as always, feel free to email me with questions or comments,

Paul Gilbert
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Great Gatsby Dinner

MARCH 22, 2025

5:45 Charcuterie & Taittinger Carneros

Waldorf Salad Bees Knees - Empress Gin	Beef Wellington, Duchess Potatoes, Charred Asparagus Jadot Gevrey Chambertin Pinot Noir
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then took her place on the stage and all turned with an eager anticipation for the arrival of the King elect.

The fanfare again sounded and all eyes were on the back on the ballroom as King elect Jamie Kingston was announced and entered to the traditional song "If I ever Cease to Love." The King elect wore a traditional black tuxedo with white vest and tie.

The royal crowns and scepters were presented by 2019 HRH Ron Rhodes and 2013 HRH Mickey Hattem.

Ali'I Ho Nua the 49th Jeremy Damiens and Queen Meg Damiens crowned Ali'I Ho Nua the 50th, Jamie Kingston and Queen, Alison Kingston. Then departed the stage and bid their final farewell to their reign.

Captain Hoppy Smith presented the traditional toast to the newly crowned Royalty. The royal pins



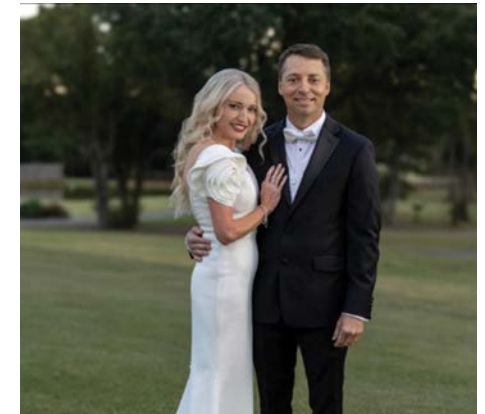
Maids Melissa Embry, Patty Holmes, Jessie Harwood, Kennedy Kingston, Queen Alison Kingston, Ali'I Ho Nua the 50th Jamie Kingston; Dukes Alijah Lee, Heath Harwood, Dennis Holmes, and James Embry.

were presented by President, Jeremy Damiens and the royal flag was presented by Captain, Hoppy Smith.

Ali'I Ho Nua the 50th Jamie Kingston made his official proclamation to all attendees that the streets shall be adorned with vibrant colors, music shall fill the air and laughter shall echo through every corner of our realm. This proclamation served as a reminder of the importance of uni-

ty and celebration. She summoned forth an ancient spell that will bring forth a magical feast of delectable treats, goblets that forever refill with the most sumptuous beverages and plates overflowing the enchanted delicacies that will leave the krewe spellbound.

The Krewe then enjoyed dinner, dancing and merriment throughout the evening as "Dr. Rock" entertained



Ali'I Ho Nua the 50th Jamie Kingston and Queen Alison Kingston. all who attended.

The Krewe of Diamondhead will hold their annual Mardi Gras ball on February 22, 2025, with the elegant and fun theme, "The Gatsby Era: The Great Gatsby". This will be followed by their annual parade that will take place, Saturday, March 1, 2025. For information or applications on the parade, please contact Parade Director, Sandy McGraw at 719-439-0269.

A Night of Celestial Splendor: Krewe of Selene Welcomes 2025 Royal Court

BY KIM KOPPMAN

On Saturday, November 16th, beneath a stunning full moon, the stage was perfectly set for the crowning of Selene, the Moon Goddess. The air was thick with excitement as the Krewe of Selene made their grand entrance into the opulent ballroom of the Club in Diamondhead. Attendees, dressed to the nines in elegant tuxedos and glamorous ball gowns, eagerly found their seats amidst exquisite black and gold decor, meticulously planned by head chairperson Teresa Manning. The Board liaison, Roxanne Worak assisted in planning, table seating and attending to

royalty before they were to preside across the ballroom.

The evening's highlight began with the announcement of the Tableau. The reigning 2024 Selene Queen, Kim Koppman, and King Endymius, Steve Koppman, made a regal procession through the ballroom, poised to crown their successors. Accompanying them were their court members, Jenny and Lloyd Ramirez and Kelly and Todd Torguson, who gracefully took their final walk as Selene Royalty. The lively music set an engaging backdrop as they greeted krewe members on their way to the stage.

Anticipation reached its peak with

the entrance of the new 2025 Selene Royalty. The Goddesses and their dukes dazzled in black velvet gowns and tuxedos. The incoming court included Sandy and Michael McGraw, Leanne and Martin Guidry, Lisa and Drew Pretzello, and first goddess and duke, Penny and Henry Majors.

