



Get To Know The Deercreek Women's Alliance

The Deercreek Women's Alliance has been an active organization in Deercreek since 1999. The Alliance's primary function is to promote an awareness of the needs of local charitable organizations and to raise funds for these charities through a variety of activities and social events—and to have a great time while doing it! But just as important is its aim to provide a setting for neighbors to become friends and for friends to become connected to each other and then to the needs of the community. The Alliance is open to any Deercreek or Edgewater resident or any Deercreek Club member. The Alliance is proud of past donations, totaling about \$260,000. But there is more to be done, and this organization is always looking for new members and new areas where it can help to make a difference.

The Alliance meets at the Deercreek Club every other month. Meetings start at 6:15 PM with a social time, with dinner following at 7 PM. There is usually a guest speaker and always some entertaining activity to conclude the evening. Please join us for an evening to see what the Alliance is all about. If you have any questions, be sure to contact our current president, Patty Tomka (363-6086; deercreekalliance@gmail.com) or our Membership Chair, Mary Tenuta (519-8191; gtenuta@comcast.net.) Dues are \$20 for the year, starting in March.

The following charities have been selected by the Community Connections Committee to receive donations during the 2009-2010 year:

- **Wolfson Children's Hospital:** Cash donation to purchase diapers as well as a Community Diaper Drive (April 8 – April 22). Chairperson: Mary Stelbrink 363-2360
- **RITA (Research is the Answer):** Cash donation as well as gift baskets put together by members at the July general meeting. Baskets will be auctioned at the RITA Black Tie Gala event held at the San Jose Country Club in July with all proceeds going to RITA. Chairperson: Nancy Jantz 363-1493



Patty Tomka, President, Deercreek Women's Alliance

- **Dreams Come True:** Cash donation for the Special Times program, which recognizes that illness does not end when a person's "dream" is fulfilled. Treats could include dinner at a favorite restaurant, a ticket to a Jags game, a movie, or a concert. Chairperson: Mary Stelbrink 363-2360
- **N. E. Florida Community Hospice Thrift Shop:** Volunteers from Deercreek work in the shop, and the Hospice truck makes pickups in Deercreek and Edgewater on the first Monday of each month. After our September 26 Community Yard Sale, the Hospice truck will collect the remaining

goods. Chairperson: Elizabeth Curtin 519-7937

- **Books-A-Go-Go:** Cash donation and community-wide book drive to support Books-A-Go Go Inc., a nonprofit organization that collects new and used books for children from low-income families. The books are distributed to children through schools and organizations that serve these children (including our own Bag Ladies and Hubbard House connections). Chairperson: Adele Kunzweiler 464-0647
- **LSS Second Harvest Food Bank:** Cash donation and a Community Food Drive to support the Food Bank's mission to reduce hunger in the community by creating partnerships with nonprofit organizations. The food bank distributes food to over 500 member agencies in North Florida. Chairperson: Donna Bernard 464-0910
- **Success Suits You, Inc.:** Cash donation and donations of clothing and jewelry for clients of this organization, which serves about 300 women annually. Women joining the work force and needing assistance with clothing as well as mentoring and one-on-one assistance to find jobs are referred to the organization from agencies all over Jacksonville. Chairperson: Patty Tomka 363-6086
- **Youth Crisis Center – Touchstone Village:** Cash donation to the Youth Crisis Center, Florida's oldest runaway youth shelter, and Touchstone Village. Touchstone Village is a new residential

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MAY EVENTS

DCCOA

May 13, Wednesday
6 PM - Access Control
7 PM - Common Property

May 7, Thursday
7 PM - ARB

May 21, Thursday
6:15 PM - Covenants
Enforcement

May 28, Thursday
7 PM - Board of Directors

Finance meets the week before The DCCOA Board Meeting.

Contact chairperson

EDGEWATER

May 21, Thursday
7PM—HOA Board

COMMUNITY

May 7, Thursday
6:30 PM—Women's Alliance,
"First Coast Women's
Services" & Game Night

May 18, Monday
10 AM—Literary Circle
meets to discuss Mildred
Armstrong Kalish's "Little
Heathens"

May 28, Thursday
Noon—Home & Garden
Year-end Luncheon



March Board Meeting Highlights

At the Board meeting of March 26, 2009, all board members were present except for Doug Klippel and Judd Schartz.

