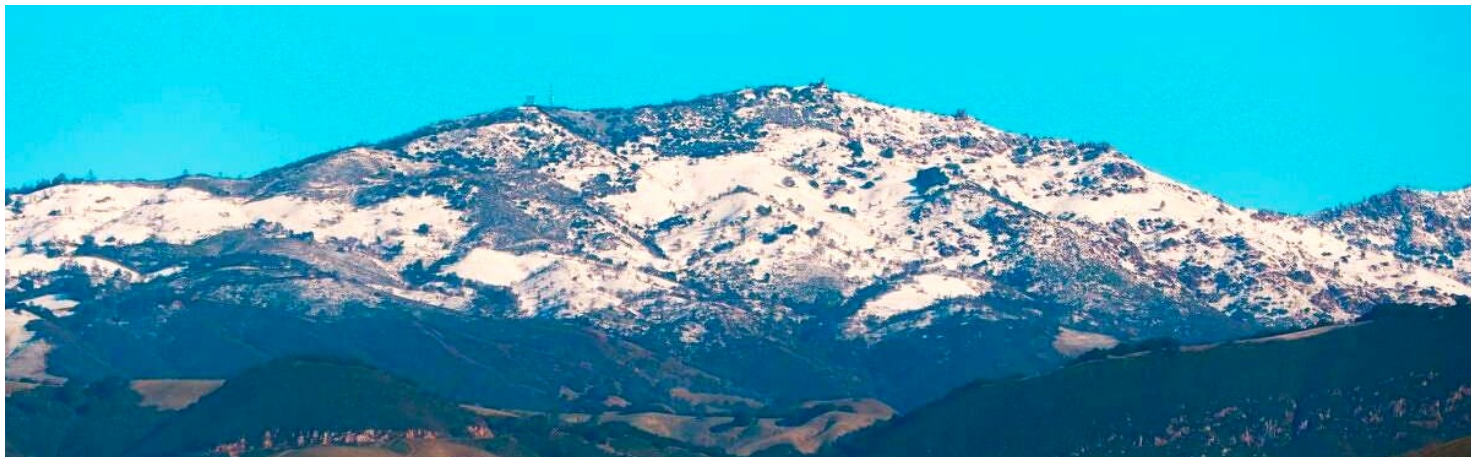




# THE DEVIL'S ADVOCATE

DIABLO COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER



## 2024 COMMUNITY VOLUNTEER HIGHLIGHTS

Our community volunteers have truly made a difference this past year! Here are some of the key achievements from 2024:

- **Welcoming New Neighbors:** Delivered welcome gifts and informational packages to 14 new residents, helping them feel right at home in our community.
- **Engaging Social Events:** Hosted many exciting and inclusive events to bring us together:
  - ◇ Dog Walk & Ice Cream Social
  - ◇ 50 years of the Post Office at the former Pro Shop
  - ◇ Postmaster Walter Lucas 45 years of service
  - ◇ History Walking Tour
  - ◇ Halloween Social
  - ◇ Holiday Social
- **Seasonal Beautification:** Installed whimsical holiday décor and plantings at our community entrances, the post office, and the lending library, brightening up our spaces for everyone to enjoy.
- **Patriotic Observances:** Raised the Flags of Diablo on Memorial Day, Independence Day (4th of July), September 11th, and Veterans Day.
- **Community Directory:** Distributed a comprehensive directory of property owners to all residents, fostering better communication and connection within the community.
- **Staying Informed:** Kept everyone up to date with the latest news via email, community signs, Instagram posts, and four printed issues of our newsletter.

As we step into 2025, we would like to invite you to support the Diablo Property Owners' Association to help us continue the meaningful work that makes our community so special. If you are inclined to contribute more we will ensure the money is well spent! Donate at [www.diablopoa.org/contribute](http://www.diablopoa.org/contribute)

*Cheers! Leslie Keane, President, Diablo Property Owners' Association*

WINTER 2025

## MOST SUCCESSFUL FOOD DRIVE EVER!

"Congratulations on a fantastic holiday season of fundraising! We're so grateful to the Diablo community for your tenured support – it means so much to us...your efforts will provide over 47,000 meals for our neighbors in need!"