With a triumphant blast of trumpets, the 2025 Queen Selene, Sara Koger, and King Endymius, Tom Koger, entered, beaming as they greeted krewe members. Sara's el-



Krewe of Selene King and Queen 2025 Tom and Sara Koger

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The Season of Giving with the Krewe of Olympus

BY CHLOE ALMEIDA

As the holidays are put to an end, and the community endeavors on their new year's resolutions,

the Krewe of Olympus wanted to end the season by giving back to the community. On October 26th, 2024 the Krewe of Olympus held their annual Derby Fundraiser with a portion of the proceeds being donated to the Magdalene House .

The Derby fundraiser was a large success thanks to Vice President Betty Maxwell and the volunteers that made the night possible. The Triple Crown worthy attire set the theme for the night, fit with six bracketed jockey races and brilliant creatives featuring their best hats, the night

encapsulated the glamour of the Kentucky Derby.

The Krewe of Olympus board of directors decided that a portion of the proceeds would be donated to the Magdalene House also known as Women's Community Support center, is a 501C3 non-profit organization that seeks to empower women to cultivate their physical, mental and spiritual needs and foster stable and independent lives outside of hardships they have faced.

"Our vision is to equip our clients through life skills training, safe supportive housing, and ongoing support, and to minister healing and restoration through Christian counseling and teaching."



Krewe of Olympus Derby Party

Through their hard work and donations from the community, this group has successfully helped women coming out of homelessness, incarcerations and addiction and given them safety, comfort and skills to live independently. Krewe of Olym-



pus is proud to have donated \$500.00 towards the organization. Magdalene House is currently accepting dona-

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eganly tailored white gown was perfect for her coronation, while Tom's white tuxedo jacket with black trim added a touch of sophistication. They graciously acknowledged the outgoing royalty and paid homage to Krewe Captain Terri Downy and escort, Mark Cuevas.

Former Selene Kings, Ricky Shepard and Scott McNamee

served as the evening's Floor Lieutenants. With great fanfare, Emcee Tracy Shepard announced the crowning of Sara and Tom. The entire krewe raised their champagne glasses in a toast to honor the new Queen Selene and King Endymius.

As part of the celebration, the royal gifts were presented by Krewe members Chelsey Smith, Ellen Titus, Robin Gaines, and Melanie James to Sara and Tom.

The night continued with a delightful dinner

featuring wedge salad, generous pork chops, Gouda grits with grilled asparagus, and dessert of crème brûlée, followed by dancing to the lively tunes of the band, TEASE ME. The club's staff provided exemplary service throughout the evening. As Sara and Tom prepare to preside over Mardi Gras festivities, including social engagements, parties, and parades, they are warmly welcomed by all as they embark on this exciting journey as Selene explores the universe.



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Reminder...As part of the efforts to maintain and properly utilize the World Handicap System/GHIN at The Club at Diamondhead for our members, we implemented eligibility requirements to play in club events that are based on net scores or pre-flighted based on handicap/handicap index. The eligibility requirements to play will continue for 2025.

The 13th annual Gobbler Golf Classic was held on November 30th (Saturday after Thanksgiving.) Thank you to all golfers that supported this event as well as all of our golf events this past year. More importantly, this group donated over 406 lbs of canned goods to the Hancock County Food Pantry and hundreds of

toys to the Toys for Tots program as part of their entry fee. Congratulations to our winners...

Gobbler Results...

Turkey Flight Champions – (2-way tie) Chris Morrison/Jay Sanders/Kevin Rea & Ernie Lee/Dwayne Braud/Robby Russell

Ham Flight Champions – (4-way tie) Steve King/Brice Howard/Danny King & Jerry Shamp/Don Smith/Billy Meighen & Evan Peeler/Victoria Nutting/Leland Elchos & Stewart Nutting/Mitchell Nutting/Judith Sonntag

Stuffing Flight Champions – (2-way tie) Bill Blackwood/Larry Osburn/Mike Sheffield & John Brdecka/Michael Gries/Chad Lenoir

Cranberry Sauce Flight Champions – John Kirschenbaum/Jonathan Stockstill/Shade Newman

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Proposed Schedule of 2025 Golf Events (subject to change)...

1/18 Double Black Diamond

1/25-1/26 Jack O'Neill Junior Championship

2/9 Super Bowl Scramble

2/16 Sweetheart Scramble

4/4-4/6 Big Kahuna Golf Challenge

4/23-4/24 Ladies' Malahini Member-Guest

5/16-5/18 Malahini Member-Guest

6/6-6/8 Hawaiian Mixed Couples

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tions of slacks, dress shirts, and business appropriate clothing for women currently seeking employment opportunities.

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9/12-9/14 Member-Member

10/3-10/5 Diamondhead CP Four Ball

10/11 Wheel of Misfortune
10/18 Fall Festival Scramble

10/25-10/26 The Shaka Club Championship

11/29 The Gobbler

During this time of year, it is critical that we all fix two ball marks and fill two divots every hole...any two will do... they don't have to be yours! We look forward to seeing you "PLAY MORE GOLF." The 2025 Golf Guides are available now. Please take the time to refresh yourself on our golf policies and procedures. As always, let us know how we can help.

