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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE-Dianne Lucius

And so we start another year.....

The Christmas Brunch was a success in thanks to Bob Grant who spear-headed it to make sure that we had a fantastic one. Kim Staley, the advisor to the Social committee had been hospitalized and Bob stepped in to help manage the event. We had over 182 people attend, the food was excellent and the service was great. Thanks go to Jeff Duncan and Arron, Executive Chef, of the Golf Club for the excellent service. This was the largest turn-out we have had, and my thanks go to Bob for his effort. I want to thank Jane Grant as well for lending us Bob and the many hours they both put in to insure a really well done event. Thanks to both.

2016 was a good year for the Association albeit with a certain amount of unsettling. We made tremendous changes in the year, starting with the change of the Community Manager, our Attorney and our CPA. Finding a replacement for all of these took time and effort and there was a lot of assimilation that had to take place in the transition. Hopefully, we are at the end of that and things will run smoothly going forward.

As we look back there are accomplishments that should be recognized. Our roads were repaired and resurfaced and while it is a large expenditure, it is necessary to do. We will have a bit more in the spring, but for now the roads are good. The Landscaping Committee was constituted in February this year and they have made tremendous progress in improving the appearance of our community common areas. Of particular note is the weed removal and treatment of vacant lots. All of the lots were cleared and sprayed for the first time. The Golf Course participated in this effort clearing a lot of the land owned by the golf course.

The gates are all functioning in a normal range, and we have improved the security profile at both gates. We have done this while reducing costs to operate the gates. There are new cameras installed and we have the ability to capture images from all of them and store a rolling 45 day record of activity at the gates.

As we start a new year it is important to recognize that none of what is done here can or could be done without the volunteers who stepped up and took part in making DVCA a wonderful place to live. So thank you to Tom De Uriarte, Landscaping, and Ron McRae the guru of gates and computers. There are others in the community who help out when they see the need. Susan Sheehan has been the go to person to get things done. She has been invaluable in getting the Newsletter out; she has edited and formatted graphic arts for the Board and has been a defacto monitor of social media in the community. She developed the High Sierra Newcomers web space, initiated NextDoor, and is often the conscience of the community when issues arise that need a statement of reason. She has also been the leader of High Sierra Newcomers and managed the spin-off of several other enterprises that have taken their own direction. She is a powerhouse volunteer.

Finally, thank you to the Board of Directors who have worked hard to improve relationships in the community and to clean up left over promises. This is a Board that is committed to getting things done and I hope you can see the fruits of their efforts around the community.

Dianne

FINANCIAL COMMITTEE

As we approach the end of the year, we are running models and doing year end analysis in order to chart the way forward in the new year. Basically, our Association's finances are in good order and we are financially sound. We routinely meet our financial obligations, and our Reserves are more than adequate to meet future obligations for maintenance, repair or replacement of our common area assets. In November, we completed the 2017 Reserve Study and after adjustments are made by our Roads and Gates Committee, we will aqsk the Board to ratify the study. The study provides a projection of our financial needs for common areas out 30 years. The study is based on the physical inspection, measurement, and evaluation of every street, curb, streetlamp and all of the other pieces that we are responsible for maintaining. This study then becomes a blueprint for modeling our reserve accounts and defines the contributions we must make in order to keep the Reserve Fund in balance. While there are a number of models for managing reserves, we have chosen the fully funded method. That means that our target is to contribute to a level that will cover all of the requirements for the foreseeable future. We will be 100% funded going forward.

One area of increased expense in the new year is going to be in the matter of legal fees. The Board has decided to identify all of the assets of the association and make sure we have legal title to those assets. That is going to require research and then the preparation of documentation to be filed with the county. Many, if not most, associations take for granted that because they routinely fix and maintain the common areas that they own them. In reality, that is not the case. To protect the association and our homeowners for the long term, we are going to have our attorneys do the legal research, prepare and file the necessary claims giving the association title to our assets. This is an extremely complicated and time consuming process, but from a legal and financial standpoint, a very important one.

	November 2016	YTD-To-Date	Balance
Operating Account			
Income	**$(20,124.34)**	**$401,438.39**	
Reserve Transfer	**$20,745**		
Expenses	**$19,323**	**$264,146**	
Operating Balance:			**$75,739**
Reserve Account			
Transfer	**$20,745**	**$228,195**	
Interest Earned	**$4,398**	**$29,428**	
Expenses	**$0.00**	**$223,997**	
Reserve Balance:			**$2,246,792**

Board Update:

The Board of Directors has scheduled an Executive Session to be held on January 7th. The Board will be discussing the mission and direction of the Board. This is an Executive Session and the homeowners are not allowed to attend. It is a work session, and no decisions will be made and no action on any other issues will be taken. A report of the session will be provided at the next Board Meeting.

