



## DIAMOND A REC CENTER NEWSLETTER

October - December, 2019

### **REC UPGRADE NEWS\*\*\*HOLLY-DAY PARTY DECEMBER 7th**

Dear Rec Members:

WOW! What a busy few months we've had! The Car Show, 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Gala, and Fall Workday were all very successful. We endured two PG & E power outages but have escaped this fire season intact! And our Annual Meeting received positive responses all around. Now we're in the midst of planning a festive "Holly-Day Party" to kick off the holiday season. More details follow on all these events. But first.....

#### **SPECIAL KUDOS TO ONE OF OUR NEIGHBORHOOD HEROES!**

The Rec Board would like to recognize David Waldron, our man-about-The-Rec, and basically an unsung hero. Dave is always willing to chip in when asked, and often does so without being asked. He tends to numerous outdoor issues at The Rec such as broken sprinklers, wayward plants, and even takes out the trash bins every week. He is always part of the chainsaw gang when trees are being trimmed, and helps put up party decorations as needed.

A big accomplishment recently was his effort to replant the area in front of the clubhouse, in response to the Sonoma Valley Fire & Rescue Authority's notice regarding fire mitigation. Dave gathered a crew of volunteers to rip out the old plantings, and then he replanted the area with more fire-safe plants. He has further plans to make the front of The Rec even more attractive. His efforts helped us earn a follow-up notice from the SVFRA commending us on the successful mitigation efforts.

We can't list all the ways in which Dave helps out, but we can all thank him for his dedication to Diamond A and The Rec!



## RECENT REC EVENTS – RECAP AND THANKS!

Our biennial fundraiser, the Collectors' Car Show on the Green, was a big success. Shirley and Bill Angeloni deserve huge thanks for organizing and overseeing this event.

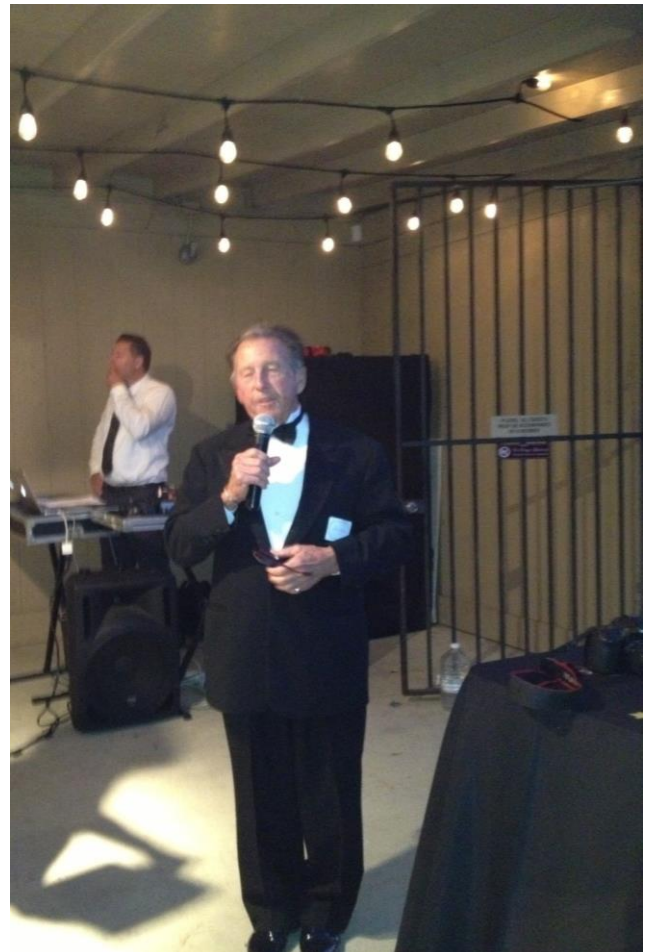
A total of 55 cars were on display, and we had approximately 250 guests. In addition to the cars, the guests enjoyed light jazz, food, and the silent auction. Even the weather cooperated! All in all, it was an extremely pleasant way to spend the day, and by the way, The Rec received over \$7,000 in profit from the event. Way to go, Angelonis!

**Note for the future:** Shirley and Bill have indicated they will “pass the baton” and need others to step up to organize future car shows. (They will still handle the car portion of the event but need someone else to organize the rest). Since this is an enjoyable event and a big fundraiser for The Rec, we hope some of you will consider this opportunity to help out. Although the next car show won't take place until Labor Day of 2021, it's not too soon to start planning. Please contact Shirley Angeloni or Evie Duncan if you think you might be able to take this on.

The Rec celebrated its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary in style, with the Golden Gala Under the Stars. Over 100 Rec members, both current and former, along with their guests, were in attendance. Although it was a bit chilly, that didn't stop people from enjoying the DJ's music, the catered food, and the liquid refreshments. On display in the clubhouse was a collage of Rec memories from over the past 50 years. And as the evening progressed, more and more people found their way to the dance floor – who knew some of our members have such smooth dance moves!



Kirstin Cooper and Daughter Haley Bust a Move!



Our Dapper M.C., Leo Merle.

Our wonderful community volunteers came out in droves to help make this event such a success. A hearty thank you to the following:

Patti Anderson  
Shirley & Bill Angeloni  
Gifford Boyce-Smith  
Dick Bryan  
Chris Coleman  
Dave & Evie Duncan  
David & Maddie Gast  
Rick Kaufman  
Leslie Kraynak  
Dave Martinelli  
Ron Matteson  
Leo Merle  
Brady & Brigitte Mullin  
Jack & Hope Nisson  
Janet Nusbaum

Tia Pierce  
Wayne & Celie Schake  
Bob Shokes  
Susan Tam  
Mike Topolos  
Dave & Marcie Waldron  
Elfriede Witcher  
Freddi Wilkinson  
Dee Young

Everyone worked hard, but special thanks to Leslie, Elfriede and Tia for designing and preparing the lovely flower arrangements, and to Brady for power washing the pool deck!