DWGA

BY COLLEEN JONES

With Thanksgiving and rain we only got to play twice this month. November 7th we played a team game of best Low Gross and best Low Net on the Cardinal Course. The winning team was Liz Austin, Colleen Jones, Terri Woolbright and Pauline Singer. Closest to the Pin was Karen Dougherty on Hole #4 & 13, Bet Bowen on hole #7 and Liz Austin on hole #17. Birdies were had by Marta Wald, Margie Pittman, Jill Wiles and Liz Austin had 3 birdies. Joyce Teerling had a Chip-In.

November 21st we had our Turkey Shoot Out on the Cardinal Course. This is where you take 72 plus your handicap and plant your turkey on your last shot. Whoever gets the farthest down the course wins. The First Flight

winner was Marta Wald, second was Cassandra Godbold and third was Georgeann Luxion. Second Flight winner was Anne Payne, second was Betsy Lyons and there was a three way tie for third between Colleen Jones, Carol Kirschenbaum and Cathy Weber. Closest to the Pin was Liz Bell on hole #4 and #13, Karen Dougherty on hole #7 and Margie James on hole #17. Birdies were had by Marta Wald, Liz Bell, Cassandra Godbold, Tiffany Webb and Karen Dougherty. Cassandra Godbold had a Eagle on hole #3. Chip-Ins were had by Pat Ellis, Karen Dougherty and Judith Sonntag.

DWGA along with DWGAN had a fund raiser decorating Halloween Pumpkins for Young Lady Golfer Assistance Program. A check was given to Leslie O'Neill in the amount of \$655 which the Jack O'Neill Memorial will match.

DMGA

BY JAN VEST

It is with deep respect and sorrow that we announce the passing of Gene Demedicis, a long-standing member of the Diamondhead Men's Golf Association (DMGA) and the dedicated writer of the DMGA Report in the Diamondhead News monthly publication. Gene's contributions were invaluable, and his presence will be missed by all members of our community.

Gene's commitment to the DMGA and his engaging, insightful reports have left an indelible mark on our association. We extend our heartfelt condolences to his family and friends during this difficult time. Rest in peace, dear friend.

Leading Money Winners



First Flight winners for Turkey Shoot Out Cassandra Godbold & Marta Wald

4th Quarter Report

The leading money winners through the November 20th game are: Val Miller, Gene Demedicis, John Bunce, Byron Gandy, and David Barbatto

Game Results

October 16 – ABCD Points Format

•1st Place: Berni Breen, Percy Payne, Tom Woolbright, Richard Jarrell (+9)

•2nd Place: Michael Galvin, Bill Merna, John Bunce, AJ Dilley (-4)

•3rd Place: Gene Demedicis, Erie Hebert, Dennis Laumann, Joe Murray (-8)

•4th Place: Marshall Miller, Lee Kormandy, Tommy Murphy, Dennis Tauzin (-17)

•Closest to the Pin: Lenny Alphonso, Marshall Miller (twice), Berni Breen (closest shot at 3 feet)

•Lowest Score: Percy Payne

October 23 – Two Best Balls ABCD

•Tied 1st Place:

•John Black, Gene Demedicis, Joe Doyle, Chuck Ingram

•Norman Bowley, Marshall Miller, Val Miller, Arthur Burgoyne

•Tied 2nd Place:

•George Thibodeaux, John Benus, Tommy Murphy, Dennis Tauzin

•Thomas Amedee, Marc Patrick, John Bunce, Joe Murray

•Lowest Score: Erie Hebert

•Closest to the Pin: George



Second Flight winners for Turkey Shoot Out Colleen Jones, Betsy Lyons, Anne Payne, Cathy Weber

Thibodeaux, Joe Doyle (closest shot at 3'3"), Dave Barbatto, Norman Bowley

October 30 – Peers Mixed Bag

•1st Place: Brian Brown, John McLaughlin, John Bunce, Val Miller (-23)

•Individual Low: Brian Brown

•2nd Place: Jan Vest, Joe Wilks, Billy Stroud, Bernie Breen (-17)

•3rd Place: David Barbatto, John Black, Ken Walker, Mike Lindell (-15)

•4th Place: Rennie Pangan, Sam Lee, Cat Aguda,



Committee Members of Young Lady Golfer Assistance Program- Hoppy Smith, Brigitte Becker, Judy Tauzin, Leslie O'Neill, Georgeann Luxion, Terri Woolbright

Marc Patrick (-13)

•Closest to the Pin: Todd Covina (closest shot at 2'11"), John Black, Ken Walker, Billy Stroud

November 2 – Peers Sham-ble Two Best Balls

•1st Place: AJ Dilley, Ron Rech, John Speed, Richard Jarrell (-32)

