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FROM THE DESK OF THE PRESIDENT

► **BY NANCY SISLOW**
BOARD PRESIDENT

In January, at the Executive Session, held following the open Board meeting, the Board accepted Rick Goldstein's request to transition out of his role as General Manager and to serve as consultant to an incoming General Manager. The Board then appointed Wallace (Hoppy) Smith as General Manager. Rick will continue for several months as a business consultant while Hoppy expands his knowledge and understanding of the status of the POA. Hoppy has a 30-year history, working in many roles for the POA and brings great insight to a difficult role. Please be sure to thank and welcome Hoppy to this challenging role. And

be sure to thank Rick for his important contributions to stabilizing the POA during these rocky times.

To continue the study of the financial position of the organization and to begin the process to determine a viable way to manage the remaining amenities, a Special Meeting of the Board was held on January 30, 2026. Our legal counsel's solution was considered in greater detail with more ideas to explore. The Board also authorized Rick and Hoppy to seek valuation of the marina and Camphouse. And we began a review of the offer by the Tennis lessor for purchase of the Tennis Club, including developing a list of requirements for ensuring that racquet sports continue in Dia-

mondhead despite a possible change in ownership.

Because the projected income in the 2026 budget has been behind expectations, another Special Meeting of the Board was held on February 13, 2026, during which the Board focused on proposals for expense reductions proposed by the General Manager and Business consultant. We prioritized the suggestions and the GM will move forward with the plans.

Challenging times are ahead. We are trying to balance the budget of the organization, ensuring the POA ends 2026 with a positive balance, while we plan for 2027. We need to find a way to ensure that those with dues in perpetuity do not bear the burden of amenity

maintenance while ensuring that the amenities remain in good condition. It is hoped that by being able to explain, by the fall, the way the organization will function in 2027, members will continue to support the current POA. We anticipate that there will

be differences in the future, but your support and understanding with any changes will help us prevail so the goal of a wonderful Diamondhead can be achieved.

The Board of Directors thank you for the opportunity to serve the POA.

On June 20th 2026, we will have our Annual Meeting and Election. There are 7 positions that will be opening up on the board: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and 3 Director positions. Election Packets will be available for pickup to potential candidates March 9th at the POA office. Candidate submissions are due by midnight on April 1st.

POA RECREATION DEPARTMENT

EASTER EGG HUNT

Hop on over to our annual Easter Egg Hunt! Bring the whole family for an afternoon of smiles, springtime fun, and egg-citing memories!

EGG HUNT | PICTURES WITH THE BUNNY
(BRING YOUR OWN CAMERA & BASKET)

MARCH 29, 2026 | 1:00 PM

Diamondhead Twin Lakes
POA Members in Good Standing - Free
All Others - \$5
Wristbands are required. Call 228-255-2929 to reserve. Hurry! This fills quickly!

The Bunny would like to help his fellow animal friends. Please bring a bag of unopened pet food that will be given to the Hancock County Animal Shelter

Diamondhead News

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Tennis World 255-5030
Waste Collection 832-3144

Diamondhead Country Club & Property Owners Association, Inc.

January 31, 2026

	Revenue	Expense	Net Gain/Loss	Depreciation	Net Income
Club	253,213.18	261,610.69	(8,397.51)	4,164.71	(12,562.22)
Camphouse	6,500.00	2,475.22	4,024.78	3,709.82	314.96
Golf	180,595.31	48,482.32	132,112.99	7,214.75	124,898.24
Golf Academy		7,513.80	(7,513.80)	-	(7,513.80)
GCM		140,081.16	(140,081.16)	18,138.57	(158,219.73)
Grounds		20,414.24	(20,414.24)		(20,414.24)
Recreation	50.00	16,049.97	(15,999.97)	5,946.38	(21,946.35)
Community/Twin Lakes		1,060.06	(1,060.06)	-	(1,060.06)
Tennis	3,500.00	1,232.87	2,267.13	3,883.16	(1,616.03)
Marina	8,290.86	4,606.76	3,684.10	5,491.21	(1,807.11)
Facilities		18,246.08	(18,246.08)	771.68	(19,017.76)
Marketing		20,442.53	(20,442.53)	-	(20,442.53)
Admin	7,884.14	123,612.00	(115,727.86)	12,908.45	(128,636.31)
Membership	220,191.00		220,191.00	-	220,191.00
Airport		134.01	(134.01)		(134.01)
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The **POA** Board meets every month on the 3rd Monday at City Hall. All meetings begin at 6:00pm. Every meeting is live-streamed and can be found on YouTube.



• COMMUNITY

VFW Post 2880

BY MICHAEL BURKE

Serving Those Who Served VFW Post 2880 at Work in Diamondhead

Diamondhead VFW Post 2880 is a local group of men and women dedicated to advocating for veterans, active duty service members, and their families within Hancock County. Through year round fundraising efforts and community partnerships, the Post works to ensure that those who served our nation receive real support close to home.

One of the Post's most recognized activities is the distribution of Buddy Poppy flowers, an international symbol honoring fallen service members.

These poppies are always provided at no cost to the public. Donations are appreciated but never required, and any contributions received help support programs benefiting veterans and their families.

Diamondhead is fortunate to have The Club at Diamondhead and its golf course, which hosts the Post's annual KOA Golf Tournament. This event brings together veterans, residents, and supporters each year while raising appreciated funds for local veteran assistance.

Another fundraiser available to the community is the Memorial Brick Program at the Maluhia Garden Blue

Star Memorial. Community members may purchase personalized memorial bricks online at <https://www.fundraisingbrick.com/vfw2880/> with a significant portion of the proceeds returning to VFW Post 2880.

Funds raised by the Post are directed back into the community. Local veterans who are in need are encouraged to contact the Post for assistance. The Post also provides support to spouses of deceased veterans and works to assist homeless veterans within Hancock County.

VFW Post 2880 supports veterans participating in Honor Flights so they may visit and reflect at their

memorials in Washington, DC. In addition, the Post supports the Hancock Hawk Army JROTC Battalion, the local BSA Scout Troop, and conducts annual food drives for veterans. This year, Post 2880 will work closely with Humana's Uniting for Veterans initiative to support food security for veterans across Hancock County.

With many activities taking place throughout the year, VFW Post 2880 remains an active presence in Diamondhead. Veterans interested in joining are encouraged to attend meetings held on the first Wednesday of each month at 6 PM at The Club at Diamondhead.

East Hancock Library

BY SAVANNAH STEWART

Our popular weekly sewing class has been thoughtfully redesigned into an engaging, skill-building series that helps participants build confidence one project at a time. The first multi-class series guides students through creating a beautiful apron from start to finish. Graduates of that series may then register for the next level: constructing a custom bag. The third and final series focuses on sewing a versatile project pouch, perfect for showcasing newly developed skills. To keep classes accessible, participants only cover the cost of materials, which never exceeds \$20 per series. Materials are provided by instructor Paula Kirk, with payment due to her at the first-class session. Because we maintain small class sizes to ensure individualized instruction, and due to a limited number of sewing machines, registration is required. Currently, both daytime and evening sessions are full, but we warmly encourage you to speak with a staff member or Paula about joining the waitlist for the next session.

Our regular programming continues to offer opportunities for learning, creativity, and connection throughout the week. Join us every Monday from 10:30–11:30 a.m. for Story Time and Crafts, a joyful hour designed to support early literacy and social development in young children while fostering

a lifelong love of reading. On the first and third Mondays, we host Painting with Elen, and she also leads Conversations in Spanish for adults every Thursday from 2–3 p.m., offering a relaxed and welcoming environment to practice language skills. On the second and fourth Mondays from 2–3 p.m., our new informal book club gathers for lively conversation; there is no required reading, and participants are encouraged to share and discuss whatever they are currently enjoying.