PROPERTY MANAGER'S REPORT

(Bernard Vargas Vila):

- Two properties were sent to the Covenants Enforcement Committee for hearings.
- One resident's bar code was deactivated for non-payment of assessments exceeding \$1,000.
- \$200 was approved to clean up the landscaping of two residential properties that are vacant due to foreclosures.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance Committee — Danny Becton:

- The Committee chair's position is vacant.
- Year-to-date financials as of February 28, 2009:

- **Revenue: \$134,837**
- **Expenses: \$126,847**
- **Balance: \$ 7,990**

- It is currently projected that the Reserve Fund for the year ending 2009 will total \$167,415.
- The Finance Committee is working on a new policy that will be presented before the Board in April, whereby committees will be allowed to have defined and approved specific line item expenditures within their annual budgets without further approval from the Board.

Access Control — Danny Becton:

- The Board unanimously approved a revision to policies and procedures to allow real estate agents to place directional signs to open houses on common property on the day of the open house. Agents may place directional signs to open houses on common property on the day of the open house, and if the agent does not remove the signs within one hour after the open house event, Access Control officers will remove and discard them.

Common Property— George Partin:

- The Committee approved up to \$8000 from the Reserve Fund for the refurbishment of the playground and the basketball and volleyball courts.

- The Committee continues to work on the study of a sidewalk connecting Edgewater with Deercreek. It is hoped that drawings will be prepared and submitted for the April Board meeting.

Communications— Rosemary Tutt:

- The Committee is in dire need of additional members.

Legal — Carol D'Onofrio:

- Three delinquent residents owing in excess of \$3,300, \$5,033 and \$24,437, respectively, are scheduled for financial depositions during March and April.
- Several delinquent residential properties continue to accrue unpaid assessments and fines; most are in foreclosure. These cases continue to be pursued and liens have been made against four properties.

CPAC — Danny Becton:

- The next meetings will be on April 27th and May 25th at St. Luke's Hospital, Auditorium C. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Architectural Review Board— Joe

Cernigliaro

- The Committee is working on pre-approved colors for houses and roofs.
- The Committee is reviewing a new metal roofing product, which looks like shingles.

OLD BUSINESS

- **Drainage Ditch on Golf Hole #5 Project —** The Board was updated on the Common Property Committee's progress in resolving the maintenance of this storm water drainage area. The Committee has worked with the Country Club to identify several areas of concern: 1) the use of heavy equipment on golf course property, 2) ingress and egress to the site, 3) liability of work on residential and golf course properties and 4) costs. The details of these issues have not been resolved and therefore the Committee cannot present a plan at this time. The Committee is getting an alternate proposal from Connor Landscaping to weed, edge, cutout, haul away, and chemically treat this area.

Call The Guard Gate To Reserve The Pavilion

Are you planning a birthday party for your child or a picnic for a family reunion? If so, consider reserving the Pavilion at the Deercreek Playground for that special event. The three covered picnic tables provide ample space for a large gathering, and there is plenty of parking available in the lot between the playground and the Tennis Pro Shop. Younger kids can enjoy the safe and well-equipped play equipment while the older ones play a game of basketball or volleyball nearby.

If you would like to reserve the Pavilion, please call the Guard Gate at 363-2147 after 10:00 AM (avoiding the morning rush at the



gate.) The security guard will be pleased to record your reservation. There is no charge for use of the area. All that is required is that you return the area to the same condition you found it and dispose of any trash you generate before you leave.



DCCOA

Board of Directors

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CPAC

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Access Control

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Club Liaison-Legal/Ad Hoc donofrio12@aol.com

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Common Property creeksideinv@hotmail.com

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Rosemary Tutt 519-7919
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May Management

Bernard Vargas Vila 273-9832
Property Manager bvargas@mayresort.com

The board meets at 7 PM on the fourth Thursday of each month at Deercreek Country Club. Deercreek residents are welcome at all board and committee meetings.



Edgewater HOA

Board of Directors

Dan Ciez 519-9824
President dciez@bellsouth.net

Ron Widlak 519-9726
Secretary basinji@bellsouth.net

Raymond Saliba 519-6619
Treasurer salibaeng@bellsouth.net

The board meets at 7 PM on the third Thursday of each month at the Ciez's home at 7741 Watermark Lane South. Edgewater residents are welcome at all board and committee meetings.



May View Award

Robert and Mica Brown 11182 Chester Lake Rd. W.



The colorful eye-catching flowers have earned Robert and Mica Brown the May View Award. Their new brick paver driveway leads up to beautiful snapdragons, pink geraniums, poinsettias and two lovely swirled topiaries. We're lucky to have such attractive gardens in Deercreek.

Home and Garden Club News



Garden Club participants at the Appreciation Luncheon.