*Dawn Manley, Food & Fund Drive Coordinator  
Food Bank of Contra Costa and Solano*



**Thank you, Diablo Food Drive donors!** Not only did we surpass our goal, but we made the 2024 annual Food Drive our most successful one yet!

Diablo raised over \$23,700 for the Food Bank of Contra Costa & Solano during our December 1-10 campaign. A special thanks to the Diablo Foundation, affiliated with Diablo Country Club, which matched our first \$1,500 in contributions as well. In addition, we accepted and delivered 38 pounds of food donations to the Food Bank. From the bottom of our hearts, the food drive team applauds you, on behalf of the Food Bank and its recipients, for your exceptional generosity this holiday season.

Many thanks from the Food Drive Team,

*Kathy Urbelis, Julie Nejedly, Jan Novak*

## HELPING OUR FIRST RESPONDERS IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

In 2020 we saw the most devastating fires in California's history and we rallied as a community by visiting base camps and writing notes of gratitude to the men and women protecting us. Now in 2025, we are called to do so again. However, finding effective ways to support and show appreciation for our firefighters and their families can be hard. So Diablo is supporting with donations to smaller, direct-impact, vetted and First Responder recommended charities.

All proceeds will be given in the name of our community and divided among several - the Gary Sinise Foundation's disaster relief emergency fund for LA, a Bay Area foundation providing resources for ongoing mental health and awareness, a locally based therapy dog foundation on-site in LA and a smaller Northern California Firefighter organization bringing aid to them on the front lines and supporting their families at home.

**Know that every dollar goes to those they raise it for - an easy way for our community to give 100% of their donations and gratitude to our First Responders. Please [donate](#) today.**

Contact Alyssa Phillips with any questions.

### DIABLO SUPPORTS

Finding effective ways to support and show appreciation for our First Responders and their families can be hard. So Diablo is supporting with kids and the community writing cards, notes of gratitude/inspiration and by making donations. Every contribution goes to smaller, direct-impact, vetted and FR recommended charities for long term support. Know that every dollar goes to those they raise it for - an easy way for our community to give 100% of their donations and gratitude to the men and women protecting us.

Make a donation at  
<http://spot.fund/DiabloSupportsFirefighters>  
and drop your notes off at the Diablo  
Lending Library to be distributed

# Show your **LOVE** **DIABLO**



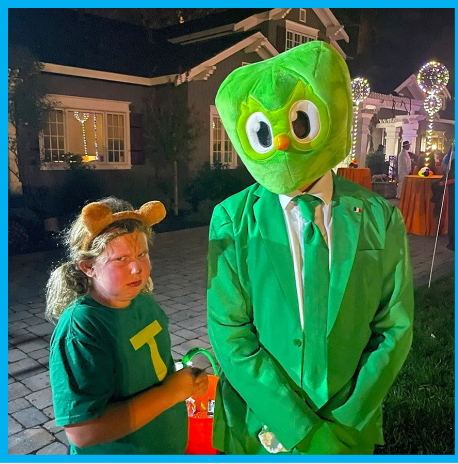
**Contribute to Diablo Property Owners Assoc.**

***Donate today at <https://diablopoa.org/contribute>***

## **OUR FEDEX DRIVER, GILBERT, DRIVES OFF TO RETIREMENT**

Diablo's long-time FedEx driver has finally hung up his truck keys. To show our community's appreciation, we presented him with a framed photo of our post office signed by many of our residents. He so appreciated it! It's little things like this that make Diablo such a special community.

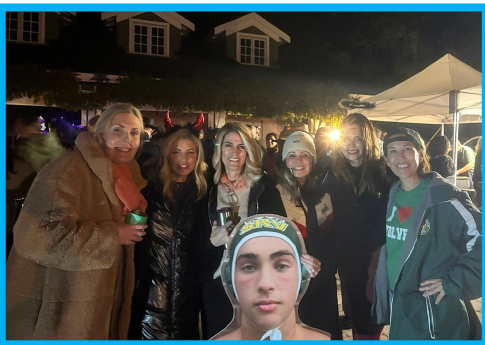




**HALLOWEEN SPOOKTACULAR!!**



**THANK YOU, MARK & SHANNON!**



**WINTER 2025**

## SOCIAL NEWS

### NUPTIAL BANNS

**Cathy and Tim Gonzalez** announce with joy the marriage of their son **Geoff and Alexandra Kautz**. The two were married October 12th at the Preserve in Carmel. The newlyweds live in Willow Glen, San Jose.