Fridays offer opportunities for both movement and creativity. Strength and Flexibility meets from 10 a.m.–12 p.m. and is an instructor-led, seated fitness class ideal for older adults and patrons with disabilities who are looking for gentle movement and stretching. Participants are encouraged to bring water and wear comfortable clothing. Later in the afternoon, from 1–3 p.m., we host Crafts and Conversation, a relaxed, come-and-go gathering where community members bring their own projects and enjoy crafting alongside fellow creatives. There is no formal instruction—just good company and engaging conversation.

There's something for everyone at your library this month. Whether you're browsing the bookstore, learning a new skill, or connecting with neighbors through one of our programs, we look forward to welcoming you soon.

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For other rentals:
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228 Lanai Village
Diamondhead
1 Bed/1 Bath
Rent:
\$1150.00/mo

UNFURNISHED unit close to office. Beautiful wood flooring, white cabinets, & chair rail in the dining area. This unit has the side porch that has a door. The back porch overlooks the pool area



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Choctaw Place | Kiln
0.25 Acres | \$17,500



8820 Manoo Place
Diamondhead
2 Bed | 2 Bath
1536 sqft
\$268,000



Updated home on peaceful cul-de-sac. Spacious living room with beautifully crafted ceiling. Recent updates include: new flooring, new sheet rock throughout, fresh interior & exterior paint, updated molding & baseboards, new outlets, cabinetry, new windows, plumbing fixtures, light fixtures, a stylish new front door & quartz countertops. Kitchen features brand-new appliances, bathrooms upgraded with new commodes, sinks, & vanities. There is a newly installed sidewalk and lush new grass. HVAC system is only 2 years old & roof is just 3 years old! One year termite treatment



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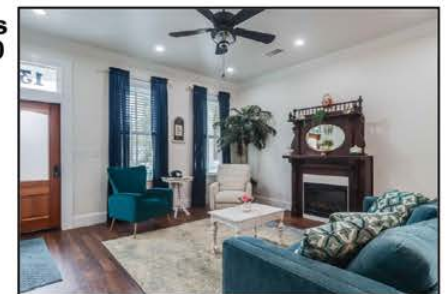
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131 Northwood Drive | Pass Christian
3 Bed | 2 Bath | 1,716 sqft | \$255,900



8428 Ieke Drive | Diamondhead
4 Bed | 2.5 Bath | 1,822 sqft | \$282,117



0 Golf Club Drive | Diamondhead
0.27 Acres | \$18,000



814 Camellia Dr. | Bay St. Louis
3 Bed | 2 Bath
1,200 sqft | \$289,000

Coastal getaway with open living & kitchen area, spacious bedrooms, stainless appliances, new decking & plenty of natural light! Ample parking, new bulkhead, elevator & dock.



4300 Firetower Road | Kiln
3 Bed | 2 Bath | 1,825 sqft | \$334,000

Come by & see this Beautiful Brand New Construction home in Kiln, MS! Features split bedroom floorplan with spacious master suite & soaking tub. Vinyl Flooring, Granite Countertops, Stainless Appliances, ample storage, & great closets are just a few features in this home. The builder thought of every detail! Sits on just under one acre.



12009 Circle G Ranch Road | Picayune
3 Bed | 2 Bath | 1,969 sqft | \$347,900

One of a kind Updated home. Split Bedroom floorplan, Great Master Suite, Formal Dining room, Laundry Room, Granite throughout & natural Wood Floors are just a few things this home includes. Offering enough land to give you the feel of privacy & only 12 minutes from town! Enjoy the beautiful sunsets over the lake and fish in your own backyard.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY



9520 Kalikimaka Place | Diamondhead
4 Bed | 5 Bath | 3,096 sqft | \$359,000



8921 Hanalei Circle
Diamondhead
3 Bed | 2 Bath
1,714 sqft | \$237,500



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\$214,000

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*St. Patrick's
Day*



306 Perron St | Waveland
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Parkview Ln Lot #15
Pass Christian
0.14 Acres \$35,000
Exclusive area of gorgeous homes at the end of Parkview Lane. Near golf course and beaches. Pass Christian Isle Subdivision. 50ft x 125ft



5719 Anoi Way | Diamondhead
3 Bed | 2.5 Bath
2,580 sqft | \$298,000

- Freshly painted!
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- Move-in-ready!
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- HVAC less than two years old!

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• CHURCHES



St. Thomas Episcopal Church (Diamondhead) has elected the 2026 Vestry. The Vestry is elected by the Congregation to promote and protect the financial and spiritual well being of the Church. These lay leaders pictured include: (back row) Sean Ziegeler, Bill Parrish, Martin Austin and George Hepburn. (Front) Don Chamberlain, Joy Jennings and Michael Cowan. Not pictured members: David Hector, Mike Benton, and Penny Edwards.

ST. THOMAS EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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WORSHIP TIMES

Sunday 9:00 am Holy Eucharist followed by Hospitality Hour
Wednesday prayer service and potluck dinner 5:30pm weekly
St. Thomas is partnering with Hancock Excel by 5 to offer "Baby & Me 1, 2, 3!" This free and engaging program is for children aged from newborn to 2 years old and their mom, dad, grandparents, and caregiver. The activities include information on milestones, playtime, and family chat time.

The program is from 9:30-10:30 a.m. on the first Saturday of the month from October-May. It is open to all!

The artists of Saint Thomas, Diamondhead, are inviting you to join us during Lent on March 22 at 1pm for a quiet and reflective afternoon of contemplative painting. As we move closer to Holy Week and Easter, we have chosen Renewal as our theme. There will be short meditations presented as well as art demonstrations and instruction. All materials will be supplied to try your hand at painting in oils, acrylics, watercolor, and pastels. However, participants may bring their own art supplies if they wish. It

doesn't matter if you are an accomplished artist or have never picked up a paintbrush, all are welcome. The emphasis in this workshop/retreat is on the contemplative process of creating a piece of art. The Saint Thomas artists who will be leading this workshop are Kathryn Lewis, Lynda Gilmore, and Joy Jennings. Light refreshments will be available. There is no charge for the retreat but if you would like to make a monetary donation for our local animal shelter as part of our outreach ministry, it will be appreciated. To register, please contact the Saint Thomas church office: mail@stthomasdiamondhead.org or 228-255-9213

DIAMONDHEAD COMMUNITY CHURCH

5301 Diamondhead Circle
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dhcommunitychurch.org

Worship Service
Please join us on Sundays at 10 am for worship services with Pastor Stan Van Den Berg.
Christian Education
We have Sunday school classes at 9 am for adults as well as children (by age group). In addition, Children's Church is held during a portion of the worship hour.
Nursery Care
Nursery care is provided between 9 and 11 am.
Fellowship
All are welcome to join us for snacks and Christian fellowship at 11 am following the worship service.
Children's Choir
Parents, we offer exciting opportunities for your children ages 5-12 and 13-17 to participate in our youth choirs.
Pre-School
Little School is still taking 2025-2026 registration. Little School hours are 8 am-12pm
Mon - Fri. We still have a few spots open.

DIAMONDHEAD METHODIST CHURCH A GLOBAL METHODIST CHURCH

5305 Noma Drive
Diamondhead, MS 39525
Office: 228-255-6888
Sunday Worship Service: 10: a.m.
Meet and Greet Sunday: 9:30 to 9:55 a.m.
"Greetings! in the name of our Lord Jesus the Christ! We welcome all who are new or looking

for a dynamic worship experience.

Our new pastor, Reverend Shelley Hill is here and we are delighted with the wonderful things happening through the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

We welcome and encourage everyone regardless of current or former denominational involvement, hazed or inflicted upon by Past "Christian" association or even socially shunned. We are a growing home of God to be shared by all who attend. We currently meet for 2 women's, 2 men's, 1 co-ed and multiple opportunities for gathering activities in His name throughout the week!