GATES & ROADS COMMITTEE

Gates: The Palmer gate malfunctioned on December 19th and would not close, so the gate was left open on the 19th and 20th. On December 21st Michael Cole, a repair technician with CAS, came out and found the entry slave clutch loose, the exit slave clutch loose and all output shafts loose. He tightened all shafts and clutches, and tested both gates; and all are working properly again. At the January Board meeting, the Board will be asked to review and consider three proposals for gate repair and an annual maintenance contract. The hinges at the Bayhill Gate are in need of replacement with more substantial hinges that will withstand the loads required by the many cycles these gates run through. The Palmer Gates do not have electric eye safety triggers to prevent closure on a pedestrian. These triggers are similar to those required on garage door openers. Additionally, we want to consider an annual maintenance contract to keep our gates functioning properly. In the past we have had an "as needed" approach, calling out technicians when something broke. That is the more expensive means of maintaining our gates.

RULES & REGULATIONS COMMITTEE

Happy New Year from the Rules and Regs Committee! Please enjoy your holidays but remember to remove your holiday decorations by the end of January.

A reminder about window coverings: CC&R 4.10 states: "In no event shall windows be painted, nor shall aluminum foil, newspaper, bed sheets, cardboard or similar materials be placed in windows. All window coverings shall be maintained in good repair and condition at all times." This includes the garage windows. One additional note. There has been an increase in the number of cars and trucks parked overnight on our streets. Because of the holidays this was expected, but can not continue. Everyone is reminded there is no parking allowed on our streets between Midnight and 6AM

LANDSCAPE COMMITTEE

The Landscaping Committee continues to work toward the renovation of the Palmer Gate Entrance. Actual work is being planned for the Spring.

Requests for Proposals have been sent out to local contractors for the Maintenance of our landscaping for 2017. Responses are due in early January.

As we have all year, we continue to respond to homeowner requests and comments about landscap-ing issues within the boundaries of our community. We want to thank all the homeowners we have contacted in 2016 about landscaping issues for their cooperation and quick actions taken to resolve such issues. If you have questions or concerns with landscaping email **dvcalsc@gmail.com**

JOHN GLENN-AMERICAN HERO 1921-2016

While not related to Association news or events, Beverly Dolittle provided many in the community with an article about John and Annie Glen. We asked permission to reprint it in the Newsletter and had intended to do that in December. However, as often happens, it was squeezed to make room for something more or less important. Then just a few short days later John Glenn passed away. While we who lived during the heroic days of his first flight into space certainly are saddened by the loss of a true American hero, it seems appropriate that we reprint this article that talks of the relationship between John and his wife Annie. I hope you will excuse our using the space normally dedicated to all things golf for this warm and human story. (This piece was written several years ago so forgive any dates that do not synch.) We reprint it with permission.

John & Annie Glenn: For half a century, the world has applauded John Glenn as a heart stirring American hero. He lifted the nation's spirits when, as one of the original Mercury 7 astronauts, he was blasted alone into orbit around the Earth; the enduring affection for him is so powerful that even now people find themselves misting up at the sight of his face or the sound of his voice. But for all these years, Glenn had a hero of his own, someone who he has seen display endless courage of a different kind; his wife, Annie Glenn.

They were married for 73 years. He was 95; she is 96. He was born on July 18, 1921; she was born on February 17, 1920. He passed away on December 8, 2016. Recently there was news coverage of the 50th anniversary of Glenn's flight into orbit. We were being reminded that, half a century down the line, he remains America 's unforgettable hero. He has never really bought that. Because the heroism he most cherishes is of a sort that is seldom cheered. It belongs to his wife; the person he has known longer than he has known anyone else in the world. John Glenn and Annie Castor first knew each other when -- literally -- they shared a playpen. In New Concord, Ohio, his parents and hers were friends, and when the families got together, their children played. John Glenn -- The future Marine fighter pilot, the future test-pilot ace, the future astronaut; was pure gold from the start. He would end up having what it took to rise to the absolute pinnacle of American regard during the space race. The young John Glenn in New Concord was a three-sport varsity athlete, most admired boy in town, Mr. Everything! Annie Castor -- Was bright, caring, talented, generous of spirit; she stuttered, and could talk only with the most excruciating of difficulty. Her stuttering was so severe that it was categorized as an "85%" disability; 85% of the time, she could not manage to make words come out. When she tried to recite a poem in elementary school, she was laughed at. She was not able to speak on the telephone. She could not have a regular conversation with a friend. John Glenn loved Annie and Annie loved John Glenn -- Even as a boy John was wise enough to understand that people who could not see past her stutter were missing out on knowing a rare and wonderful girl. John and Annie married -- As a military wife, Annie found that life, as she and John moved around the country, could be quite hurtful. She has written: "I can remember some very painful experiences; especially the ridicule."