**Denise and Ron Aghazarian** are thrilled to share the news of the marriage of their daughter **Marlo and Taylor Dean** on October 19th at Holman Ranch in the Carmel Valley. The two reside in University Place in Washington state and both work for Autodesk.

**Bernie Mahan and Neal White** are delighted to announce the marriage of their daughter **Ally and Matthew Wester** on Friday, January 17, in Jersey City. Ally, a graphic designer in NYC, and Matthew, an attorney, will live in Hoboken, New Jersey.

### BIRTHS

**Bernie Mahan and Neal White** also have their first grandchild! Their daughter **Katherine** and her husband **Jared Slesnick** are overjoyed with **Noa Rose Slesnick**, born on June 5, and weighing six pounds and one ounce. The new family is living in Walnut Creek.

**Nancy and Bob Frahm** are thrilled to have their sixth grandchild. Daughter **Lee Ann**, her husband **Steve Izzo** and big brother **Jack** welcomed **Luke Steven Izzo** on August 16. The family of four is living on Russian Hill in San Francisco.



### WELCOME TO OUR NEW DIABLO RESIDENTS

**Al and Marai Bolourchi** moved in November to 1862 El Nido, where they are living with their children Valentina and Leo.

**Joe and Luz Burg** moved in May from San Francisco to Dias Dorados at 2070 Casa Nuestra. Formerly owned by Alice and Hugh White, the Burgs are embarking on a complete restoration.

**Deborah and Steve Lichliter** at 2067 Alameda Diablo, have moved here from Danville, where they lived for 29 years. Deb says that they "love the historical architecture, the trees and landscaping and how all of the homes look unique from each other." With two married daughters and two granddaughters living in Seattle, they visit often.

**Matt & Brianna McEuen** moved to 2533 Caballo Ranchero in July, where they live with their little girl Olivia, who was just joined by a baby sister in October.

At long last, **Katie and Mark Nittler** have moved into 2072 Alameda Diablo, or as they call it: Acorn House. In 2021, when they first bought, the original plan was to renovate the old home of 1922. Despite obtaining the historic and county permits, the project turned into a complete rebuild. In September of 2024, Mark, a native of Santa Cruz and Katie, of Shropshire in rural England, gratefully moved in. They have three children and four grandchildren.

**Mirelle and Adam Polk** are absolutely delighted to be living on Casa Nuestra, which they accidentally discovered on a bike ride! Now they, and their two children, are settled in with school for the kids, the Diablo Country Club for the whole family, and Adam commuting to San Francisco where he is an attorney. Adam grew up in the area, attending De La Salle High School, but Mirelle is originally from South Africa.

## DIABLO COMMUNITY HOLIDAY SOCIAL

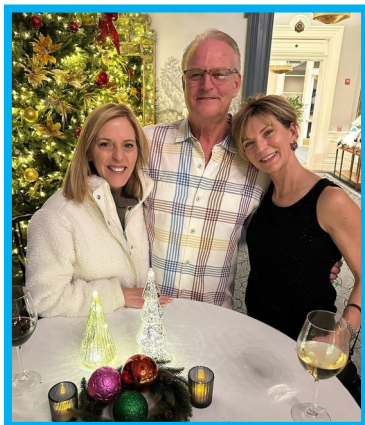
So festive and beautiful in the recently renovated Diablo Country Club Carriage Lounge! The bar has been meticulously preserved, traditional with a modern twist. So fun to be back in the Club House.



Kudos to Diablo Country Club, the DPOA and DCSD for combining efforts and budgets for a blow out end of the year bash! THANK YOU!

It was a great way to mingle with old friends and welcome new families to Diablo. It really emphasized everything that is so special about the community. It is all about people - and of course a nice cocktail!

We hope you have all had a wonderful holiday season and are ready to embrace and enjoy 2025.