All meetings are here at the church.

email: office@diamondhead-methodistchurch.org, Facebook: Diamondhead Methodist Church
Website: www.diamondhead-methodistchurch.org (under construction)

JACOB'S WELL BAPTIST CHURCH

29554 Vic Faye Road, Pass Christian, MS 39571;
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Sundays:
Worship = 8:45 a.m. & 11 a.m.
Bible study = 10 a.m.
Wednesdays:
Fellowship meal, 5:45-6:20 p.m.
Adult & Youth Bible study, 6:30-7:30 pm..
Children's Awana Program, 6:30-7:30 p.m.
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Saturday: 4:00 & 6:00 p.m.
Sunday: 7:30, 9:00, 11:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.
Greetings! Please join is for the following events. All are welcome!

We have an upcoming Power of the Eucharist Explained on January 24th from 8:30am to 3:00pm. Lunch served. We had an overwhelming amount of people sign up and are booked. However, we do plan to have a 2nd Power of the Eucharist Explained coming soon. No cost.

Also, we have an Apologetic's Retreat scheduled for February 28th from 8:30am-3:00pm. Please sign up. Informative discussions on the Catholic religion. Lunch served. No cost.

There will be a Ecumenical Prayer Service here at Most Holy Trinity on January 22nd at 6:00pm. All are invited to attend. Our Family Life Ministry is having a Teen Retreat on February 21st at 8:00am. Please see attached to the bulletin the Anchor Flyer and scan the code to sign up.

Most Holy Trinity Catholic Church will be hosting a St. Joseph Altar in honor of St. Joseph's Day on March 19, 2026 at 9062 Kiln-Delisle Rd. Pass Christian. This beautiful tradition, deeply rooted in faith and community is a meaningful way for us to celebrate the life and example of St. Joseph, the patron saint of workers and families. The altar will be on March 19, 2026 from 10:00 am to 7:00 pm. The altar will be blessed at 10:30 am and lunch will be served from 11:00 AM until 1:00 pm. For information and donations please email : toniandjoe@hotmail.com.

Diamondhead Aviation

BY PAUL GILBERT

Plan for safe flights. Flying west at 34,000 feet, we had just passed Kansas City. Kansas City Center was on the number one radio, while the number two radio was tuned to 121.5 (commonly referred to as Guard Frequency) and slightly lower volume. Other than the occasional call to try to direct an aircraft to the correct frequency or controllers testing their equipment at shift change, 121.5 is typically quiet. When I heard what sounded like, 'engine failure'. I turned up the volume to hear a surprisingly calm voice asking about nearby airports.

Had I heard the pilot say he had an engine failure or maybe a partial loss of power? His voice sounded too calm for someone who was experiencing a complete engine failure on a moonless night. Then the pilot told the controller, 'I might not be able to make the field' in that surprisingly calm voice. That definitely sounded like someone experiencing a full power failure. Listening to a quiet frequency for a short while after hearing the pilot say he might not be able to make the runway, I started to worry that I had just heard the last words before a crash. Half a minute later, 'I think I'll make the runway', followed by the pilot asking if they could get the runway lights activated. One Delta flight offered to try to activate the lights but the controller said they had the lights on.

Another minute or two passed in silence before an aircraft keyed the mike and told the controller, 'he said he's on the ground'. Up to that point, no unnecessary chatter was heard, but the successful landing prompted a string of calls from different flights that were obviously listening to the emergency situation.

"Great job"

"Awesome job"
"Glad you're okay"

The calls continued for a short while. The tension had been felt by many in the area.

I don't know what caused the emergency. One person did offer advice to switch fuel tanks, and the pilot said he had plenty of fuel, but that was the only information given. What matters is pilot was able to make it to an airport and make a safe landing. Times like this make me think about how we can improve our chances of a safe landing if we have a power loss.

Altitude is your friend

There are plenty of factors to consider in choosing a cruising altitude, but more altitude means more choices if the powerplant fails. The published glide ratio for most Cessna 172 aircraft is approximately 9:1. For every nine feet forward, you'll lose one foot of altitude. At an altitude of five thousand feet, you're only going to be able to travel around eight and a half miles. If the closest airport is ten miles away, you'll have to find some other landing area. If you're at eight thousand feet, that distance goes up to over thirteen miles. For night flights, pick the highest altitude you can while still considering aircraft performance, winds and other factors. Glide performance varies with aircraft, so check your own aircraft and keep that number in mind. It's important to keep track of airports along your route so you don't waste precious time trying to determine where to go.

Personal minimums change with conditions

While I have no problem flying an instrument approach down to minimums in a turbine twin, I don't like flying a piston single when ceilings are below one thousand feet. The rationale is this; if the engine fails, I want at least a thousand feet between clouds and the

ground where I can see what I'm descending into. Save the approaches to minimums for flights with an instructor or safety pilot monitoring the VFR world while a view limiting device simulates IFR conditions. And if you're not instrument rated or it's been months since your last instrument flight, basic VFR weather should be the absolute minimum.

Know your aircraft systems

What are the normal exhaust gas and cylinder head temperatures for cruise flight? What is the normal oil temperature? A sudden increase in temperatures should prompt a landing as

soon as practical so you can investigate. A close watch on fuel flow and fuel quantity can give you ample warning of a possible fuel leak.

An evolving emergency plan

Sure, we know the weather at our destination. We have reviewed NOTAMs for destination and alternate airports, right? How about airports along the route? Today's moving map displays have excellent Nearest Airport features. Many offer longest runway data as well as bearing and distance from your present position. In the absence of such technology, a constant check on the nearest airport on a pa-

per or electronic chart is essential, and in addition to that, I suggest keeping that airport's CTAF or tower frequency tuned in the number two radio's standby location, with the second radio's active frequency tuned to 121.5 and actively monitored.

This also assumes the number one radio is tuned to an ATC station being used for VFR flight following if not on an IFR flight plan.

There are many other ways to stack the deck in your favor in that rare possibility of an engine failure inflight. What are the ways you ensure flight safety? Feel free to email me with your tips and tricks.

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Diamondhead Senior Village

BY MARY GOBERT

We made it through Groundhog's Day, Valentine's Day, Mardi Gras, and President's Day, so put all that in your "Sweet Memories" folder and prepare for Spring! Senior Village is preparing for a fun month to welcome in our next season, including a field trip. Come to Diamondhead Senior Village every Tuesday at 10 for games, speakers, exercise, and more! Call or text 228-216-0100 if you have questions.

Tuesday, March 3--10:00 Grocery Penny Auction. We provide the pennies and you use them to bid on grocery items. Friendly competition and food! At 11:00, Criminal lawyer husband and wife

team, the Kolbes, will talk about their experiences in criminal justice. They will answer general interest audience based questions, but cannot speak specifically to personal situations. This should be a very interesting hour!

Tuesday, March 10--10:00 John McVay will be in the house with his entertaining Oscar based Music Trivia. Always a good trip down memory lane for everyone. At 11:00, fan favorite Gloria, from Senior Medicare Patrol, will be here to talk about Medicare fraud and answer questions.

Tuesday, March 17--9:00...repeat, 9:00, FIELD TRIP. Meet at Senior Village to depart for the County Courthouse and Jail tour. Dr. Desmond

Hoda, Justice Court Judge, will be our tour guide. We leave at 9:15 with whomever is present!

Tuesday, March 24--10:00 Exercise video and cardio drumming. Hmmm, come find out what that's all about! 11:00, Crafts with LeAndra. All materials and instruction is provided.

Tuesday March 31--10:00, Veterinarian will speak and answer questions. At 11:00, March Birthday Celebration.

We hope you see something you would enjoy on this schedule. Come, bring a friend, make new friends, and make suggestions for future meetings. Everyone and their ideas are welcome.

Remember, it takes a (Senior) Village!

• CLUBS

PARTY BRIDGE CLUB BY ELISE BREEN

The date for our next monthly gathering to play Party Bridge will be Friday, March 27, in the Kanaka Room at the Diamondhead Country Club. Our arrival time is 9:15 and we will begin playing at 9:30. If you have any questions regarding the Party Bridge Club, please contact Barbara Gibbons at (228) 760-1112 or Elise Breen at (228) 342-1529. The winners in January were Barbara Gibbons in First Place, Sam Lee in Second Place, and Tania Bankston in Third Place. Our Special Prize went to Kathryn Lewis.

