



DIAMOND A REC CENTER NEWSLETTER

July - September, 2018

2018 EVENTS***REC BOARD NOMINATIONS*****RESERVE STUDY**

Greetings from Your Rec Board!

It's that time of year again – the days are shorter and there's a hint of Fall in the air. However, we can still expect some hot days in the next few weeks, so be sure to visit the pool before it closes for the season.

And what a great season it was, highlighted by the third annual **Community Picnic** in July. This year's theme was "A Country Fair." There were lots of great activities (water slide, softball, tug o' war, petting the camel, etc.), great food (thanks Carleen and Val for the wonderful grilled chicken and ribs!), and a record attendance of 128! A popular event was our first-ever pie-eating contest!





A number of brave souls participated, but our overall winner was Isabelle Pedersen!

This event was enormously successful due to our large cadre of volunteers, who helped with everything from planning, corn shucking, cooking and grilling, taking shifts monitoring the water slide, making pies for the contest, making raffle baskets and so much more! Just more evidence of our great Diamond A spirit! We've noticed that a significant increase in member participation has definitely changed the quality of our events.....for the better! We hope to see more of you participate in the future – it's fun to be involved and a great way to get to know your neighbors.

Below is a list of our volunteers (hope we didn't leave anyone out):

Kathy Allard	Robin Briskin
David Brunette	Chris Coleman
Rich & Nelleke Cooper	Evie & Dave Duncan
Heidi Espegren	Ruth Fassinger
Carleen & Val Faybusovich	Cheryl & Mark Hannon
Doug & Casey Hatwig	Lorrie & Peter Hohorst
Jill & George Inskip	Tom Jones
Marlene Jordan	Leslie Kraynak
Robin Layton	Mary Lex
Rob & Robin Lyon	Millie & Leo Merle
Hope Nisson	Janet Nusbaum
Ali Olshan	Steven Pavey
Rachel & Greg Pedersen	Tia Pierce
Dennis & Olga Prybyczien	Wayne & Celie Schake
Judy Scotchmoor & Roland Gangloff	
Brenda Subia	Susan Tam
Marcie & Dave Waldron	Judith Walsh
Ty Wang	Jane & Martin Westfield
Donna Wilczek	Dee Young

THANKS TO ALL WHO HELPED! Special thanks to Tia Pierce, who served as our enthusiastic DANA liaison on the planning committee!

OTHER RECENT EVENTS

On June 2, we celebrated the official opening of Pool Season with another fun pool party and BBQ.

On June 16, many neighbors attended what was considered to be an extremely successful “Fire Fair”, organized by Dave Duncan and Joe Lieber. There were numerous presentations, and members of CalFire and Sonoma Valley Fire & Rescue were on hand to provide information and answer questions. REMEMBER: it is still fire season, so be especially vigilant.

Thanks to a brainstorm from Susan Tam and Janet Nusbaum, there was a “pop-up” disco party on August 24, where a number of people put on their dancing shoes and danced the night away!

And, Carleen & Val Faybusovich hosted the 49ers season opener on September 9 with a delicious brunch.

COMING EVENTS

The coming of Fall does not mean we stop gathering and partying! Please mark your calendars for the following events:

Oktoberfest	Sunday, October 7
Fall Work-Day	Saturday, October 13
DARA Annual Meeting	Sunday, October 21
Holiday Party	Saturday, December 8

REC BOARD ANNUAL MEETING AND NOMINATIONS FOR OPEN POSITIONS

Please also mark your calendars for our **annual meeting on October 21**. In addition to reporting on the past year’s activities and accomplishments, there will be an election for new Board members.

The following Board members have “termed out” and will not be continuing:

Carleen Faybusovich	President
Dave Waldron	Vice-President, Facilities
Melissa Vaio	Treasurer
Emilie Eliason	Secretary

We are grateful for all of their hard work and many contributions – please thank them individually when you next see them.