The past month has been a busy time for the Home and Garden Club. March ended with a trip to Tree Hill Nature Center, where members toured the museum and outdoor gardens. On April 17 the annual Appreciation Luncheon was held at the playground pavilion. Our common grounds workers always look forward to this picnic, as do members of the Garden Club. It is our opportunity to say "Thank You" for all the hard work that keeps Deercreek looking beautiful. Co-chairs Nancy Gilroy and Mary Louise Selzer worked diligently to make this event a success.

This year's annual Luncheon and Fashion Show had a record number of attendees. Fashions were from Coldwater Creek and Garden Club members modeled. Many people had either made personal donations for the silent auction table or solicited contributions from merchants. This whole-hearted effort by members, and especially Charlotte Johnson and the entire Ways and Means Committee, help fill Garden Club coffers with funds for future Deercreek beautification projects. (Visit



Justin Moore and part of the landscape crew.

www.deercreekccc.com for fashion show pictures.)

The final meeting of the 2008-2009 Garden Club year will be the annual year-end luncheon on May 28th. At this meeting officers will be installed for the coming year. Please make your reservations at the club at 363-1604 for this event.

Each year the club honors a community member for his or her contributions to Deercreek with the Golden Acorn Award. Please send your nominee suggestions for the 2009 award, which will be presented at the August meeting, to Rita Allen (RitaAllen610@aol.com).

The Home and Garden Club is a vital part of the Deercreek community. It functions as a social, educational and philanthropic organization. If you are new to Deercreek, please join us for a meeting. Mary Lou Roberts, Membership Chair (marylouroberts2@aol.com), can provide further information and a membership form.

Remember, Deercreek Home and Garden Club—Where no one is a stranger for long!



DCCOA Committees

Access Control

Chair: Tommy Walter 519-0660
tjwalter@bellsouth.net

Board Liaison: Doug Klippel
Members: Mike Graves, Bunny George, Jeannie Harlan, John McIlvaine, Faris Monsour, Shoab Rana

MEETINGS: Second Wednesday of each month at 6 PM

Architectural Review Board

Chair: Skip Yauger 363-2809
ryauger@bellsouth.net

Board Liaison: Joseph Cernigliaro
Secretary: Tobe Budner 285-2519
(May Management) Tbudner@mayresort.com

Members: Floyd Campbell, Buck Eng, Kent Smith
MEETINGS: First Thursday of each month at 7 PM at the club

Covenants Enforcement

Chair: Frank Albanese 519-6562
fpsouth54@comcast.net
Co-Chair: Frank Tuenge 519-5040
ftuenge@bellsouth.net

Board Liaison: Ron Peace
Members: Douglas Harlan, Ted Jackson, Donna Robinson, John Robinson
MEETINGS: Third Thursday of each month at 6:15 PM in the ladies' card room at the club

Common Property

Chair: Jim McKinney 519-2171
jimmckin@comcast.net

Board Liaison: George Partin
Members: Paul Davidson, Chuck Jantz, Charlotte Johnson, Sandy Montgomery, Dave Noble, Jim Register, Mary Stelbrink, Joe Williams

MEETINGS: Second Wednesday of each month at 7PM at the club

Communications

Chair: Laurie Bacalis 363-6316
lpbacalis@comcast.net

Board Liaison: Rosemary Tutt
Newsletter Editors:
Laurie Bacalis 363-6316
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Jan Thompson 466-8650
janthompson@watsonrealtycorp.com

Members: Jill Cole, Joe McTighe, Nancy McTighe, Jill Mountain, Marie Smith
MEETINGS: Third Wednesday of every other month at 7 PM at the club

Finance

Chair: Vacant

Board Liaison: Judd Schwartz
Members: Merrick Bayer, Walt Beissinger, John Joyce, Chuck Gillum, Mike Tanner, John Tomka
MEETINGS: Monthly, usually the week before the board meeting

Citizens Planning Advisory Committee (CPAC)

Representative: Danny Becton 519-1276
danny@thebectons.us

Alternate

Representative: Ted Jackson 608-8670
trj2002@bellsouth.net

Legal / Ad Hoc

Club Liaison: Carol D'Onofrio 519-0924
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Spotlight on RITA

The RITA Foundation is homegrown, founded by Deercreek residents Chuck and Nancy Jantz in 1997. Chuck and Nancy wanted to help fight breast cancer through research, hence the name RITA for "Research is the Answer." One hundred percent of the funds raised are donated since the organization is fully staffed by volunteers and there are no overhead costs. Since its inception, the RITA Foundation has raised \$3 million that have been distributed to Baptist Medical Center, Shands Hospital, Mayo Clinic and local breast cancer support systems. The tennis tournament was the first event that was planned to raise funds and continues today; this year's event is scheduled for June 5-7 at three local country clubs. The Black Tie and Silent Auction event at San Jose Country Club will held on July 25.