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 METHODIST CHURCH, 5305 Noma Drive.

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DH LIONS CLUB BY DWAIN SIMPSON

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• CLUBS

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Is there something you'd like to taste? Maybe wines from a particular vineyard or a particular varietal? Share your ideas with us!

GARDEN CLUB BY GRETCHEN KLINEFELTER

As the scenery comes alive with vibrant green growth this March, we invite you to celebrate the magic of a new growing season. The soil is warming up, making it the ideal time to reconnect with nature and nurture your garden back to life. Let us take action and get our hands back into the soil to ensure a thriving, beautiful landscape for the months ahead. "Taking action" to beautify and protect our environment is at the root of the 2025-2027 theme for The Garden Clubs of Mississippi, Inc. (GCM), "Garden Clubs Make Mississippi MAHVELOUS Sow, Grow, EDUCATE, Show." GCM has been connecting gardeners since 1929, providing an instrumental link for garden clubs across the state as they strive to promote the advancement of beautification, conservation and education through their



programs, projects and opportunities. Six districts of garden clubs throughout the state make up The Garden Clubs of Mississippi, including Hills and Delta, Natchez Trace, River Road, Southern Pines, Tombigbee Valley, and Spanish Trail.

With the abundance of ancient live oaks in our city, Diamondhead Garden Club is dedicated to preserving our community as a live oak tree sanctuary. In 2019, garden club members saw a need for and established a tree committee to identify and register ancient live oaks one hundred years in age or older. The initial tree committee included Mrs. Linda Naron, Mrs. Mary Cole, Mrs. Judy Womack, Mrs. Joyce Hunt, Mrs. Penny Crawford

and Mrs. Stephanie Jensen. Together, they documented the first 130 trees registered with Hancock County Historical Society that displays the beautiful, green plaque you see around our community. In 2020, Diamondhead's mayor signed a proclamation that designated the community as one of Mississippi's live oak tree cities. In 2023, the torch passed to our current committee chair, Mrs. Joanne Radosta. Under her leadership and love for these beautiful trees, she has brought the total number of registered oaks to 146. Mrs. Radosta, along with her husband Jay, and tree committee members, have worked together to measure and record tree specifications for Hancock County Historical Society, documented with the county and state. Mrs. Radosta shares, "while remaining trees are not immediately visible, a number of historical live oaks are still in our community." She encourages residents to reach out to a garden club member if they have property with an older oak. Each oak is special and unique. Diamondhead's two oldest oaks are 246 years in age. You can view "Grand Daddy" at Devil's Elbow and "Bradley Live" at Kona Villas.

It was a privilege to have Miss Rachel Bond

from Pine Hills Nursery join us for our February program. Miss Bond showed us how to get started with container planting and explained why it is so enjoyable. We are grateful for the time she spent with us and for the opportunity to have learned from her.

Diamondhead Garden Club meets the third Wednesday of each month at Diamondhead Community Church in the Activities Room. We hope you will join us Wednesday,

March 18 for our next meeting and program. The program will focus on Flower Show preparation and discussion. Mrs. Joy Burke and club members, Penny Crawford and Brierley Acker, will lead us, provide demonstrations and answer any questions. (Diamondhead Garden Club's Annual Flower and Horticulture Show will take place on Thursday, April 9 at the Community Church. Free admission to the public. More information to

come.) Club social time begins at 9:30 a.m. with our meeting to follow at 10:00 a.m. All Diamondhead residents are welcome.

The garden awakens with the arrival of March. March gardeners, your checklist includes planting cold weather annuals such as English daisies, sweet William, hostas and calendulas. Divide mondo grass and liriopse. Trim both 4-6 inches tall to encourage new growth. Plant your roses before March

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7928 Hapuna Place-
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• CLUBS

15 and remember to spray new rose leaves for black spot disease weekly once leaves are fully emerged. Prune established roses to remove dead and weak canes then properly dispose of the clippings. March is time to start seeds for tomatoes, bell peppers, hot peppers and eggplant. You can set out herbs: thyme, rosemary, lemon balm, oregano, chives and sage. Plant ornamental trees and fruit trees. Dispose of fallen camellia blossoms to prevent blight. Prune evergreens, including boxwoods and holly for size and shape. Cut out any dead wood or cold damage. Do not prune spring-flowering shrubs until after the bloom period is complete. Mulch all landscape bed areas with pine straw, pine bark or hardwood chips. Apply two to three inches to suppress weeds and protect plant roots. Apply pre-emergent herbicide to prevent crabgrass and other summer weeds. Check tools for rust and clean if needed. Prevent future rust by lightly coating tool heads with mineral oil.

Please check out our 'Live Oak Tree' ad following this article.



Contact: jmfavaloro@yahoo.com

g.klinefelter@yahoo.com

Did you ever consider you may have history growing in your yard? Diamondhead Garden Club is looking for Live Oak Trees in our community that are 100 years in age or older. Not sure of your tree's age? The tree must have a circumference of 9 ½ feet or greater measured at 4 ½ feet from the ground up. A Garden Club volunteer would be happy to assist you in determining that information. We can also help you get your tree registered with Hancock County Historical Society and provide you with a certificate and a plaque for your tree that denotes the registered name you choose as well it's age.

Some historic Live Oaks fall just a bit short of these required measurements. We can still honor the significance of your tree. Your Live Oak would be 'recognized.' The owner of a recognized Live Oak would receive a certificate and a tree plaque. This also provides that your tree is on track for certification.

This is wonderful way to celebrate the beauty in Diamondhead, a Live Oak Tree City in Mississippi!

DH NEWCOMERS BY ALISON MCCRAW

The Diamondhead Newcomers Club celebrated Mardi Gras at our February luncheon. Members and guests arrived dressed in vibrant purples, greens, and golds, ready to second line! February birthdays were celebrated and members participated in a Mardi Gras costume contest. With themed table decorations, festive outfits, and a delicious lunch, Mardi Gras spirit filled the air! Be sure to mark your calendars to join us for our March luncheon on Wednesday, March 11th at 11:30. Come Runway Ready and enjoy the Exit 16 Fashion Show! You will see some of our very own members strutting their stuff on the catwalk! Lunch is \$25 and dues are \$20 for the year. RSVP to newcomersdiamondhead@gmail.com to secure your reservation.

The Newcomers Club calendar of events for the remainder of the year is as follows: The April luncheon will be held on Wednesday, April 8th. Wear your favorite spring outfit inspired by April Showers Bring May Flowers! May 13th will be



Diamondhead Newcomers
the club's final meeting of the year, as we say

ADIOS to another successful year!

Whether you are new to Diamondhead or have lived here forever, we hope you will join us for some friendship, fun and a delicious lunch at The Club at Diamondhead. Call Marilyn Lott for more information 601-528-3336.

DH GEAUX HIKING CLUB BY SHEILA EDWARDS

Lucky us! We've been enjoying some unusually warm, early spring-like weather. Perfect for hiking and outdoor activities. Don't

miss these special days! Check out our schedule and make plans to join us and take advantage of these inviting days.

Saturday, March 7--Regularly-scheduled first of the month hike on Fountainebleau Trail, in 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. The hike starts in the woods and winds through the marsh before going back into the long-leaf pine forest.

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March 2026 Club News

DANIELLE BIGLER, CLUB OFFICE MANAGER

Spring Is Almost Here — And We're Ready to Celebrate!

We can't believe spring officially rolls in on March 20! The days are getting longer, the patio is calling our name, and we're looking forward to seeing everyone out enjoying great food, music, and fun here at the Club.

March is packed with weekly favorites, special events, and plenty of reasons to gather with friends and family.