The continuing members of the Board, Evie Duncan, Mark Hannon and Marcie Waldron, are expected to appear on the ballot for the following positions:

President	Evie Duncan
Vice-President and Facilities Coordinator	Mark Hannon
Social Events Coordinator	Marcie Waldron

There are four additional positions which will need to be filled, and for which we are seeking nominations. Board members are expected to attend monthly Board meetings, as well as additional occasional meetings as needed. Below are the open positions, with brief descriptions of the duties involved:

Secretary	Prepares and distributes minutes of all Board meetings. Prepares meeting agendas. Sends out ballots as needed when membership votes are taken. Tallies responses. Participates in other Board activities as needed.
Treasurer	Bookkeeping, paying bills, making deposits. Maintaining financial records and preparing quarterly financial statements. Basic knowledge of accounting and previous bookkeeping experience needed. * Participates in other Board activities as needed.
Membership	Welcomes new members, distributes keys, maintains database of all current Rec members. Once a year, sends out notices re membership dues, collects dues, and follows up with members as needed. Participates in other Board activities as needed.
Floater	Oversees the Rec rental program. Participates in other Board activities as needed.

*(May work in conjunction with a volunteer Controller who will oversee upgrading our accounting system, setting up a chart of accounts, and generally advising on any accounting issues.)

Here's your chance to jump in and really get involved! The next couple of years will be pivotal, as we work with the results of the reserve study we have commissioned, and work out ways to better budget our funds and plan for future Rec upgrades, repairs, and improvements. We are looking for people who would like to help make this happen!

To nominate yourself or another Rec member, please e-mail Carleen Faybusovich at onztown@yahoo.com. If you have questions about the various openings, please contact Evie Duncan at evie@dcdco.com.

Nominations must be received by no later than Friday, October 5th. Final ballots will be sent out by Monday, October 8th and the final vote will be taken at the annual meeting on Sunday, October 21st.

RESERVE STUDY

On June 12, several members of the Rec Board attended a meeting at the S.F. offices of Association Reserves, where we were given a detailed description of the services they provide in setting up a reserve study and capital plan. Following the meeting, it was unanimously agreed that we would hire them to perform a facilities analysis and recommend a reserve funding program for us. We paid Association Reserves a 50% retainer in the amount of \$1,260.

On September 10, we met with one of their representatives for an initial walk-through of our facility and answered questions about our needs and expectations, as well as prior repairs/upgrades which have taken place. We expect to have the results of their study later this year, and will of course share the results with our membership.

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Melissa Vaio has done another masterful job in collecting the annual dues for the 2018 – 2019 year. If you have not yet submitted your dues, you should have heard from her. Please

let Melissa know immediately whether you do or don't plan to re-join The Rec. If not, we will contact you to collect your keys.

A total of approximately \$58,245 was collected, including \$3,735 in extra donations from our generous members. As we explained last year, it was intended that the amount of the dues increase would be allocated to the "reserve fund" that we are building to take care of future Rec upgrades. The portion of the total collected that represents the dues increase was \$7,000. Therefore, we will be transferring a total of approximately \$10,735 into our savings account, which is also our "reserve fund." Thank you to everyone!

In addition to most members re-joining The Rec, we also welcome several new members who have joined in the past few months:

Kathy Allard/David Brunette

Cameron Morris

Steve Myers

Lorin and Debbie Vogel

Freddie Wilkinson/ Gifford (Giff) Boyce-Smith

LITTLE LENDING LIBRARY

Diamond A now has its own "little lending library," thanks to the generosity of Mark and Cheryl Hannon. The library has been placed on Spring Street outside the Rec Center fence near the "wishing well" and is available to all Diamond A neighbors. Here are Mark and Cheryl's suggestions for how to use the library: If you see something you'd like to read, take it! Please limit your donations to books that you would consider "recommended reading," perhaps books that are especially meaningful to you and that are in good condition. You may wish to write a note on the inside flap as to why you want to share a book with others.



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

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