## DIABLO HONORS....MORE OF OUR NEIGHBORS!

In 2021-2023, DPOA volunteers organized to recognize 22 of our residents that have lived in Diablo for 50+ years. We have five new honorees to recognize this year. They have helped to build this amazing community in which we live. They have such interesting stories to tell. We will feature each honoree with an article in this newsletter and a month-long display at our post office. Copies of each article will be available at the post office kiosk and the library. Please take some time to get to know each honoree through the articles and to leave a thank you note for them at the post office. Each honoree will receive your cards in a gift basket delivered by a DPOA volunteer. We begin with ....

### ARLENE REED

*By Jan Novak*

Ralph and Arlene Reed purchased their beautiful lot on Casa Nuestra in 1974 for \$32,000. They were drawn by the rural feel of Diablo, the privacy, the views. And Ralph was looking forward to some golf. After building their dream home, they moved in with their three young children—Michael, Matthew and Laura.



Arlene Leberherz was born in San Francisco almost 87 years ago to immigrant parents who owned a small neighborhood grocery store. After two years at City College, she was awarded a scholarship and transferred to UC Berkeley, where she earned her degree in American Civilization. Ralph was also a native San Franciscan. At age 19, he enlisted in the Navy and served on a destroyer escort. The GI bill sent him to San Francisco State where he earned his degree. Arlene and Ralph met at a dance in the city, married in 1962 and celebrated their 59th wedding anniversary before his passing in 2021. Their first home was in Castro Valley, where they lived for 15 years before moving to Diablo. Arlene taught elementary school and earned her Master's degree in Education with a specialty in Reading Instruction. She later became a reading specialist in elementary schools and tutored reading privately. Ralph worked for a specialty steel company and dabbled in real estate development on the side. He also was the general contractor on a family vacation home at Lakemont Pines in the Sierras. The family enjoyed long summers there as well as winter vacations skiing at Bear Valley.

Diablo was a much quieter place in 1974—fewer and smaller homes, more casual. Arlene tells a story that illustrates that. They had a Malamute/Shepherd mix dog, Sonja, who was good at escaping the yard to wander down to Diablo Country Club. She would hang out in the kitchen enjoying the petting and attention until the staff enticed her to leave with a hot dog. That, of course, meant she would be back the next day!



Ralph and Arlene raised their three children in Diablo. All three attended UC Santa Barbara and moved to the Pacific Northwest. Michael and his wife Rochelle live outside of Seattle. Their daughter, Brighton (21), will graduate from the University of Washington in June. Matthew lives in Bend, Oregon. His son, Rowan (23) graduated from Western Washington in Bellingham and daughter, Coral (19), just started college at Western. And Laura is in Ashland, Oregon, with husband Steve. They have two children - Cinna (24) and Al (22) who are now working in Portland after graduating from colleges there. They are a very close family, with annual family vacations. Plus, last summer, Arlene took her three adult children on a safari to Kenya and Tanzania. They all felt it was a trip of a lifetime! In 2022, Arlene hit the road on "Grandma's Trip", a solo drive to visit each of her five grandchildren individually.

## DIABLO HONORS ARLENE REED...CONTINUED



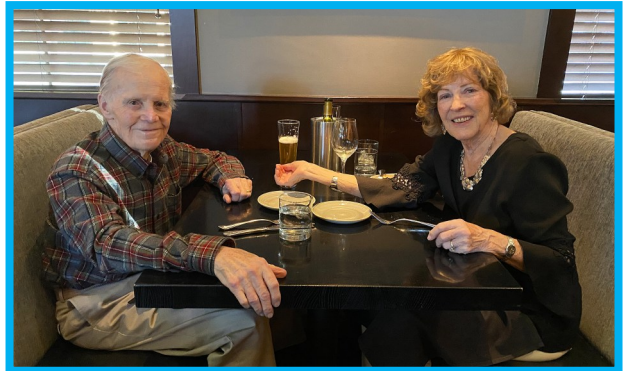
During their long marriage, Ralph and Arlene loved to travel. Some of their favorites were visiting Arlene's relatives in Italy and Switzerland, various trips and cruises through different parts of the world, and seeing the sights in the United States. An especially memorable trip was their 13-day tour of China in 2005.