Weekly Happenings

Tuesday — Sips and Giggles Ladies Night. Starts at 5:00

Bingo — March 3 & March 17 Bingo nights are always a blast — join us for laughs, drinks, and a little friendly competition. The fun starts at 6:00 pm. On the 17th, we're going with a St. Patrick's Day theme — don't miss our St. Patrick's Day specials:

- Irish beef stew with a roll — \$18

- Irish whiskey flight — \$17

- Available 11:00 am — 7:00 pm, dine in only, while it lasts

Trivia Night — Every Wednesday Grab your team and join Zack at 6:30 for trivia night, plus enjoy ½ price wings and draft beer while you play.

Wednesday Night ½ price wings + draft beer

special. Available from 5:00 pm — 8:00 pm. Dine in only. No substitutions.

Thursday Night \$12 burger & draft beer special. Available from 5:00 pm — 9:00 pm. Dine-in only. No substitutions.

Friday Night Live Music

- March 6 — Southern Voice

- March 13 — Silver City

- March 20 — Missy & Ray

- March 27 — Dangerous Curve

Friday Seafood Plate (Through Lent) Available every Friday from 11 am — 9 pm.

Saturday Night Shrimp Carbonara. Delicious dish of grilled shrimp, creamy pasta, parmesan, and bacon served with toast points. Available every Saturday in March from 5:00 am to 9:00 pm. \$32

Sunday Game Night with Zack and The Fighters Guild A fun weekly tradition for all ages. The fun starts at 4:00 pm in The Oak Room. Perfect for kids and families. No charge.

Special Events

March 14 — Wine Pairing Dinner An elegant evening of wine and dining in The Oak Room, at 6:30, featuring Honig Vineyards and Winery. Reservations are required. Call 228-255-2918 ext. 120. \$115. Discount available for POA members.

March 17 — St. Patrick's Day Celebration Food & drink specials plus Bingo! Enjoy our Specials:

Irish beef stew with a roll — \$18 Irish whiskey flight — \$17

Available from 11:00 am — 7:00 pm. Dine-in only, while it lasts.

March 20 — Back to the 80's Party

From 7:00 — 10:00 in Latitude 30. Live music. Costume Party.

March 21 — Bourbon and Cigars Night

Please join us on the Oak Room Patio from 5:00 — 7:00 for our popular Bourbon and Cigars night. Everyone is welcome!

March 28 & April 7 — Steak Night Is Back

Join us on the Patio beginning at 5:00 for our popular Steak Night! Your choice of a Flame-grilled Hand-cut Filet, Ribeye, or Strip Steak. Served with a salad & baked potato bar.

\$35 - \$55

Available in Latitude 30 and The Oak Room. Reservations are suggested for The Oak Room. Call 228-255-2918 ext. 120. 5:00 pm — 9:00 pm. Dine-in only.

April 5 — Easter Buffet Seatings at 10:00, 12:00, and 2:00 Call extension 3 to reserve. Limited ballroom availability with overflow seating in Latitude 30. Buffet Breakfast in Latitude 30 from 7:00 am — 10:00 am (buf-

fet only). More details coming soon!

Employee of the Month

We're proud to recognize Brandy Brown as our Employee of the Month!

Brandy has been with us for over seven years, beginning her journey in the kitchen before transitioning to the front of house. Through dedication, versatility, and a strong work ethic, she has worked her way up to AM Lead in Latitude and has held nearly every position here at the club. We often call Brandy our "Swiss Army Knife" — or even our "Spackle" — because she's always willing to change hats and fill in the cracks wherever needed. Her flexibility, positive attitude, and team-first mindset make her an invaluable part of our club family. Congratulations, Brandy, and thank you for everything you do!

Spring is right around the corner, and we can't wait to spend it with you! Whether you're joining us for live music, trivia, dinner, or a special celebration, we look forward to seeing familiar faces and welcoming new ones. Be sure not to miss any of our upcoming events!

If you're not currently on our email list, please send your contact information to communications@dhpoe.org so you can stay in the loop.



• CLUBS



Diamondhead Geaux Hiking Club

It will be followed by lunch somewhere in or near Ocean Springs. Meet at the front of DH Golf Club parking lot 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

Thursday/Friday March 12/13—Rare overnight trip to Natchez, MS. While trip details are still being worked out, Natchez offers many attractions and points of interest, including Indian Mounds, Antebellum homes and a cemetery that pre-dates the Civil War. Trip information will be shared at our next planning meeting (see below) and on our Facebook page.

Wednesday, March 25--Crosby Arboretum in Picayune. We'll hike one of the trails at the Arboretum, which provides annotated plants, trees, and shrubs along the paths to add to the information and enjoy-

ment. \$5.00 admission To form car pool, meet at the front of the DH Country Club parking lot at 9:30am. Leaders: Jan Redd and Sheila Edwards

Our next planning meeting will be Tuesday, March 3, 2026, at 6:00pm in the Kanaka room at the DH Country Club. This is the best-est time of year for hiking. We should put a few good ones on the schedule—it only takes your curiosity and putting on your thinking caps (and hiking boots??) See you then!

DH PEO CHAPTER U BY KATHRYN LEWIS

Diamondhead Chapter U and Coast Chapter H were hosts for the PEO (Philanthropic Education Organization) Founder's Day. Educational support is at the heart of everything we do offering scholarships, grants, loans, and support to deserving women from all walks of life. In keeping with our seven Founder's mission for over 150 years ...today more than 1/2 million women in the USA and Canada are passionate about helping woman advance their education.

Diamondhead PEO Chapter U (Philanthropic Education Organization) celebrates the initiation of their newest BILS. BILS are an unofficial part



Representing our Founders from Diamondhead Chapter U: Eileen O' Brien, Teresa Manning, Louann Cox, Barbie Quebedeaux, June Ciolino, Leslie O'Neal and Cheryl Doyle.



Kerri Guichet, BIL Paul; Kelly Torguson, BIL Todd; Brenda Hays, BIL Ralph.



Representing Chapter H in charge of decorations Jan Johnson and Chapter U Sara Parrington.

of the PEO honoring the spouses/partners of members who are loyal, patient and cooperate when needed to assist in the success of fundraiser and other functions of the Chapter. Affectionately members call them BILS(brother-in-laws).

PEO CHAPTER T

BY DINAH KNOBLOCH



PEO chapter T pic caption: P.E.O. Chapter T Program for Continuing Education Chair Fran Yates, pictured right and Chapter T President, Mary Craig Murray, pictured left, visited the Chamberlain University School of Nursing in New Orleans and met with Deans of the School and current students. Nursing students at the school have been recipients of grants awarded through P.E.O. in order to obtain their RN and Bachelors Degrees in Nursing. P.E.O. is a women's international philanthropic educational organization that's primary focus is to give educational opportunities through scholarships, grants, awards, loans, and stewardship of Cottey College.



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KDH Queens Lunchin

BY MEGHAN DAMIENS

Honors The Queen and her Royal Court at a recent luncheon, held at the The Diamondhead Club on February 5, 2026.

Guests arrived ready to celebrate their Krewe of Diamondhead Royalty. The luncheon was arranged by, Kyle Bauer, Lou Ann Cox, Cheryl Doyle, Diane Harwood, Jessie Harwood, Jeanne Helling, Pam Hense, Penny Majors, Jamie Morgan, Gina Newman, Sarah Parrington, Tracy Sheppard, Gayla Torguson, and Sue Warren.

Queen Teresa Manning was adorned in white, while her maids were in black. Beautiful gifts represented to her Royal Majesty and her Royal Court and everyone in attendance enjoyed a great lunch prepared by the Diamondhead club staff.

The Krewe Of Diamondhead will hold their annual Mardi Gras ball on Saturday, February 7th; in the Emerald ballroom of the Di-

iamondhead club. For more information on joining the Krewe of Of Diamondhead, please contact membership director, Dana Wair, donadana@gmail.com



KDH lunchin caption: Pictured: Front Left to Right: Maid Debbie Sykes, First Maid Kelly Kennedy, Queen Teresa Manning, Maid Brenda Hayes, and Maid Jeannie Carapetian. Standing are the presenters (L to R) Sue Warren, Penny Majors, Jessie Harwood, Diane Harwood, Kyle Bauer, Cheryl Doyle, Jeanne Helling, Jamie Morgan, Sarah Parrington, Gayla Torguson, and Lou Ann Cox.