Left: Sunny and Simone Cherian  
Right: Wayne and Celie Schake





Left: Theresa Martinelli and Susie Merrill. Right: Carleen and Val Faybusovich.



And finally, our **2019 Fall Workday** was another beehive of activity. In addition to our usual trimming of plants and general yard and clubhouse clean-up, some significant projects were accomplished:

\*\*The row of evergreen trees fronting the Rec near the horse arena were heavily limbed up and trimmed – you may have seen the large piles of trimmed branches sitting by the side of the road for several days after the workday. Those have since been loaded into trucks and hauled away. This continues our constant attention to fire mitigation efforts at The Rec.

\*\*The back shed (behind the tennis courts) was completely cleaned out and several trucks full of verifiable junk were loaded into trucks and taken to the dump. New plywood floors were nailed down, so that this shed is now much more useable.

\*\*Three old wooden picnic tables were cut into pieces and will also be going to the dump soon. The decision was to do this because the tables were in disrepair and full of splinters. The Rec will be purchasing new picnic tables before Spring.

Again, we have many volunteers to thank for accomplishing all of the above. In particular, Wayne Schake and Dave Waldron rounded up the guys who worked on the shed and the tree trimming projects – a lot of work, but well worth it!

Here is a list of our workday volunteers:

Bob Avrit  
Gifford Boyce-Smith  
Evie Duncan  
Craig Garcia  
Lorrie & Peter Hohorst  
Mary Lex  
Ron Matteson  
Brady & Brigitte Mullin  
Wayne & Celie Schake  
Patrick Treacy  
Freddi Wilkinson

Anne Berke  
Nelleke & Rich Cooper  
Val & Carleen Faybusovich  
Mark & Cheryl Hannon  
Leslie Kraynak  
Jim Marshall  
Cameron Morris  
Janet Nusbaum  
Bob Shokes  
Dave Waldron

**THANK YOU ALL SO MUCH!!!**

## **BOARD PROJECTS UPDATE**

### **Annual Meeting**

The Diamond A Recreation Ass'n Annual Meeting was held on November 3, 2019. Thanks to all who contributed food for our delicious brunch! After brunch, the Rec Board made a presentation of our accomplishments over the past year, as well as projects to be undertaken over the next few months. We also described the two items to be voted on regarding 1) formal election of Mark Hannon to the V.P. spot and 2) certain by-laws changes. We are happy to report that both items passed resoundingly. As always, we thank our Rec membership for your support.

### **Upgrades to The Rec Facility**

Look! Our new sliding glass doors have been installed, finally replacing the original doors which were installed approximately 50 years ago. The new doors are made of double-glazed glass, which will provide more insulation than before, AND they have screens! Many thanks to the two Marks (Hannon and Pierce) for overseeing this project.



In the coming weeks/months, we will be having the clubhouse exterior and interior (not cabinets or ceiling) repainted. The tile floor just inside the sliding glass doors will be repaired. As part of the pool upgrade, we will also be changing the pool gate to update to current code.

We will be bringing on Adams Pool Solutions to prepare plans for review by the Sonoma County Health Department and PRMD. Although our goal is to re-plaster the pool, the Health Department and PRMD require a number of code upgrades to issue a permit. We have identified the obvious ones, and these are included in Adams' proposal. However there will be a review of pumping and filtration that could trigger requirements for upgrades. If the pool conforms to code requirements that were in place in 1969 for flow and filtration, we may be grandfathered in. However if these were changed, we may have to upgrade to current code. If anyone has information on a change to replace the existing pump with a lower flow model, please let me know so we can chat.

We are targeting to get all these projects done for a Spring pool opening. Thanks for all of the support and assistance on these projects by Rec members. A special shut out to Mark Pierce and Janet Nusbaum for their advice and counsel.

## “Hoodie” Sweatshirts

At the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Gala party, Diamond A logo sweatshirts were presented to all former Rec Board Presidents, as well as the Founders of The Rec. Were you a bit envious, wishing you could have one too? Well, now you can! We are selling Diamond A logo sweatshirts for \$45. Sizes M, L and XL are available. These would make wonderful holiday gifts for your neighbors and families. If interested, please contact Janet Nusbaum at [janetnusbaum@gmail.com](mailto:janetnusbaum@gmail.com).



Ric Kaufman and Janet Nusbaum modeling our Diamond A logo hoodie sweatshirts

## MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Please welcome our newest Rec members, who all joined us in September :

**BJ Beck and Chris Degan**

**Mark and Tomoko Evans**

**Jim and JoAnne Shanahan**

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## **SOCIAL EVENTS**

Our final event of the year, our Holly-Day Party, is coming up soon – Saturday, December 7th from 5:00 – 9:00 p.m. There will be something for everyone: wonderful food, entertainment, a visit from Santa, and more. We'll have an “Ugly Holiday Sweater” contest, so if you'd like to participate in that, you know what to do!

We're planning to auction off three baskets, and are asking for Rec members to contribute homemade goodies – think food items such as baked goods, jam/jellies, etc. or arts/crafts items. Please contact Evie Duncan if you have something you'd like to contribute.

We recently sent out our detailed invitation along with a Google document allowing you to RSVP and to sign up for food to bring and tasks to help with. If you didn't receive this, please let Evie know.

Hope to see all of you at this festive event!

## **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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