Ralph and Arlene also enjoyed hiking and the outdoors and loved being so close to Mt. Diablo where they not only hiked but also hosted gatherings with family and friends. One memorable event was in 2008 when they redeemed their certificate from a charity auction held at Diablo Country Club. They bid on and won a catered dinner and drinks for twelve at the Mount Diablo

Lookout at the top of Mt. Diablo. The sunset was fantastic!

Ralph wanted to enjoy the winters and golf where it was warmer so in 1999 they bought a home in Avondale in Palm Desert. It was great for ten years but then they decided to simplify life and return to being in Diablo full time.

Arlene is one of the most engaging and engaged women you will ever meet. When she gets interested in something, she gets REALLY interested. In the past she played tennis, but for the last many years she has been active with the Niners at Diablo Country Club where she usually walks the first nine holes. She has been active in the Diablo Municipal Advisory Committee and the Diablo Property Owners' Association. She never misses a community event. She's an avid reader and lively book club participant. She's a traveler, an explorer. She is politically active and committed to peace and justice. She is active in her church, Peace Lutheran, where she has been involved in a partnership with a poor rural community in Nicaragua for 34 years. During her participation in nine delegations since 1990, she witnessed the increased poverty between 1990 and 2006, and in the last 18 years, the tremendous improvements in the lives of the people when President Ortega and the Sandinista Government were reelected. There is now universal education and health care, electricity, potable water, improved roads, greater tourism and a stronger economy.



When asked what she most loves about Diablo, she highlighted the strong sense of community and the friendly people. That and the tree-lined roads, peaceful ambience and beautiful views from her home.

*Thank you, Arlene, for sharing your story with us and for all that you have done to build our sense of community!*

You can find Arlene's complete article [here](#).



# DIABLO COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT (DCSD) UPDATE

*The Diablo Community Services District or DCSD is a California Special District and is governed by residents elected to a 5-member Board of Directors. The purpose of the DCSD is to provide security services to residents, maintain and improve roads, culverts under roads, and bridges within Diablo, and maintain Kay's Trail.*

## **Enhanced Home Security Measures**

In late November and early December, Diablo experienced two home burglaries, an unusual occurrence given our historically very low crime rate - lower than Blackhawk and Alamo. In response, the DCSD Directors met with the Contra Costa County Sheriff's Department to implement a three-pronged approach:

- ◇ Increased sheriff patrols
- ◇ Additional security enhancements (details are confidential)
- ◇ Resident awareness campaign

How you can protect your home:

**Stay Alert:** Keep an eye on your surroundings and report any unusual activity to the Sheriff's Department at **925-646-2441** or call **911** for emergencies.

**Know Your Neighbors:** Building connections with your neighbors is one of the most effective ways to deter crime. If you haven't already, take a moment to introduce yourself and exchange contact information.

**Secure Your Valuables:** Keep packages, electronics, and other items out of sight. Whenever possible, store valuables in a secure location, like in a safe bolted to the ground.

**Lock Doors and Set Alarms:** Whether you're running errands or away for the day, make sure all doors and windows are locked, and activate your home security system.

**Take Advantage of Vacation Checks:** Deputy Chris Stoffels and the Sheriff's Department offer vacation house checks when you're out of town. To request this service, email [CStof@so.cccounty.us](mailto:CStof@so.cccounty.us) or call **925-646-2441**.

**Install Cameras:** Monitor the outside of your home with a camera system. Consider registering your camera system with the CCC Sheriff's Department.

**Request a Security Assessment:** Request a free home security assessment by the CCC Sheriff's Department. Click this [sheriff link](#) for more information.

## **Preparing for Winter Storms**

As winter's rain and wind arrive, please regularly check your property for weakened trees or tree limbs that may pose a falling risk.

- ◇ Inspect drainage catch basins for leaves and debris, as they can cause obstructions and potential flooding if left unchecked.
- ◇ Clear drainage catch basins of leaves and debris to prevent flooding.
- ◇ Keep creeks on your property clear of obstructions to maintain proper water flow.
- ◇ In the event of a tree failure, creek breach, or a creek bank or hillside failure threatening your home or family, or obstructing a DCSD-maintained streets:
  - Call 911
  - Self-evacuate if necessary.