KDH Mardi Gras Ball

BY MEGHAN DAMIENS

Curtain Up! Krewe of Diamondhead Celebrates 51st Annual Mardi Gras Ball

(Diamondhead, MS) — The lights of Broadway shined bright on the Mississippi Coast as the Krewe of Diamondhead hosted its 51st annual Mardi Gras Ball on February 7, 2026. Held in the elegant Emerald Ballroom at The Club at Diamondhead, the evening's "Broadway" theme brought the magic of the theater to life.

The Opening Overture: The evening's Master of Ceremonies and 46th King, Kevin Parrington, set the stage as he was introduced to the iconic "Opening Overture" from Chicago.

Behind every Broadway success is a strong back-

stage crew, and the Krewe's leadership was recognized for their year-round dedication. The "production team" making the show possible included:

- President: Jeremy Damiens
- Vice President: Stephanie Hardesty
- Secretary: Jamie Stockstill
- Treasurer: Tim Kennedy
- Social Director: Sandy Hatem
- Parade Director: Carmen Waring
- Membership Director: Dana Wair
- Publicity Director: Meg Damiens

The ballroom then welcomed the Krewe of Diamondhead Captain, Hoppy Smith, who arrived to the hauntingly beautiful "Music



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Photo provided by Tom and Sara Photography. 51st Ali'i Houna Harold and Queen Teresa Manning

of the Night" from The Phantom of the Opera.

The Royal Court Takes the Spotlight:

Representing the various stages of a Broadway production, the 2026 Dukes and Maids made their grand entrances:

"The Overture":

Duke Jimmy Brownell (represented by Ronnie LaFontaine) and Maid Jeannie Carapetian walked to the "42nd Street Overture." The Spotlight":

Duke David Sykes and Maid Debbie Sykes strutted to "Don't Rain on my Parade" from Funny Girl.

The Final Bow":

Duke Tim Kennedy and Maid Kelly Kennedy took the stage to "A Lot of Living to Do" from Bye Bye Birdie.

Note: Duke Ralph Hays, Maid Brenda Hays, and Duke Jimmy Brownell were missed as they were unable to attend due to illness and were greatly missed.

The Royal Maids were stunning in a palette of emerald green.

Maid Jeannie wore an elegant floor-length satin gown by Sherry Hill.

Maid Debbie chose a classic ruched A-line gown with an asymmetrical ruffle.

First Maid Kelly shimmered in a boat-neck gown embellished with intricate beadwork.

The Dukes complemented the ladies in traditional tuxedos featuring Mardi Gras-themed vests and bowties.

Arrival of the King and Queen:

To a fanfare of trumpets, the Krewe welcomed its 51st Royalty. Her Royal Highness, Queen Teresa Manning, dazzled in a silver sequin gown by MacDougall of New York, featuring padded puff sleeves and a deep V-neckline. She was escorted by her grandson, Elliott Manning.

The Krewe then welcomed ALI'I HONUUA, Harold Manning, to the traditional Mardi Gras anthem, "If I Ever Cease to Love." Donning his white tuxedo with tails and official King Pin, he took his place alongside his Queen to preside over the festivities.

A Gathering of Royalty:

The celebration was a true coastal affair, welcoming visiting royalty from neighboring Krewes:

- Boaters: King Rich and Queen Eileen Lindquist



Photo provided by Tom and Sara Photography. From left Maid, Jeannie Carapetian, Maid Debbie Sykes, First Maid Kelly Kennedy, Queen Teresa Manning, King Harold Manning, First Duke Tim Kennedy and Duke David Syke

Selene: Queen Melanie James and King Mark Cuevas

Olympus: King Kevin and Queen Sarah Parrington

The evening also honored a long legacy of Royalty with a parade of Past Kings and Queens dating back to 2012, all of whom receiving a standing ovation from the Krewe.

Past Kings (2013-2025):

2013 Mickey Hatem; 2019 Ron Rhodes; 2021 Kevin Parrington; 2022 Joe Doyle; 2023 Hoppy Smith; 2024 Jeremy Damiens; and 2025 Jamie Kingston.

Past Queens (2012-2025):

2012 HRH, Pat Sheehy; 2013 HRH, Sandy Hatem; 2015 HRH, Josette Grace; 2018 HRH, Sara Koger; 2019 HRH, Dinah Rhoades; 2020 HRH, Jamie Morgan; 2021 HRH, Sarah Parrington; 2022 HRH, Cheryl Doyle; 2023 HRH, Suzy Smith; 2024 HRH and Publicity Director, Meg Damiens; and 2025 HRH, Alison Kingston.

The Celebration Continues:

The transition from 2025 to 2026 featured a special performance as the 2025 Royal Court returned to the spotlight one last time to

entertain the new Royal Court. Following the performance, King Harold Manning offered the traditional toast, and Captain Hoppy Smith blew his whistle to officially begin the evening's festivities.



Photo provided by Tom and Sara Photography. 51st King Harold and Queen Teresa Manning with The Krewe of Diamondhead members

The King and Queen led the first dance to "Some Enchanted Evening" from South Pacific. Guests then enjoyed a gourmet dinner prepared by The Club at Diamondhead, followed by a night of dancing with music by Joni Compretta and the Baytown Groove, DJ Ron Talent, and pho-

tography by Tom and Sara Photography.

Join the Krewe: The Krewe of Diamondhead is a year-round social club! From dinners to dances, there has never been a better time to join. Contact Membership Director Dana Wair at sedonadana@gmail.com for details.

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Selene Mardi Gras Ball



Selene Mardi Gras

BY KIM KOPPMAN

Selene attended the Yule Ball at Hogwarts for its Mardi Gras Ball of 2026, offering the entire Krewe of Selene a breathtaking glimpse into the extravagance and tradition of a Mardi Gras Ball inspired by the magical world of Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire. On Saturday, January 17, the Emerald Ballroom at The Club in Di-

amondhead was transformed into an opulent winter wonderland reminiscent of the famed Yule Ball.

The formal affair drew its theme from the beloved film, where the Yule Ball served as a Christmas celebration for fourth-year students, staff, and invited guests. The décor was nothing short of enchanting. Lighted Christmas trees, icicles, and cascading snowflakes adorned the ballroom, while tables

shimmered in elegant shades of white and silver. A whimsical photo-op area allowed guests to step onto Platform 9¾ at the train station and into the Hogwarts library, creating magical memories throughout the evening.

The dining room was thoughtfully divided into four sections, symbolizing the four schools featured in the film. The ball was chaired by Selene's 2025 Queen, Sara Koger, alongside her court goddesses: Sandy McGraw, Leanne Guidry, Penny Majors, and Lisa Pretzello.

The evening began with cocktails and socializing before the Tableau commenced at 6:30 p.m. Selene Queen Melanie James and her King Endymius, Mark Cuevas, made a magical entrance, walking regally through the ballroom with their court. The Queen dazzled in a spar-

ling silver hoop-skirt gown from the Tiffany Designs Co., complete with an elegant train and collar, as she ascended the stage into full royal regalia. The queen's gown was purchased through Lady Magnolia in Diamondhead.

The Selene Goddesses and Dukes represent each of the four houses of the Harry Potter movie series. Each had their own colors in their Mardi Gras costumes. Allison and Jamie represented the house of Gryffindor in red, Diane and Trent represented the house of Slytherin in Green, Jessie and Heath represented the house of Ravenclaw in blue, and Haley and Bentley represented the house of Hufflepuff in yellow.

Selene dancers performed a signature dance routine aligned with the evening's theme, followed by three Se-

lene dancers and their partners who captivated guests with a graceful waltz.

Dinner service featured a rich mushroom soup for the first course, followed by a perfectly prepared filet mignon accompanied by a medley of potatoes and heirloom carrots. The meal concluded with a delightful mascarpone cake topped with fresh berries.

