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CLOSE TIES: RITA AND THE WOMEN'S ALLIANCE

RITA (RESEARCH IS THE ANSWER) WAS ESTABLISHED IN 1996 BY Deercreek residents Chuck and Nancy Jantz. RITA's mission is to raise awareness and money to help in the fight against all cancers, with an emphasis on breast cancer. Since those early years RITA has contributed more than \$2,750,000, with a goal of \$3 million by the end of this year, to hospitals and organizations in the Jacksonville community. Funds come from its many golf and tennis tournaments, Black Tie Galas, 5 K races, auctions and other functions.

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. When looking for worthy charities to consider for its donations, the Alliance could not have found a better match than RITA.

The Alliance has been supporting RITA's efforts since the beginning. Each year the Women's Alliance has a meeting that is designated its "Pretty in Pink Party." Members wear something pink for this meeting to support fighting breast cancer—the major RITA effort.



President Patty Tomka presents Nancy Jantz with a check for RITA.



Basket assemblers Neelima Gole, Mary Stelbrink, Vicki Khan & Nancy McTighe



Basket assemblers Terry Templeton, Karyn Molis & Donna Robinson

Then everyone uses their creative skills to assemble gift baskets that can be auctioned off at RITA's Black Tie Gala. This year again, a room at the clubhouse was buzzing with activity as baskets were loaded, decorated, and shrink wrapped. Each year, in addition to the traditional wine baskets and gourmet food baskets one or two unique baskets stand out. This year it has to have been the "Hurricane Preparedness Cooler." In addition to

donating these baskets, the Alliance has given an annual money donation to RITA. At the July 10th meeting, Alliance President Patty Tomka presented Nancy Jantz with a check for \$1,000. Finally, many Alliance members and Deercreek residents show their further support by attending the RITA Black Tie Gala, held this year at the San Jose Country Club.

Chuck Jantz, volunteer chairman of RITA, says "The consistent support of the Alliance has been a tremendous help in fulfilling RITA's mission. Knowing that we have its constant and dedicated support helps to motivate us to continue our efforts." RITA and the Women's Alliance—a truly good fit here in Deercreek.

View additional "Pretty in Pink" on the Alliance page at www.deercreekcc.com. View RITA Gala pictures on page 3.

AUGUST EVENTS

DCCOA

August 5, Tuesday
6 PM—Access Control

August 7, Thursday
7 PM—ARB

August 13, Wednesday
7 PM—Common Property

August 20, Wednesday
7 PM—Communications

August 21, Thursday
6:15 PM—Covenants Enforcement

August 26, Tuesday
7 PM—DCCOA Board

EDGEWATER

August 21, Thursday
7 PM—HOA Board

COMMUNITY

August 18, Monday
10 AM—Literary Circle meets to discuss Jung Chang's "Wild Swan"

August 28, Thursday
11:30 AM—Home & Garden Club
Golden Acorn Award Luncheon





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

June Board Meeting Highlights

The DCCOA Board of Directors assembled at the Deercreek Country Club on June 24 for a regularly scheduled meeting. Board members John Cole, Rosemary Tutt and Tommy Walter as well as Property Manager Bernard Vargas Vila were absent. Marie Smith and Mary Stelbrink were also present.

PROPERTY MANAGER'S REPORT

— Carol D'Onofrio

- As recommended, the Board sent two properties to the Covenants Enforcement Committee for hearings.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Common Property—Mary Stelbrink

- A stop sign at Weatherby Ct. and Cypress Lakes Drive has been broken and the repair estimate is \$250.
- Estates Management—At no extra charge, Estates Management has worked in many lakes to remove the Spike Rush. The amount of time it is contracted to spend in Deercreek and the actual time spent were reviewed.

Communications—Marie Smith

- Several people have volunteered to work on the newsletter and will be oriented to newsletter production procedures so that they can begin their involvement in September.
- The August newsletter will alert the community of the need for candidates to run for the Board.

Finance and Insurance—Judd Schwartz

- The committee continues to look for a chairperson and additional members.
- The reserve fund has made loans to operating budgets because of several factors, including an outstanding accounts receivable balance, which is due, in part, to late payments of residents' quarterly assessments. Use of the coupon books, mailed at the beginning of the year, may not facilitate prompt payment.
- The Board must expedite the bidding of all contracts (lake maintenance, insurance, property management, and landscaping) as the end of the year approaches. All bid documents should be submitted to committees so they may be reviewed, discussed and revised by mid-July, but no later than August.