Local fire, police, and storm patrol workers are under tremendous pressure during major storms, so it's crucial to be self-reliant in weather emergencies.

## DIABLO COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT (DCSD) UPDATE...CONTINUED

### **Creek Maintenance: Preventing Flooding**

The falling of the leaves this time of year creates a lot of landscape work for homeowners and landscapers, and it can be tempting to blow the debris into the creek instead of collecting and bagging. When this landscape debris is discarded in the creeks it creates an obstruction which prevents the flow of water which can result in flooding and property damage.

Please remind your landscapers:

- ◇ Creek beds are not a disposal site for leaves or debris.
- ◇ Routine maintenance should include clearing debris from creeks running through your property.

Keeping our creeks free of leaves and debris is critical during these heavy rainstorms.

### **Encroachment Ordinance Reminder**

Diablo property owners are responsible for preventing and removing encroachments that impact DCSD-maintained streets. Encroachments include:

- ◇ Overgrown vegetation, dead trees, or weakened limbs.
- ◇ Unstable creek banks, hillsides, or retaining walls.
- ◇ Blocked drainage outlets causing water pooling on streets.

If an encroachment poses an imminent threat to safety, emergency access, or compromises the structural integrity of the street, the DCSD will promptly contact a third-party contractor to address the issue. The costs for encroachment removal will be charged to the property owner.

The full Encroachment Ordinance is available on the DCSD homepage under Important Notices, [www.diablocsd.org](http://www.diablocsd.org).

### **Independent Financial Audit for FY 2024**

Following the end of each fiscal year the District performs an independent audit of its finances to assure Diablo residents and the public that the District's annual financial statements present a true and fair view of the District's affairs. The firm of Richardson & Company LLP was retained to perform the audit for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024.

The auditors have completed the 2024 audit and did not identify any misstatements, insufficient supporting evidence or internal control deficiencies during their audit and provided the District with a clean report, also known as an unqualified audit opinion. Simply stated, the DCSD's financial house is in good order and District operations are following state mandates. The full audit report is available on our website under the Documents tab ([www.diablocsd.org](http://www.diablocsd.org)).



# DEPUTY DISPATCHES: WHAT'S IN A NUMBER?

*By Deputy Christon Stoffels*



As your community sheriff, much of my time spent working in Diablo is devoted to driving the roads within the community. One thing I have consistently noticed is the lack of residential addresses visible from the street. There are exceptions but most homes lack uniformity in displaying their addresses. Some addresses are posted near the front door, while others have it on their garage or as a freestanding sign in the front yard.

Why does this matter? In an emergency – whether it's a medical situation, fire, or a law enforcement issue – precious time can be lost searching for the right address. In a life-saving scenario, every second counts.

Another challenge is the prevalence of gated properties in Diablo. If first responders don't have gate codes to access the property, valuable time can be lost. Recently a small fire broke out on the exterior of a home in Diablo. Firefighters from San Ramon Valley Fire District responded but were unable to gain access to the property due to locked gates. Firefighters were forced to pry open the gates resulting in damage to the gates but were ultimately able to put out the fire before structural damage to the residence occurred.

Here's how you can help ensure emergency responders can find and access your home quickly:

## **Make Your Address Visible**

- ◇ Ensure your house number is clearly visible from the street, day or night.
- ◇ Consider reflective or illuminated address signs to improve visibility.

## **Provide Gate Codes to SRV Fire and CCC Sheriff**

- ◇ The Sheriff's Office and SRV Fire District maintain separate secure databases of gate codes for emergency use.
- ◇ To add your gate code to the Sheriff data base, email me at [cstof@so.cccounty.us](mailto:cstof@so.cccounty.us) with your address and code. I'll ensure it's entered into our system for law enforcement access.
- ◇ To add your gate code to the SRV Fire District data base, go to [www.smart911.com](http://www.smart911.com), enter your information to create a free safety profile on the Smart911 system

## **Install a Knox Box**

- ◇ A Knox Box is a secure, tamper-proof steel box that holds keys or access cards for emergency responders.
- ◇ If your property has locking gates, ensure a Knox Box is installed near the gate control panel.



What's in a number? It could be the difference between a routine call for service and a tragic outcome. Let's work together to keep Diablo safe.

