

GREETINGS DIAMOND A RECREATION MEMBERS AND NEIGHBORS

2011 Was an eventful and prosperous year for our beloved Rec.

Starting with our Annual Crab Feed, a sold out, happy and satisfying event, thanks to Fred Merrill and his hard working Committee members, with a 'tip of the hat' to those Noble Crustaceans that made it all possible.

Followed by the now infamous Diamond A Car Show with scores of classic, unique and gorgeous automobiles sprinkled about like precious jewels upon the lawns of the Rec. intriguing old and young alike. A huge thank you to Shirley Angeloni and her army of volunteers for organizing the event and providing refreshing drinks and a classic hot dog barbeque with all the trimmings to satisfy the energetic throngs enjoying the show and bidding on the donated treasures of the silent auction.

The grand total from the proceeds of this increasingly popular event was, \$4,889 !

The summer Wed. evening barbeque and pot luck has become more popular each year and a fun way to relax with neighbors mid week Please join us with a favorite dish to share.

Next came the Annual Rec. Workday with an array of mowers, weed whackers, trimmers, chain saws and rakers wielded by our reliable volunteers, headed by Wayne Schake in this timeless ritual that keeps the Rec. the crown jewel of the wonderful place we call home.

Then came the Oktoberfest with an amazing array of sausages, trimmings and dishes of endless varieties prepared in the many kitchens of our members. Even a few authentic Tyrolean costumes swayed to the timeless tunes from the bellows of Kevin and his accordion. All of this beautifully organized by Hope Nisson and her volunteers.

We have two new additions to enhance all of our enjoyment of the Rec. A beautiful, donated, baby grand piano to replace the old upright that was slowly succumbing to old age and broken keys. It is all tuned to perfect pitch and residing in the corner of the clubhouse awaiting anxious members to 'tinkle the ivories'.

Second, thanks in great part, to the proceeds from the car show, a new all weather roof covering for the patio area, expanding the useable area of the clubhouse in all seasons. A wonderful addition currently under construction.

Looking forward, the Annual Rec. Holiday Party is scheduled for Dec. 4th, starting at 5:00 pm and will be a Family Friendly event with an array of libations, tasty munchies, crackling fire, Holiday music and singing of carols to the strains of the new Baby Grand for those musically gifted, or not. Hope Nisson will be in charge and can always use a helping hand.

As you can see, 2011 was an event filled, happy, prosperous and productive year for our beloved Rec. thanks to all of our members pitching in with their time and effort. Just like the old fashioned days when we were kids.

It is with grateful appreciation that we extend our heart felt thanks to Wayne Schake and Rich Cooper for their many years of devoting their time, knowledge and ceaseless efforts in maintaining and improving the Rec. and all it's components, making it the special place we have all enjoyed so much throughout the years. They both have completed their tour of duty as Board members and have turned over the reins to a new and enthusiastic group of neighbors who will attempt to fill such 'huge shoes' and carry on with the fine example they have set for us. Thank heavens they won't be leaving 'The Hill' for we will be counting on their continued consul.

P.S. Although the Rec. is in a sound financial position, there is a continued need to maintain and upgrade the improvements and complete the new patio covering without digging into our reserves. Please consider adding the Rec. to your Christmas list with a donation, great or small. The Rec. thanks you for your ongoing support and participation.

Happy holidays to one and all,
Leo Merle

New Board Members and positions

President:	Rebecca Hengehold	
Vice President	Roland Gangloff	
Secretary	Linda Felt	
Treasurer	Bruce Hoadley	Information Technology
Director	Hope Nisson	Social Events
Director	Bob & Marilyn Avrit	Calendar/Rentals
Director	Leo Merle	Maintenance

Non- director	Celia Schake	Membership
Non-director	Wayne Schake	Keys
Non-director	Rich Cooper	Advisor

Note: (1)There is a Directory of Rec. members in the Red Book hanging by the phone outside the clubhouse door.(2) For news on Information Technology, there is an Online Calendar of Rec. Center events. Contact: brucehoadley@sbcglobal.net