In department stores, Annie would wander unfamiliar aisles trying to find the right section; embarrassed to attempt to ask the salesclerks for help. In taxis, she would have to write requests to the driver, because she couldn't speak the destination out loud. In restaurants, she would point to the items on the menu.

Annie and John had two children -- She has written: "Can you imagine living in the modern world and being afraid to use the telephone? "Hello," used to be so hard for me to say. I worried that my children would be injured and need a doctor; "Could I somehow find the words to get the information across on the phone?"

Every time John was deployed (As a Marine aviator John flew 59 combat missions in World War II and 90 during the Korean War.), he and Annie said their goodbyes the same way: His last words to her before leaving were, "I'm just going down to the corner store to get a pack of gum." And, with just the two of them there, she was able to always reply: "Don't be long." And on that February day in 1962 when the world held its breath and the Atlas rocket was about to propel John toward space, those were their words, once again.

And in 1998, when, at 77, he went back to space aboard the shuttle Discovery, it was an understandably tense time for them, but Annie knew what he would say to her before boarding the shuttle; and he did, and this time he gave her a present to hold onto -- A pack of gum; she carried it in a pocket next to her heart until he was safely home.

Many times in her life they attempted various treatments to cure Annie's stuttering -- none worked. But in 1973, they found a doctor in Virginia who ran an intensive program -- She and John hoped this program would help her. The miracle that she and John had always waited, arrived at her age of 53.

After completing the program, Annie was able to talk fluidly, instead of in brief, anxiety-ridden, agonizing bursts.

John has said that on the first day he heard her speak to him, with confidence and clarity, he dropped to his knees to offer a prayer of gratitude. He has written: "I saw Annie's perseverance and strength through the years, and it made me admire her and love her even more."

The following is based on what we have heard from the homeowners. In this space we will try to give you current answers or Board responses to the issues you have said are important. These are provided by Bruce Thiel.

1.) Neighborhood Break-Ins: As you may know, in recent weeks, we have had DAYLIGHT home break-ins. The good news, Kim Staley told me that the thieves have been caught by the police, and our new gate surveillance system helped in the capture!

2.) OBEYING THE RULES OF THE ROAD: We have had calls from a number of homeowners concerned about excessive spends on our road ways as well as individuals 'running' stop signs. We have children in our neighborhoods, as well as a fair amount of new housing construction, so we are asking everyone to abide by the rules of the road as well as abide by posted speeds and stop signs.

3.) THE VALLEY OFFICE IN DAYTON: There has been some confusion among our community of the role of the Valley Office in Dayton. Since the Office is primarily for real estate sales, and is open periodically, we thought it important to give you the guidelines for that Office: Complaints & Compliance—should be directed to Bernadette Rodas or Sheila Cass in the Carson Office; Landscape & Architectural--- Forms for homeowner use are available on-line, in the Dayton Office, and at the Carson City Office; Meetings---the main HOA meetings are held at the Golf Course, and violation hearings are held at the Library; Dues, Fines & Quarterly Payments--- can be sent to the Valley Carson Office or dropped off at the Dayton Office, when open (we will be getting a PO box in the future); Newsletters: Printed copies are available at the Dayton Office, and at the Golf Course, along with other HOA information; Board Information & Updates—At the Dayton Office, the Golf Course, and on-line; Suggestion Box—located at the Dayton Office and checked weekly.

