



The 2009 Golden Acorn Award Goes to Rita Allen

Every year the Home and Garden Club presents the Golden Acorn award to honor a Deercreek resident for her or his contributions within our community as well as throughout the city. We have reached a milestone this year. It is the 10th anniversary of the Golden Acorn award, and befitting this special year, we have a truly special honoree—Rita Allen.

Rita grew up in Rochester, New York, where she attended Nazareth College. She graduated in 1956 with a Bachelor of Arts in English, and was immediately swept off her feet and away to the Philippines as a newlywed. She and Mark spent the next eight years abroad, living in Cebu City and Davao City, and experiencing all the benefits of a foreign culture and international travel, when relatively few Americans were leaving the shores of the USA. In 1963 they returned to the United States and for the next fifteen years lived in Rochester (where Rita was a docent at the museum), Medfield and Mendon, New York.

In 1978 they moved to Jacksonville and opened the office of Sales Consultants (an Executive Recruiters firm). Working together, they grew the company and eventually added an office in Orlando. In 1995 it was time to retire and enjoy life so they sold their successful business. Rita had always been active in her community, but now there was more time to become involved.

In those early years, Rita volunteered as the Elderhostel coordinator at Marywood in Switzerland (just south of Jacksonville) where she functioned as the contact person, seeing to the needs and schedules of touring groups.

At about this time Rita and Mark began looking for a new place to live. Rita was not looking forward to a change, and she gives Mark full credit for the move to Deercreek. They moved into their home on Heather Lake in July 1997, and invited by Mary Louise Selzer, Rita joined the Home and Garden Club and was immediately an active member.



Rita Allen, 2009 Golden Acorn award recipient.

Over the years her positions have included Secretary, Vice President of Programs, Communications Chair, and two years as President. During her tenure as President, the membership of the club grew to nearly 100.

Here in Deercreek, in addition to her garden club involvement, Rita is a member of the Women's Alliance and the Deercreek Literary Circle, where her insights always add to the discussion.

But a big part of Rita's activism takes place outside of Deercreek. From 2001 to 2003, as a Library Guild Board Member

and President, Rita was involved in Much Ado About Books, the Jacksonville Public Library's annual literary and fundraising event. This event hasn't been the same since. In addition, Rita has been a Board Member of the Catholic Foundation, established to provide a permanent endowment to meet the needs of the diocese.

One of Rita's most recent involvements has been with OLLI, the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute, a program that offers classes for seniors at the University of North Florida. Rita has served as both Membership Committee Chair and as an OLLI Board Member.

In addition, Rita avidly supports the Cummer Museum and all its activities. She is an enthusiastic patron of the Jacksonville Symphony. With Mark, she has worked to heighten awareness of our dwindling natural habitats through work with the North Florida Land Trust.

Rita unquestionably stands out for her long-term commitment to Deercreek and the Jacksonville community. She has always been ready to contribute her time, knowledge and experience to the task at hand. She has shown exemplary leadership skills and a true sensitivity to those who work with her. Having Rita among us has been an honor, and we congratulate her upon receiving this year's Golden Acorn award.

SEPTEMBER EVENTS

DCCOA

September 3, Thursday
7 PM—ARB

September 9, Wednesday
6 PM—Access Control

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7 PM—Common Property

September 17, Thursday
6:15 PM—Covenants
Enforcement

September 24, Thursday
7 PM—DCCOA Board

EDGEWATER

September 17, Thursday
7 PM—HOA Board

COMMUNITY

September 21, Monday
10 AM—Literary Circle
meets to discuss William

Trevor's "Cheating at
Canasta"

September 24, Thursday
1 PM—Home & Garden
Club, "You Don't Have To
Spend a Fortune To Look
Like a Million"





DCCOA

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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

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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.

Highlights from July 23 Board Meeting

New members are needed for the Finance, Access Control, Architectural Review and Communications committees. Anyone interested in serving on a committee should contact the committee's chair.

PROPERTY MANAGER'S REPORT

Bernard Vargas Vila:

- Eleven (11) properties were sent to the Covenants Enforcement Committee for hearings.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance Committee — Danny Becton, substituting for Judd Schwartz, Liaison

- Committee has vacant chair position.
- June 31st Financials include, to date:
 - Revenue: \$401,098
 - Expenses: \$390,995
 - Balance: \$ 10,103
 - Current projected year-end balance with prior year carryover: \$13,249.20
- Reserve "projected" Year-End balance: \$142,638.