•Tied 2nd Place:

•Val Miller, John Bunce, Dennis Laumann, Tom Woolbright (-23) •Chuck Ingram, Leonard Alphonso,

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Dennis Tauzin, Joe Murray (-23)

- Closest to the Pin: Gene Demedicis, Chuck Ingram (closest shot at 4'7"), Sam Lee, Richard Jarrell

November 6 – ABCD Shamble

- 1st Place: Jan Vest, Larry Osborne, Mark Beto (-26)

- Tied 2nd Place:

- Michael Liddell, John Black, Tommy Murphy, Dennis Tauzin (-25)

- Michael Galvin, Gene Demedicis, Tom Woolbright, Arthur Burgoyne (-25)

- 4th Place: Joe Wilks, Brian Brown, John McLaughlin (-24)

- Closest to the Pin: Fred Wiles, Jan Vest, Larry Osborne (closest shot at 2'8"), Brian Brown

November 20 – Peers and Points

- 1st Place: John Bunce, Dennis Laumann, Joe Doyle (-1)

- Individual Low Scores: Joe Doyle, Lee Cary

- Tied 2nd Place:

- Billy Stroud, Fred Wiles, David Barbato (-15)

- Sam Lee, Marc Patrick, Erie Herbert (-15)

- 3rd Place: Michael Cavataio, Larry Osborne, Lee Kormandy (-20)

- Closest to the Pin: Larry Osborne (closest shot at 4 feet), John Bunce, Joe Doyle, Fred Wiles

See you on the course!

DWGAN

BY SHIRLEY HALTERMAN

By the time this article reaches printing, we gals of the DH Nines hope you had a most Blessed Christmas, Happy Holiday and a Fantastic New Year.

Needless to say, weather conditions took a toll on our Tuesday golfing. November 19th found us with enough rain to call our game off; however, a good number of our members did come out for lunch and our scheduled General Meeting.

The following Tuesday, November 26 was our scheduled "Turkey Day." The Pro Shop provides information for each player as to your average score, and your goal is to play better than that or at least equal to it. The weather held out so we were able to get our game in. We had 26 players competing against themselves on the front nine of our Cardinal Course. Those bettering or matching their scores were as follows: Pattie Blackwood had a Turkey Score of 55 but shot a 48. MaryAlice Harfoush's Turkey Score was 54, and she turned in a score of 51. Pauline Singer gained



Toys collected for CASA Children by DH Nines

one stroke from her 54 score to get a 53. Judy Wright did the same by scoring a 54 against her 55. Then Cathy Gesell managed to match her score of 51. Dinah Knobloch had a Chip In on hole #1. Funds were also awarded for Closest to the Pin and Lowest Putts. Judy Amox came Closest to the Pin in Flight 1, Cathy Gesell in Flight 2 and Ruthie O'Neill in Flight 3. When it came to Lowest Putts, the 1st Flight winner was Therese Mauterer, 2nd Flight was taken by Brigitte Becker, and Flight 3 by Pauline Singer. We were glad to get this game in because it is always fun to try to improve on your own score.

The first Tuesday in December, the 4th, was our monthly Trophy Day competition. Although the morning proved a bit chilly, 18 brave gals came out to play the Back Nine of our Pine Course. Our Flight 1 winners were: 1st Place (in a scorecard playoff) Therese Mauterer followed by Toni Rossol in 2nd Place and Judy Tauzin in 3rd Place. When it came to Flight 2, Judi Brannan took 1st Place, Cathy Gessell took 2nd Place while Nancy Sislow came in 3rd Place. For Flight 3, Pauline Singer scored 1st Place, Ruthie O'Neill took 2nd Place while Mary Mizell garnered 3rd Place. During Trophy Day we always give awards for both Lowest Putts and Closest to the Pin. The gals must have been putting well since we had to award a couple of ties. In Flight One, Toni Rossol scored the least putts, while Flight Two had a tie between Judy Brannan and Nancy Sislow so they split the prize money. And, we had the same thing happen in Flight 3 with both Ruthie O'Neill and Pauline Singer scoring the same number of putts. Closest to the Pin honors went to Judy Tauzin in Flight 1, Cathy Gessell in Flight 2 and Ruthie O'Neill in Flight 3. Great job gals!

Tuesday, December 10th, found



Nines Members enjoying lunch

us looking forward to our Annual Christmas Scramble. Unfortunately, once again, Mother Nature had other ideas; and we got rained out. Not to be dissuaded from celebrating, we enjoyed playing a team oriented game with prizes, collecting toys for the children at CASA and feasting



DH Nines Yummy Cake

on a yummy lunch and Christmas Cake for dessert.

So, until next year, we pray for better weather and more time chasing the little white (or whatever color you prefer) ball around the courses.

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