- Board Member Danny Becton suggested that the entire budget might need to be re-examined due to various budget shortfalls. He further suggested that the Board review remaining expenditures for the year to make sure the budget stays balanced.
- The Board discussed the need to consider an increase in the residents' annual assessment, which must be seriously considered for the upcoming year. Getting major contract bids and the 2009 budget developed by October are critical in determining an assessment increase.

ARB—Joe Cernigliaro

- All proposed projects for the month were approved.
- The committee continues to work on streamlining and reducing expenses in the approval processes.

Legal—Carol D'Onofrio

- A legal report outlining current issues was distributed. Based on discussion, the Board approved a recommendation to obtain legal approval for the DCCOA to perform work on property that a resident has failed to do and to add the costs to current money judgments, with the option of starting foreclosure procedures.

Access Control—Carol D'Onofrio

- 20,738 vehicles accessed the community in May.

Covenants Enforcement—Ron Pease

- Two residents appeared before the committee. One citation was upheld and one was waived.

OLD BUSINESS

- Dave Stelbrink has agreed to be Board Election Supervisor for the coming Board elections.
- The Board reviewed paving information submitted by John Bernard and agreed that action must be taken soon in some areas. Board members will thoroughly review recommendations and perform on-site inspection to be prepared by the next Board meeting to discuss and prepare a bid document for obtaining quotes.
- Board Member Jim McKinney prepared and sent all members of the Board an email detailing the current status of the cellular tower to be built just north of Deercreek at the JEA substation.

Compiled from notes submitted by Danny Becton and Tommy Walter

GETTING THE BEST DEAL FOR RESIDENTS

The DCCOA Board is in the process of securing bids for the many services that businesses supply to Deercreek. The reasons for doing this are two-fold. First of all, the Board wants to be certain that residents are getting the best services available at fair prices. Secondly, the DCCOA By-Laws and Policies and Procedures require that bids are solicited on a regular basis. Board Member Danny Becton has recently researched these documents and succinctly summarized the requirements. Here is his summary:

Policies and Procedures, Section III, Financial Matters, paragraph c

c. Bidding for DCCOA board or committee contracts will be handled in accordance with the policy below. (Board policy adopted April 2004)

- vii. Long-term contracts, such as landscaping, security, management, lakes, insurance, newsletter, should be written for no more than three years and should automatically

expire at the end of each year, with an option for DCCOA to renew at the same terms or with a modest increase for inflation without re-bidding. Revisions made during the three years of the contract must be approved by the Board.

viii. At the end of three years the contract must be bid out to no less than three bidders, and the committee responsible should present the findings to the Board. The Board must approve the new contract.

The Policies and Procedures further state that the DCCOA is not required to accept the lowest bid but can choose the lowest "qualified and responsible" bidder based on criteria the Board deems relevant.

More detailed information is available at the Deercreek website at www.deercreekcc.com. To access the Bylaws, go to the website, then DCCOA Documents; for the Policies and Procedures, go to the DCCOA Board of Directors link.



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.



JULY LANDSCAPE AWARD

Vickie and Arthur Ettlinger • 8217 Wallingford Hills Lane



The creative work of Vickie and Arthur Ettlinger can be seen in this view of their magnificent front yard. The Canary Island Palms and the Drake Elm have been meticulously pruned. The begonias are in full bloom next to the beautiful brick paved driveway. Adding to the beauty are the greyhound statues, deer statue and the lovely multi-level fountain. The Pittisporrum, Schelling's Hollies, and mondo grass enhance this splendid view.

ANNUAL DCCOA BOARD ELECTIONS

The Deecreek Country Club Owners Association Annual Meeting will be held on December 9 at 7 PM at the clubhouse. The Board consists of nine members with three terms ending each year. The three Board members whose terms expire this year are Carol D'Onofrio, Jim McKinney and Tommy Walter. Since these positions must be filled, it is not too early to consider running or encouraging a neighbor to run for the DCCOA Board of Directors.

Board members serve for three year terms and are expected to attend the monthly association meetings and an occasional special meeting. In addition, most members serve as liaisons to standing committees of the association and attend those meetings. Members may also be asked to work on special projects.

Résumés are needed by October 1 so that the ballots, résumés and proxies can be mailed out in early November and profiles can be printed in the November newsletter. If you wish to serve your community on the DCCOA Board, please send a brief personal statement of between 200 and 250 words containing your qualifications and reasons for wanting to run to David Stelbrink at 7917 McLaurin Road North or email him at desmtg@aol.com. Call Dave at 363-2360 if you have any questions.