Following dinner, guests danced the night away to the sounds of Joni Compretta and the Baytown Groove. The celebration concluded at 10:30, bringing the magical evening to a joyful close.

The night was a true celebration of culture, community, and history—an unforgettable evening filled with music, laughter, and enchantment for the Krewe of Selene.

Diamondhead Boaters Association host 2026 Mardi Gras Ball

BY JIM MILLER

New King Akua Kai the 50th Richard Lindquist and his lovely Queen Eileen Lindquist welcomed members and guests of the Diamondhead Boaters Association to the 2026 Mardi Gras Ball on January 30 at the Club at Diamondhead.

Commodore Jim Miller welcomed the attendees then turned the program over to the Master of Ceremonies, Doug Maxwell, who guided festivities through the ball's theme of "Boaters Through the Decades." Maxwell reminded the crowd that the Krewe of Kamehameha was founded in 1975 and crowned its first royalty in 1976. King Tom McMurry and Queen Blanch Devine reigned over the festivities that included a boat parade following the Krewe of Diamondhead parade, a royal toast

to visiting royalty and a party at the Yacht Club.

Maxwell said the Krewe held its last boat parade in 1993, and beginning in 1995 Boaters held a Coronation Ball followed by a Mardi Gras Ball. Through the Decades the Boaters have evolved into the Krewe they are today. They created The Alii of the Mystic Krewe of Kamehameha to identify previous royalty and keep that majestic group together to preserve the history and traditions of the Krewe.

Maxwell introduced visiting royalty in attendance: From the Krewe of Diamondhead, King ALI'I Honua Harold Manning and Queen Teresa Manning; from the Krewe of Selene, Queen Selene XXVII, Melanie James and King Endymius XXVII, Mark Cuevas; and from the Krewe of Olympus: King Zeus XVIII, Kevin Parrington and Queen

Hera XVIII Sarah Schafer Parrington. Maxwell then recognized former kings and queens of the Krewe of Kamehameha in attendance as well as recipients of the Royal Dolphin Award, individuals who have performed significant service over the years to the Boaters organization.

After introducing guests of the royal couple, Maxwell introduced members of the Royal Court. Entering the ballroom to music from the 1990 Boaters Mardi Gras Theme "That's Entertainment," played by music director Ron Tallent, was Maid Marilyn Lott escorted by Duke Al Lott. Entering the ballroom to music from the 2002 Boaters Mardi Gras Ball theme of "Days of Wine and Roses" was Maid Robin Gaines. Entering the ballroom to the 2012 Boaters Mardi Gras theme of "Night in Italy" was Maid Kathryn Lewis escorted

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King Akua Kai the 50th Richard Lindquist and his lovely Queen Eileen Lindquist

by Duke Jon Lewis. Entering to the 2019 Mardi Gras ball theme of “California Dreaming” was Lady-in-Waiting Renée Riso escorted by Equerry David Riso.

A fanfare by Ron Tallent heralded the introduction of the royal couple. His royal highness King Akua Kai the 50th, Richard Lindquist, and her royal majesty, Queen Eileen Lindquist entered the ballroom to the traditional theme “If Ever I Cease to Love” and took a royal turn around the dance floor amid smiles and applause.

After the table captains poured champagne for the members, King Akua Kai the 50th read his royal proclamation. “I wish to make four proclamations tonight:

“1. I PROCLAIM, as King of Boaters and Ruler of the Seas that all Seamen will have a year of fair winds and weather and that all our fishermen will return to port with their nets full of fish!

2. I PROCLAIM lower scores for

our golfers, who, in their fiberglass chariots traverse the fairways, greens and sometimes the woods of Diamondhead in pursuit of the elusive Birdies, Eagles and Holes in One. May your Drives be straight and Putts be true and the counting of strokes be done on only one hand!

3. I PROCLAIM that you be lucky in cards by making your meld, getting the grand slam or holding the winning poker hand!

4. I PROCLAIM that if I, King Akua Kai 50th do not see my shadow on Ground Hog Day, there will be six more weeks of parties in honor of our Krewe!

“And, I pray that GOD will bless us all and give us Peace & Prosperity in this Jubilee Year of the Krewe of Boaters!”

King Akua Kai 49th Tom Warren offered a toast to King Richard and Queen Eileen on behalf of the Krewe of Kamehameha. King Richard then honored Queen Eileen with the first dance of the evening to the music “A Whole New World” by Regina Bille and Peabo Bryson, played by Ron Tallent. The king and queen invited their court to join them on the dance floor.

Following the royal toasts, Maxwell introduced the entertainment tableau.

The opening number, reflecting last year’s Boaters Mardi Gras Theme of “Camelot,” was our own King Arthur, Mr. Jan Vest, who sang the title tune, “Camelot.” The entertainment then took party goers back to 2017 when the theme was “Let’s Take A Stroll Down Magnolia Lane.” Dancing to a Southern Classic, “Waiting on the Robert E Lee,” were the lovely Selene Dancers - June Ciolino, Lou Ann Cox, Leslie O’Neill, Barbara Quebedeaux, Suzy Smith and Kelly Torguson - under the direction of choreographer and dancer Mary Mizell. The dancers then took the room back to 2009 when the theme was “Kamehameha’s Hawaii,” featuring the hit

from ABBA, “Dancing Queens,” in which past queens who were in attendance joined Pam Marshall, Mary Mizell and Audrey Ramirez on the floor.

After a delectable feast prepared by the Club of Diamondhead dining staff, King Richard and Queen Eileen requested that everyone follow them onto the dance floor in that old Mardi Gras tradition, the Second Line, complementing the festive atmosphere.

King Richard gave tribute to Ball

Chair Gail Hutchings and her team “for their marvelous job of organizing this beautiful Mardi Gras Ball.” Enhancing the theme throughout the evening with dinner and dance music was the popular band Razzoo.

Once again, special recognition goes to the many volunteers for assisting the committee in creating another enchanting celebration for the Diamondhead Boaters Association members and guests.

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Our Super Bowl Scramble overall team champions and AFC Flight champions consisted of Blair Nutting, Evan Peeler, Judy Sonntag, and Niko Wilson. The team of Chris Morrison, Jay Sanders, Danny Foy, and Bob Neal won the first place in the NFC Flight Flight. Jordan Craft, Alec Jimerson, Chris Chmielenski, and Mark Matassa. 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.

On February 9-10, we hosted the Pearl River Wildcat Invitational. This collegiate golf event featured 12 teams from all across our state. Congratulations to MGCCC, #2 ranked team in the country currently, on the win! After the first round these teams and coaches honored Rowdy Foster by offering him an honorary spot on their teams. They all mentioned some of the great

attributes held by Rowdy two of which were gratitude and champion mindset. These are just a couple of things our juniors have been taught through our junior golf programs and Rowdy exemplified so many of these. A very special tribute to a great junior golfer and friend to many gone too soon.

We had another well attended event with 44 couples competing in the Sweetheart Scramble. Several couples from outside of Diamondhead look forward 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 10-12. Registration forms are out now. 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. While we won't have The Chee-Wheez this year, we are planning to have a DJ in the ballroom and a live band in Latitude 30. It's going to be great!

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.

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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...

2/28-3/1 Jack O'Neill Junior Championship
3/3 PXG Fitting Day
3/7 Titleist Fitting Day
3/8 Daylight Savings Time Begins
3/9-3/11 Mid-South Seniors Golf Association
3/13 Deepwater Event #1
3/17 TaylorMade Fitting Experience
3/20 Callaway Fitting Day
3/21 DMGA Play Day
3/27 Deepwater Event #2
3/28 Jack O'Neill Memorial
4/3 XXIO Fitting Day
4/6 LHSAA Louisiana

High School Invitational
4/10-4/12 Big Kahuna Golf Challenge
4/18-4/19 Gulf Coast Slavic Chase
4/22 TaylorMade Fitting Experience
4/22-4/23 Ladies' Malahini Member-Guest
4/24 PRCC Alumni Golf Event
4/25 Hancock Football Booster Golf Event
4/26 Most Holy Trinity Golf Event
4/27-4/28 Maintenance - Fertilizer Truck
4/29 Gulf Coast Seabee

Golf Invitational
4/29 Mizuno Fitting Day
5/1 FBC Fundraiser Event
5/2 Jackson State Alumni Golf Classic
5/3 US Kids Gulf Coast Local Tour
5/15-5/17 Malahini Member-Guest
5/21 Diamonds in the Rough Ladies Invitational
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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.