Almost all of the above can be found on the website DVCAhomeowners.com or you can reach Bruce at bthiel@att.net

FROM THE PRO SHOP



Thanks to some classic Dayton weather, this holiday season had some perfect winter Golf days. You may need to add a cordless power drill to the bag at times, but nonetheless beautiful days. 2016 is in the books and we hope for many more! December was a great month of events in the clubhouse, including the Friday Night Pizzas. Chef has done some awesome things this year, and the pizza is dynamite! Every Friday from 2:00-7:00 we have dine in or carry out available. House made breadsticks and salad as well. Please feel free to call us if you have a large party, or want to pick up the pizza to take home. This is the greatest part of the year for sports, and we do have TV's showing all of the games! We are still improving some things, but that's the nature of a golfer: always tinkering!

We will also have a special night for The College Football National Title Game. Chef will prepare a few specials to be served 4:30 until halftime. Happy hour drink specials start at 4:00! That game is played on Monday, January 9th. Kickoff at 5:00! The food specials end at half-time, but the bar will remain open the entire game. Then NFL playoffs start soon as well! It's a great place to watch the game. We have information up in the clubhouse about every upcoming event. If you don't get to the clubhouse often, you can sign up for our email list, or you can call the Golf Shop at 775.246.7888 ext 1. We would be happy to explain everything coming up. It's always surprising to find out that some of our neighbors don't know the Golf Course is for everybody!

Winter Golf certainly requires some different equipment. It takes a nail, rock, or some sort of blunt weapon to get your tee in the ground. Some of the bounces off of frozen greens always give everyone a good laugh, too. We play a different game this time of the year. However, it is a great time to begin work on your Golf game. Everybody always has their resolution about doing something different in the upcoming season. You're going to work on your chipping, or your putting, or you aren't going to hit driver on that hole that you always seem to screw up. I doubt I'm the only person that does that! I think working on your distance control is very important. It's easy to find the yardage to the front of the green. Try to land the ball there to take a frozen bounce, and it doesn't matter really if it skyrockets over the green, or plugs into wet surface. If you can dial in your yardage, warmer temperatures will allow your ball to react the way you want.

It's a great season to play some different shots out there too. The pond bounce always gives errant shots a chance to end up even better! Our tee times begin at 10:00 every day. The wet fall has really helped the Golf course, too. Andrew says everything is healthy, and that just means summer conditions in spring! Well, maybe with some cooperation from the weather.

The community brunch in December was a fantastic turn out. It's great to see so many people support our events. February 5th is the annual chili cook off. We hope to double our donation to The Food Pantry from last year. That is Super Bowl Sunday, cooking starts at 7:00 or 8:00, then tasting/judging begin at 12:00. $5 per tasting bowl. All of the benefits are donated to The Dayton Food Pantry as well, so come down and watch a true rivalry go down, while helping those who need it most. There are a lot of long time participants in the chili cook off, so the competition can be heated! There are some great items being auctioned off, too. We will then have some other food options and drinks available until the game! We really do hope to see you down here soon, and make sure you stop in to say hi!



All the best for the New Year from the Golf Course Staff



High Desert Newcomers and Friends
FIRST THURSDAY
Strategic Planning for 2017
January 5
5-7
The Palmer Room Dayton Valley Golf Course
Appetizers courtesy of Duncan Golf Management. No host bar.

Go-To-Neighbors

We are a group of your neighbors who want to help you perform general non-medical, non-emergency short-term services, when you are temporarily unable to do so yourself. Examples of services may include helping with yard work, preparing meals, walking a dog, doing laundry, providing a ride, hanging a picture, etc. To request service, or to find out more about this non-profit Dayton Valley Country Club group, select one of the following neighborhood streets nearest your home, and contact the designated neighbor:

Bayhill Circle Beverly Doolittle (775) 301-6597 bdoolittle530@charter.net
St. Andrews Drive Penny Meyers (775) 246-0112 pnmeyers@yahoo.com
La Costa Circle Susan Sheehan (775) 241-2341 sheehans12e@gmail.com
Stonehaven Ct Bernie Wyatt (775) 241-9001 bernie_wyatt@berstertech.com
Ballybunion Drive Geri Heebner (775) 246-7523 gisme1946@gmail.com





It is time for Bunco!

We hope the holidays have been wonderful with time spent celebrating with family and friends.

Join us on Monday, January 9th at 6 PM

We meet at 5ish for a drink and social hour and then start at 6PM at the Golf Club

We look forward to seeing you there. You can sign up at the golf shop.

Elections for the Board of Directors will be held at the Annual Meeting in April. The Elections committee will be publishing the ballot in March. Those who might be interested in running for a position on the Board are encouraged to complete the application for board participation and submit it to the Elections Committee.

The forms will be published on the DVCA web site