RITA Gala

View additional RITA Gala photos on the Alliance page at www.deercreekcc.com.



RITA volunteers Carney Kirtley, Pat Albanese, Robin Braddock, John & Bonne King & Brenda Shirley honor Chuck & Nancy Jantz.



Pam Rogers on the scooter she won in the raffle, with John King, the donor.



Carol D'Onofrio tries to keep up with Bruce Schwartz on his 88th birthday.



Arch & Rosemary Copeland with Lamia & Floyd Campbell



Len and Joe Berman.



Seated: Adele & Wayne Givens, Mildred Carrasquillo, Cheryl & Vaughn Rowan, Judy & Ron Peace; Standing: Hiram Carrasquillo, & Buffy & John Joyce.





DCCOA Committees

Access Control

Chair: Doug Klippel 363-9698
dougklippel@aol.com

Board Liaisons: Tommy Walter
Members: Mike Graves, Bunny George,
Jeannie Harlan, John McIlvaine, Faris Monsour,
Shoab Rana, Sam Strally
MEETINGS: First Tuesday of each month at 6 PM at the club

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, Pete Gentry,
Adele Givens, Kent Smith
MEETINGS: First Thursday of each month at 7 PM at the club

Covenants Enforcement

Chair: Frank Albanese 519-6562
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Co-Chair: Frank Tuenge 519-5040
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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: Mary Stelbrink 363-2360
mhstelbrink@aol.com

Board Liaison: Jim McKinney
Members: Chuck Jantz, Charlotte Johnson,
Sandy Montgomery, Dave Noble, Terry Templeton,
Joe Williams
MEETINGS: Second Wednesday of each month at 7 PM at the club

Communications

Chair: Marie Smith 519-8103
kemabeam@bellsouth.net

Board Liaison: Rosemary Tutt
Members: Rita Allen, Jill Cole, Joe McTighe,
Nancy McTighe, Sandy Montgomery, Mary Stelbrink
MEETINGS: Third Wednesday of every other month at 7 PM at the club

Finance

Chair: Mike Tanner 716-5633
mtanner@cfo-services.com

Board Liaison: Judd Schwartz
Members: Merrick Bayer, Walt Beissinger, Herb Rodman,
George Partin, John Tomka
MEETINGS: Monthly, usually the week before the board meeting

Citizens Planning Advisory Committee (CPAC)

Representative: Danny Becton 519-1276
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Alternate

Representative: Ted Jackson 608-8670
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HOME AND GARDEN CLUB

The 2008-09 Home and Garden Club year will open on August 28th with the ninth annual Golden Acorn Award luncheon at Deercreek Country Club. The club will be honoring someone who has truly dedicated time and effort in our community and beyond. Please join members and friends at 11:30 AM for this social gathering and luncheon and to congratulate this year's winner. Be sure to make a reservation at 363-1604.

The club has an exciting and informative program planned for the coming year. Copies of the full program will be distributed at the August 28th meeting. However, the September 25th meeting has already been planned and will feature "Native Plants" with a visitor from Palm Valley Gardens as the speaker.

Have you considered planting another tree or two on your property? This fall the Garden Club will again sponsor a tree sale. This program, which began in 1999, has helped make Deercreek the lush green community that it is. The tree sale is not a profit-making project. Mary Stelbrink can supply further information at 363-2360 or email her at mhstelbrink@aol.com.

Why not put the club dates on your calendar and plan to join us for all this year's events? Consider bringing a neighbor or friend. *Remember—The Deercreek Home and Garden Club—Where no one is a stranger for long!*

HURRICANE PREPAREDNESS

Visit the Deercreek website at www.deercreekcc.com to learn how to be prepared for a hurricane in the Jacksonville area. Know about

1. Your risk and vulnerability.
2. A plan and emergency supplies.
3. Registering for assistance, if needed.
4. Planning for pets.
5. How to stay informed.

FLU SHOTS TO BE OFFERED

The DCCOA has again arranged for Maxim Health Services to provide flu shots to members of the Deercreek community. This year the shots will be given at the Deercreek Country Club on Saturday, October 4th, between the hours of 9 AM and 1 PM. Maxim charges \$30 for the shot. Medicare and most insurance plans will be accepted. Payment can be made by check or in cash. Please mark the date on your calendar.