DWGAN BY BRIGITTE BECKER

On January 13 the DWGAN played Whack and Hack. Dressed quite warmly 18 members were divided into teams of 3 to play the back of the Pine. This is an interesting game where the highest and lowest net score for each hole is used to determine the team's ultimate score. The twist to the game is if one player manages to birdie a hole, then the team is allowed to use the two lowest net scores for the hole. And Pattie Blackwood did not fail her team, managing to birdie not one, but two holes (#13 and #14), ensuring her team won First Place in the game with an awesome net score of

67. In addition to Pattie, Judith Sonntag and Anne Payne completed the team. The Second and Third Place teams tied with a 74 (obviously no Birdies). A score card playoff placed Therese Mauterer, Nancy Sislw and Mary Murray in 2nd Place and Mary-Ann Stromeyer, Brigitte Becker and Dawn Cason in 3rd Place.

Old Man Winter managed to completely cancel our January 20th game and as much as some of us are die-hards, thank goodness the Club decided to close the course that morning, which made our decision more digestible.

February 3rd's game was our monthly Trophy Day and the Birdies were flying. Five of the 24 ladies that came out to play scored a Birdie. I believe that was a record number in a single playday for the Nine Holer's. Therese Mauterer and Anne Payne birdied #14 on the back of the Pine, while Mary Wright and Ruth Holmes achieved their birdies on #13. Marilyn Galus made her birdie on #12. The members were divided into 3 Flights. In addition to rewarding 1st, 2nd and 3rd place in each flight depending on the player's gross scores, we also played closest to the pin (#13) and lowest putts in each Flight. In Flight 1, Therese Mauterer and Mary Wright tied for first place, both scoring a 50, with Therese winning the scorecard playoff. Mary took second place and Toni Rossol and Judith Sonntag scored a 52, but Toni won the scorecard playoff placing 3rd. In Flight 2, Cathy Gesell achieved 1st place with an outstanding gross score of 47. Tying for 2nd Place were Ruth Holmes and Brigitte Becker, but Ruth won the scorecard playoff and won honors while Brigitte came in 3rd Place. In Flight 3, Sue Hebert won 1st place with a score of 51, Sylvia Corban shot a 52 for 2nd Place and Kathie Esher achieved 3rd Place with a score of 55. Closest to the Pin winners in order of their Flights included Mary Wright, Ruth Holmes

and Dawn Cason. Low Putt winners, again in order of their Flights, a tie for Flight 1 between Mary Wright and Anne Payne, both of whom recorded 17 putts. Cathy Gesell recorded 15 putts (Flight 2) and Sylvia Corban recorded 17 putts in the 3rd Flight.

It seemed like Spring had sprung on February 10. The weather could not have been more perfect (once the fog lifted) and unfortunately, though many members wanted to play, the DWGAN was only provided with 7 tee times on the Cardinal due to a tournament being held on the Pine. Six of our members landed on a waiting list and only one got a morning wake-up call to join us. Twenty-eight (28) members played the front of the Cardinal from the 150-yard marker, with the exception of the Par 3s. This

was a real test of our short games. Mary Wright was the only participant that shot under Par while Tracey Garriga managed to achieve Par. We were divided into 4 flights and 1st Flight winners included Mary Wright coming in 1st with a 34, Tracey Garriga second place scoring a 36 and Judy Sonntag placed 3rd with a 37. Second Flight 1st Place Winner was Susie Fontenot with an impressive 37, the only player that recorded 2 strokes for a single hole. Toni Rossol came in 2nd with a 38 and Betsy Lyons placed 3rd with a 39. Third Flight, 1st Place Cathy Gesell scoring a 36, Ruth Holmes and Brigitte Becker tied with a 39, but a scorecard place off gave Ruth 2nd place and Brigitte 3rd. The 4th Flight winners include Beryl Laird shooting a 44 for 1st Place and another tie for 2nd and



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3rd for Kathie Esher and Mary Murray, both of whom scored a 45.

The DWGAN also welcomes 4 new members, Margie Pittman, Spring Garcia, Shannon Church and Elizabeth Messer. We look forward to playing with you. These new members bring our total membership to 60. The DWGAN was formed in 1980 and includes new, occasional and avid golfers who love the game but may not have the time (or energy, lol) to play 18-holes. If you are interested in joining our organization, membership forms can be found in the Diamondhead Golf Shop.

When playing golf, remember it's not about being better than someone else, it's about being better than you were the day before.

DMGA BY JAN VEST

Week 1 – January 7: “That’s Closer Than It Looks”

The year opened with winter golf conditions—layers on, egos slightly deflated, and nobody quite loose yet.

While Tommy Murphy, Dave Wright, and Kevin Huskins each pocketed \$20, the real fireworks came on the par-3.

A tight tee shot settled safely on the green and suddenly everyone was pacing off putts like land surveyors. One ball looked “dead stiff”... until another landed maybe six inches closer.

Cue the crowd:

•“You measuring from the front or the side?”

•“That sprinkler head doesn’t count.”

•“We need VAR.”

Eventually, cooler heads prevailed, the money changed hands, and the winner accepted applause that was only mostly sincere.

Week 2 – January 14: Confidence, Cash, and Questionable Club Selection

By week two, confidence had returned—and so had aggressive iron play.

Todd Cobena climbed to \$33, while George Thibodeaux and John Legner stayed rock-solid at \$32. But once again, closest to the pin stole the spotlight.

One shot hit the green, spun back, and stopped just long enough for three players to declare victory—before it trickled another inch.

Silence.

Then laughter.

Then complaints.

The eventual CTP winner celebrated quietly, knowing full well that at least two people would be “bringing this up all year.”

Week 3 – The Freeze-Out

Mother Nature called a timeout.

No golf.

No money.

No closest-to-the-pin.

Which may have saved at least one friendship.

Week 4 – January 21: Peak Drama

By the final week of January, patience was gone and competitiveness was peaking.

Alan Cason surged to \$43, with Todd Cobena (\$38) and Val Miller (\$37) right behind. Everyone knew the money board was tightening—and so were nerves on the par-3s.

Then it happened.

A shot landed, hopped once, and stopped near the cup.

Another ball landed... rolled... and stopped almost the same distance.

Phones came out.

Putters were laid down.

Someone crouched like a PGA official.

After a lengthy debate—and at least one comment that began with “I’m not saying,

but...”—the call was made.

The winner took the cash.

The runner-up took a vow of revenge.

DWGA BY COLLEEN JONES

Because of the cold weather we were only able to play two of the weeks in January. January 8th, we had our Trophy Day played on the Pine Course. The Frist Flight Gross winner was Marta Wald and the Net winner was Colleen Jones. The Second Flight Gross winner was Amy Swint and the New winner was Mary Wright. The Third Flight Gross winner was Terri Garrett and the New winner was Ruth Holmes. Closest to the pin winners were Jodi Crosby on hole #2, Colleen Jones on hole #6, Ruth Holmes on hole #13 and Rita Durham on hole #15.

Birdies were had by Jodi Crosby, Kim McElwee, Amy Swint and Terri Garrett. Chip Ins were had by Cassandra Godbold, Colleen Jones, Margie James and Terri Garrett.

January 22 we played Match Play against Par on the Pine Course. Judy Sonntag came in first place, Mary Lou Czaplicki was second place and there was a

tie for third place between Denise Bergeron and Amy Swint. Closest to the pin winners were Mary Lou Czaplicki on hole #2 and #13 and Denise Bergeron hole #6. Denise Bergeron had the only birdie. Ruth Holmes had the only Chip In.

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