Access Control — Doug Klippel, Liaison

- Speeding and stop sign violations are increased. 12 speeding citations and 11 warnings were issued, and there were 6 citations and 7 warnings for stop sign violations.

Common Property — George Partin, Liaison

- The Board deferred action of a recommendation to install sidewalk access on Deercreek Club Road from the Edgewater entrance to the Blakeford Mill intersection.

Communications — Rosemary Tutt, Liaison

- The July and August newsletters will be available only on the Deercreek web site, except for a limited number of printed copies available at the Club.
- The board approved unanimously a proposal by Constant Contact for bulk email services for the community at a cost of \$308 a year.

Legal — Carol D'Onofrio, Liaison

- Board continues to pursue delinquent residents whose properties have accrued unpaid assessments and fines exceeding \$58,072. Eight properties have unpaid fines and assessments that \$1,000.

CPAC — Danny Becton, Liaison

- Rep. Charles McBurney, Florida House of Representatives, spoke at the June 22, 2009, meeting about the state budget crisis and upcoming initiatives.
- Next meetings: September 28 and October 26 at St. Luke's Hospital, Auditorium C

OLD BUSINESS

- Committee reported on progress of creating processes and fines that address violations of the community's covenant policies for after-hours/Sundays/holiday work by contractors. The current proposal is: (i) if a violation is observed by security patrol or if a complaint is received at the gate from a resident, the officer will prepare a written report including a description of what was observed and when, (ii) security will inform May Management of the violation and send a copy of the report, and (iii) the gate guard will telephone the residents and remind them of the hours of work and the rules. May Management would then assess fines as follows (i) 1st violation – written warning; and (ii) fee of \$100 a day, up to \$1,000, for each violation thereafter.
- Ad-Hoc Committee on Fines for ARC and Covenant Work Rules Infractions – The Board approved 7 to 1 to accept the above proposal. Implementation of the above warning and fine protocol will take effect on October 1, 2009.

NEW BUSINESS

- The board was presented with four options for the implementation of this year's roadwork. Each option was reviewed by considering advantages, disadvantages and costs, and an option that includes a combination of sealing and repairs as well as micro-surfacing was selected. The shoulder of the low areas of Deercreek Club Road through the southern natural area will also be repaired with fill dirt and sod. The target for completion of all work is the first week of November. Projected cost of all work is approximately \$205,000 and will be funded by reserve funds.



Why YOU Should Run for the DCCOA Board of Directors

Deercreek is an exceptional place to live and members of the DCCOA Board help to ensure that we remain a quality, well-run community. The terms of three Board members will expire in December. Isn't it time that you consider making a significant commitment by running for one of these positions?

If you're not sure whether you have the time or talent, the answers to these frequently asked questions may help.

How much of a time commitment is required?

The nine members of the Board each serve a three-year term. Duties include attendance at monthly meetings held the fourth Thursday of each month, serving as liaisons to standing committees (most meet once a month), and an occasional commitment to special projects.

What qualifications are necessary to be a member of the Board?

Members of the DCCOA Board possess a variety of personal and professional backgrounds. All talents and areas of expertise can be used to maintain Deercreek's high standards of operation. Of course, the best

qualifications of all are enthusiasm and commitment.

Is there any compensation?

There is no monetary compensation. But community pride, camaraderie, and long-term increased property values are great rewards!

How does the application and election process work?

Get the ball rolling by submitting your resume to Dave Stelbrink (933-2388; DESMmtg@aol.Com) by October 1 so that ballots and proxies can be mailed out in early November. You will also need to prepare a brief personal statement detailing your background, qualifications and reasons for running. Profiles of DCCOA Board candidates will appear in the November newsletter so that residents can make an informed choice when they vote. New Board members will be announced at the Annual Meeting on December 8, 2009.

For more information, contact DCCOA Board president Danny Becton (danny@thebectons.us; 519-1276) or any Board member.

September View Winner

LeAnn and Brad Chrischilles 7891 Bishop Lake Rd.



The Chrischilles' proudly do their own landscape work. Getting ready for the fall season are golden colored crotons, asters, and broad leaf Aztec grass. Approaching the 18th hole, one sees beautiful sago palms, jackfrost pittosporum, hollies, loropetalum, azaleas, hibiscus, caladium, ligustrum, Mexican lily, bottlebrush and a graceful queen palm.



