



DIAMOND A REC CENTER NEWSLETTER

April - June, 2019

GOLDEN GALA UNDER THE STARS – OCTOBER 19, 2019

Dear Rec Members:

The heading above refers to our 50th anniversary “gala” celebration which is being planned for current and past members of The Rec. If you missed the e-mail that went out recently, please read on:

Originally the date was scheduled in July, but it has been changed to **Saturday, October 19th**. We are calling it « **Golden Gala Under the Stars** » and we are planning some special surprises for you. Originally this was to be a fundraiser, but in light of our recent dues increase campaign as well as the fact that our biennial car show fundraiser is taking place on August 31, decided against it. There will be an entrance fee simply to cover costs.

Here's where we need your help : We would like to collect any photos or other memorabilia you may have from the past 50 years of living in Diamond A. We would like to see photos of past events, former and current neighbors, and anything else reflecting fun times at The Rec. Among these, we hope someone out there has photos of the early construction of the neighborhood. We'd love to start collecting these as soon as possible. Please put your items in a large envelope with your name on the front, and if possible, your name on the backs of the items. Please deliver the envelopes to Evie Duncan at 4032 Grove Street – or, if you'd prefer, she will be happy to come pick them up from you.

More details will be forthcoming, but we need to collect the items above so we can start preparing this grand celebration !

**“COLLECTORS’ CAR SHOW ON THE GREEN”
A DIAMOND A RECREATION CLUB FUNDRAISER
AUGUST 31, 2019**

Long-time neighbors Bill and Shirley Angeloni have dedicated untold hours over the years on this labor of love: the biennial Collectors’ Car Show on the Green. Over 20 years’ time, the number of cars and guests has grown substantially; in 2017 we had 75 cars and over 200 guests. This biennial event has been the main source of Rec fundraising and we are hoping to net \$10,000 this year.

A notice will be going out soon to let everyone know what you can do to help make this year a success. If you can give an hour or two, there’s a job for you. All Diamond A residents are invited to pitch in, Rec member or not. If you are unable to help, we ask you to join us for a fun day of good food, live music and a variety of great cars...admission is \$25...such a deal! If you can’t help or attend, please consider making a donation for the cost of an admission fee.

Please watch for the list of jobs that are available, we’re sure there is something there for you. We can’t do this all by ourselves...WE NEED YOU!



Bill and Shirley Angeloni with their '36 Ford; a sample of the types of vintage cars you'll see at the Car Show. Photo provided by Shirley Angeloni.

BOARD PROJECTS UPDATE

Update on Dues Increase

The Rec Board would like to again thank its members for approving the proposal to raise dues in order to attend to some of the deferred maintenance and repair needs of The Rec facility. Our special membership meeting in April was very well attended, and we received lots of helpful feedback and ideas. For all new members starting June 1, 2019, there is now a single household rate of \$750. We look forward to being able to get started on improvements as discussed below.

Invoices for the dues increase were sent out on May 1st and were due June 1st. Some of you have not yet submitted your payments, and reminder notices will go out shortly. It appears from our records that about a quarter of our members did not open the invoice that was sent electronically. Please look for the invoice, which was sent from “Diamond A Recreation Association, Inc.” If it is your intention to drop your membership (we hope not!), please let us know so that arrangements can be made to collect your keys.

Next Steps

Mark Hannon, our Vice President and the “Facilities Guy” on our Board, has formed a small committee to begin seeking bids from contractors for the projects that the Board has identified as most urgent, based on the findings from the reserve study. These include:

- Repair pool deck
- Resurface inside pool surface
- Install better lighting outside the restrooms
- Replace sliding glass doors to clubhouse and repair broken floor tiles abutting doors
- Replace front gate to pool area

If anyone with design or construction experience would like to offer your expertise to this process, please contact Mark to join his committee.

Are there other projects that you believe should also be on the “urgent” list? Please contact any Board member to let us know. In the meantime, we will keep you all apprised as we receive bids and begin scheduling work.

Social Events

Since our last newsletter, we have enjoyed three membership events:

Spring Brunch/Egg Hunt in April



The Egg Hunt Begins!
Photos by Leo Merle



Bye, Bye, Bunny – See You Next Year!

Spring Work Day in May

From all accounts, this was the best-attended Work Day ever!! Thanks to all of you who helped spiff up our facility before the summer season. Hoping to see all of you again at our Fall Work Day!

Neighborhood “Country Fair” Community Picnic in June



Chris Coleman – 2019's Pie-Eating Contest Winner! Photo by Hope Nisson.



Roland Gangloff, Serious About His Pitching Technique. Photo by Hope Nisson



Millie Merle, Having Fun on the Water Slide. Photo by Leo Merle



It's All About the Kids – Photo by Hope Nisson



Diamond A Neighbors Enjoying the Fabulous Food at the Picnic – Photo by Hope Nisson

Below is a list of the remaining 2019 Social Events we have scheduled.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THESE DATES:

Car Show Fundraiser	Saturday, August 31
DARA Annual Meeting/ Election	Sunday, September 29**
Golden Gala Under the Stars	Saturday, October 19**
Fall Work Day	Saturday, October 26
Holiday Party	Saturday, December 7

** Please note that these two dates have been changed from what was previously scheduled.

And, let's not forget our Wednesday night BBQs, which during the summer months take place weekly. This is a chance for all Rec members to gather in a very casual setting, and spend time with neighbors both old and new. A weekly reminder is sent out to all with details.



A typical gathering at the Weekly Wednesday Night BBQ. Photo by Ali Olshan.

Membership News

Please welcome our newest Rec members!:

Mike & Colleen Lecy – April 2019

Paul Di Sangro & David Rossi – May 2019

Tom & Cathy Arata – May 2019. We are thrilled to welcome Tom and Cathy, Rec members some years ago, back to the Rec as members again !

David & Mady Gast – June 2019

Reminder

Do you need a good book to read while relaxing out by the Rec Pool, or at home? Remember we have a Little Lending Library located outside The Rec facilities, available for use by anyone in the neighborhood. Take a book, leave a book!



Little Lending Library – Photo by Evie Duncan



Ron Matteson reading serious literature (Philip Roth) by the Rec Pool –Photo by Evie Duncan.

We Welcome Your Feedback

As always, if you have any questions or comments, please feel free to contact any of the current Board members:

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