May through July is a major fundraising period for the foundation. Donations can be made to the RITA Foundation, 8334 Amherst Hills Lane, Jacksonville, FL 32256. In addition, sponsorships for the tennis and black tie events are available by contacting Chuck Jantz at 363-1493. If anyone is interested in helping Nancy in her Deercreek fundraising efforts, please give her a call!

2009 "Hands On" Awards Presented to Joan Hecht and Chuck Jantz

Congratulations to Joan Hecht, who received the International Outreach Award given to the volunteer who has reached beyond our borders to give exceptional nurturing and support to refugees. Joan established the Alliance for the Lost Boys of Sudan to assist with health and educational needs.

The 2009 National Daily Points of Light Award was presented to Chuck Jantz. Former President George W. Bush declared: "Points of Light are the soul of America. They are ordinary people who reach beyond themselves to lives of those in need, bringing hope and opportunity, friendship and care." Chuck is a founder of RITA (Research is the Answer), an organization that raises funds for breast cancer research and emphasizes awareness, education and patient programs.

We are proud to have Joan and Chuck as members of the Deercreek community.

For further information check out their web sites:

www.allianceforthelostboysofsudan.com

www.the-rita-foundation.org

Notes

Mark your calendar

Clean out your closets. The Deercreek Yard Sale will be on Saturday, September 26, in the Watson/NEFAR parking lots from 9 AM to 1 PM (Rain date, Sat., October 3) Reserve now by calling 519-0924. Booths are \$25.

Signboard announcements

Residents needing to communicate a community event or other community information on the signboard at the gated entrance to Deercreek should contact Jill Cole at jjjacole@bellsouth.net. The signboard will not be used for personal announcements such as birthdays, graduations and anniversaries.

Web liaison needed

A coordinator for the Deercreek web site is needed. And you don't need to be a computer geek to serve! An outside source maintains the site and the liaison provides updates to this webmaster. Interested? Contact Marie Smith at kemabeam@bellsouth.net.

Trial posting of newsletter on Deercreek web site

In an effort to avoid duplicative efforts, remain cost efficient, and disseminate information in a timely way, a trial posting of the Deercreek newsletters will appear on the web site in lieu of the usual mailing in July and August. A limited supply of hard copies will be available at the Club. Please make a special note to check out the web site during these months, and help us to evaluate this idea by submitting suggestions and comments to Laurie Bacalis at lpbacalis@bellsouth.net.

Emails Still Needed

Residents who have not submitted their emails to the Communications Committee will be contacted by phone during the next two months. This list will be used by the Board for emergencies or important announcements. You can also send your email to Marie Smith at kemabeam@bellsouth.net.

Deercreek Country Club Owners Association

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facility and program to support at-risk and disconnected youths and young adults, ages 16-21. Chairperson: Bonnie Solloway 519-8823

- **Duval County Public Schools Vision Service Program:** Cash donation to be used to help with vision screening and the purchase of glasses for disadvantaged students that qualify for the program. Duval County is the only county in the state of Florida that has a community-based, system-wide coordinated vision screening program. Chairperson: Pam Kinevan 538-0494
- **The Bag Ladies:** Cash donation to be used to purchase supplies and material for filling handmade bags with items such as snacks, toiletries, coloring books, crayons, flashlights, batteries, and stuffed toys. These bags are given to children arriving at Hubbard House as a way to make their stay a little more comfortable. Chairperson: Debbie Wallace 998-0090
- **CHORES:** Children's Health Organization Relief and Education Service: Cash donation. This will be used to purchase items needed for therapy that cannot be obtained in Grenada. Thousands of patients have benefited from the services of CHORES, a not-for-profit, non-sectarian children's health care organization based in Jacksonville. Pediatric specialty surgery and anesthesia, education and pediatric cardiology are just a few of the services provided by CHORES. Chairperson: Nancy Jantz 363-1493
- **First Coast Women's Services:** Cash donation to this organization, which will be the Alliance's featured speaker at the May 7 general meeting. First Coast Women's Services is a nonprofit organization committed to offering truthful information, emotional support and practical assistance to individuals who are facing unplanned pregnancies. It presents sexual abstinence as a positive lifestyle for singles and provides opportunity for healing. All of their services are free and confidential. Chairperson: Donna Bernard 464-0910
- **Hubbard House:** Planning a toy drive to help fill the Hubbard House Gift Cupboard. Unwrapped toys and/or small novelty gifts for mothers and children will be solicited. Those who have stayed at or are currently staying at the Hubbard House are invited to shop for their families at Hubbard House Store set up for the holidays. Chairperson: Debbie Grosnick 519-2927