DCCOA Committees

Access Control

Chair: Tommy Walter 519-0660
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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
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Board Liaison: Joseph Cernigliaro
Secretary: Tobe Budner 285-2519
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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: Stannye Baringer, Douglas Harlan, Ted Jackson, 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
jimckin@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: Rosemary Tutt 519-7919
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Board Liaison: Rosemary Tutt

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Members: Jill Cole, Jill Mountan, 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, 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
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Legal / Ad Hoc

Club Liaison: Carol D'Onofrio 519-0924
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Great Things Come in Small Numbers!



The Deercreek Tiger Sharks are the David of the "David and Goliath" story! Despite being one of the five smallest teams in the League, the team placed 13th out of 20 teams at the River City Swim League Championship meet, held the weekend of July 24. Leading the team were Kasey Schmidt and Eric Weller. Kasey was 3rd runner up in her division, and Eric was 4th runner up in his division. Top ten finishers included Bryan Boulter, Riley Lucas, Will Tabor, Pat Tabor, Emily Tillo and Lexie Witt. The 200 Meter Medley relay team, consisting of Bryan Boulter, Michael Devine, Riley Lucas and Eric Weller, placed 3rd in the city, while the 200 Meter Free Relay team of Casey Bernard, Bryan Boulter, Riley Lucas and Eric Weller placed 2nd. The Tiger Sharks are coached by Jim Taketa, and assisted by Simon Proudfoot.

The team's season runs from May to July and the team welcomes all Deercreek Country Club members, ages 4 to 18. All swimming levels are welcome--the coaches will work with your swimmer! Practices are held daily throughout the summer, and swimmers compete in four to seven inter-league swim meets each season. The team enjoys many social events as well.

The Tiger Sharks' next season begins with Registration in April 2010. Please contact Jo Adcock for more information at 519-9494 or to add your name to the e-mail list.

Get Your Flu Shot: October 10 from 9 am to 1 pm

Where: the Clubhouse

Cost: \$25 (cash or check only; Medicare and most insurance accepted)

Offered for: all residents, club members and family and friends

Notes

Dont Miss The Deercreek Yard Sale, Watson Parking Lot

The deadline to reserve space at the community-wide yard sale is September 15. To reserve space, call Carol D'Onofrio at 519-0924. If you don't have anything to sell make sure you patronize the yard sale so you will have stuff to sell next year.

When: Saturday, September 26, 9 am to 1 pm

Where: Watson/Nefar Parking lot (outside the gate)

New Bench in Honor of John Crain

On Sunday, August 9, a bench was placed in front of the putting green located next to the clubhouse, in honor of John Crain. John was a member of the country club and a golf enthusiast who passed away five years ago. Friends and neighbors donated the bench as a tribute to John.

Deercreek Country Club Owners' Association May Management Services

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Keep abreast of important Deercreek news via email

Last month, the DCCOA sent a test email to all residents via Constant Contact, an email service provider. If you have not received this email, either the address we have on file is incorrect, or you have not provided an email address. In either case, please go to our web site and click on sign me up and add yourself to our email database.

Policy for Contractor Work Hours To Be Actively Enforced

Considering some home improvement projects during the fall season? If so, please remember Deercreek's policies regarding contractors' work on Sundays and after hours.

Contractors may have access to Deercreek from 7 am to 7 pm Monday through Friday, and from 8 am to 5 pm on Saturday. On Sunday, only emergency vehicles, vendor calls, and flower and pizza deliveries are allowed. (Refer to Deercreek's web site: Covenants Enforcement; DCCOA Rules and Regulations; Community Access)

If an after-hours or Sunday violation is observed by Allegiance Security's staff, the gate officer will place a phone call to residents reminding them of the rules regarding Sunday or after-hours work. Another visual inspection will be made by the officer approximately one hour after the call is made and these findings will be included in a written report sent to May Management.

A letter advising the resident of this incident and reiterating Deercreek's policy will then be sent by May Management. The first violation will result in a written warning only with no fee. However, subsequent violations will result in a fee of \$100 per incident.

This is not a new policy but will be actively enforced beginning October 1, 2009. For details, refer to Deercreek's web site at www.deercreekcc.com.