# A VERY SPECIAL DIABLO HISTORY WALK

By Dee and Tony Geisler

On Sunday, October 13<sup>th</sup>, about eighty people gathered at the Diablo tennis facility to begin a historic walk with David Mackesey, our accomplished historian and guide. The theme was “A Stroll Thorough Diablo’s Golden Era”, which created a realistic setting of life in the 1920s when many Americans were in a great mood and invested flocked to a rising stock market. Companies launched new products like radios and washing machines. Young people kicked up their heels to jazz, tried crazy stunts and supported a black market in liquor during Prohibition. Soon after, however, the stock market crash of 1929 led to a decade-long economic depression with widespread poverty and unemployment. Life in Diablo reflected those huge changes in prosperity, but those attending were still fortunate to be able to visit homes and properties that were very much products of the “good times”.



David inspired us to imagine ourselves on the morning of June 19<sup>th</sup>, 1921, attending the festivities to celebrate the dedication of Mount Diablo as an official California State Park. Diablo’s steep hillside to the back of the tennis courts served as a natural amphitheater for the theater with the mountain as a backdrop. David explained that Robert Burgess, founder of Diablo, intended for Cassa Nuestra to continue across the top of the hill on the first fairway to provide an approach to the clubhouse.

Penny Hearn Adams invited the attendees to visit her lovely **Tilepile** (Ti-lep-a-lee), a French Provincial home that was built in 1927. Penny’s father said its name would become “Tile-Pile” in the event of an earthquake. Nearby is **Nido de Angeles**, the gracious English Style Cottage built in 1926 and long owned by Tim and Cathy Gonzalaz. Walter Frick, who owned the western slope of Mt. Diablo in the 1920s, was its first owner.

**Green Gates**, an English Tudor style cottage, built in 1925, is one of only two Diablo homes that are registered as historic homes in Contra Costa County. **Deer Haven**, built in 1925 in the English Cottage style, was winterized for year-round living in the late 1940s. Mark and Katie Nittler remodeled it, retaining its original charm. **Home Again** was also built in English Cottage style in 1925 and was featured in a 2011 issue of Diablo Magazine. The attendees were fortunate to meet with Tom and Roxanne Aitchson, the owners of this unique and lovingly remodeled home.

**Summer Home**, built in the Colonial Revival style in 1920, is the first of the homes listed below that were built by Dr. Charles and Wilhelmina Morey. It is cared for by Carl and Jan Cox, who contributed an article about their remodel of the home to Diablo’s Treasures, a book about Historic Homes in Diablo. We continued to **Iris Banks**, a Craftsman style cottage built in 1916, whose original ornate features are lovingly maintained by Kathy Kennedy. Nearby is **Cottage Mac**, Arts and Crafts style (1920), which is owned by Paul and Sia McDonald. **Donna Linda**, Arts and Crafts style (1918) has the lovely Donna Linda Bridge, built in 1928. Attendees enjoyed hearing from Lynn and Cindy Jansen, its owners, about their many projects remodeling their wonderful home.

**Diablo Lair**, Craftsman style (1928) is owned by Deborah and Rob Scharnell. Everyone enjoyed strolling their magnificent backyard and picturing their daughter’s wedding held there. Across the street is **Secret Garden**, Arts and Crafts style (1921), which is located on what was once a 2.5-acre estate owned by the Ragusa family and was almost a country club unto itself. Paul Jon McEwan and Adrienne Lane welcomed us as David described its history.



## DIABLO HISTORY WALK...CONTINUED

Our last stop was **Gablewood**, truly a landmark home owned by David and Liz Birka-White. Liz edited this newsletter for more than 30 years. A luncheon for almost 100 attendees was held in their beautiful backyard, and David Birka-White regaled the attendees with stories about the great lengths he and Liz took to preserve this true Diablo Treasure. Herbert Hoover came to this home in 1928 to talk with supporters in the main living room during his successful run for the presidency.

Although all Historic Walks have been memorable events, this was arguably the best of all time. The two Davids made this walk truly one for the ages. We look forward to our next history walk later this year.



## CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR COUNTY SUPERVISOR, CANDACE ANDERSEN....

who was recently elected *Chair of the Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors*. Diablo Country Club hosted a celebratory luncheon for 200+ people in the beautifully renovated ballroom. Congratulations Supervisor Andersen and thank you for your strong advocacy for our community.



## CURIOUS TO SEE THE RENOVATIONS AT DIABLO COUNTRY CLUB?

Katie Nittler, a DPOA volunteer, is also volunteering with the club as *Membership Committee Chairwoman* and would be happy to take you on a tour through the clubhouse. It's stunning! Please call Katie at (510) 334-6400.



## DO YOU ENJOY GRAPHIC DESIGN? WANT TO HELP OUR COMMUNITY?

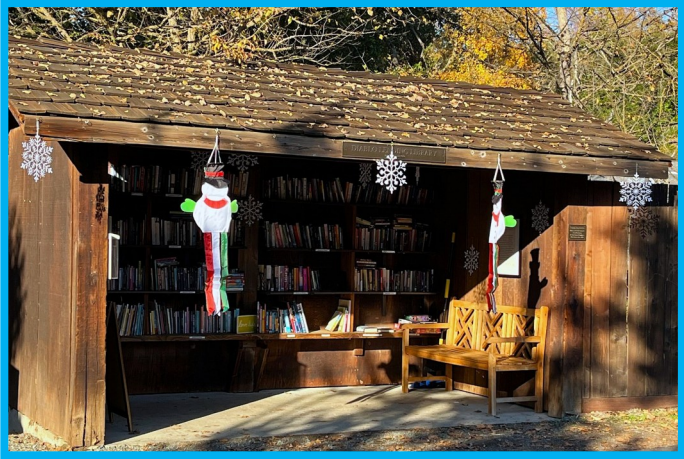
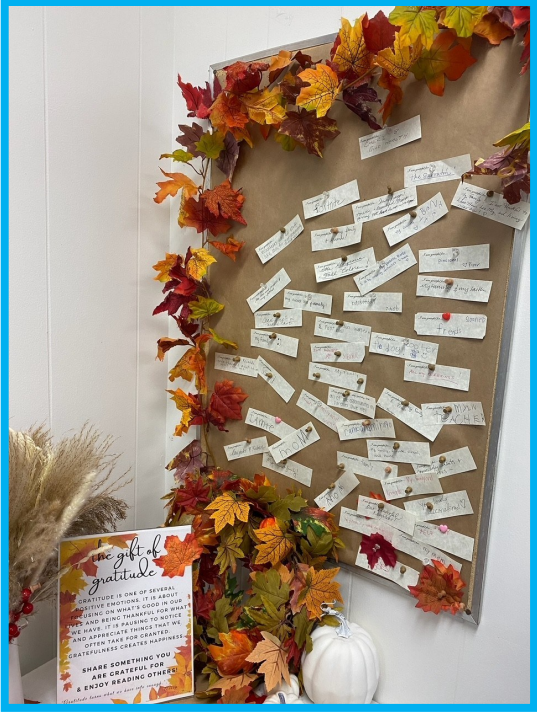
We need a new Devil's Advocate editor. Here are the details:

- ◇ It's four newsletters a year—once a quarter. There's no HARD deadline and content can be supplied weeks in advance. The DPOA will email it to the community and print copies.
- ◇ The content is all supplied by the DCSD, the Sheriff, volunteers that manage events, the DPOA President, etc. It's not about creating content but organizing it and incorporating the provided photos.
- ◇ The editor needs familiarity with some type of graphic design software: Canva, Microsoft Publisher, Adobe, etc.
- ◇ Support is available as we transition to a new editor.

This newsletter has been published for our community for many decades. Let's keep it going! Please **contact [Jan Novak](#)** to learn more.



DIABLO CELEBRATES THE HOLIDAYS



## WELCOME NEW RESIDENTS!

If you have recently moved into our community, we have a gift for you! Please let us know you are here by emailing [membership@diablopoa.org](mailto:membership@diablopoa.org).

We do not have a typical HOA. Instead, all residents pitch in a nominal \$200+ each year to cover shared community costs: plants, water and maintenance at the entrances; raising the Diablo flags; holiday décor at the post office, the library and the entrances; maintaining our amazing community library; funding community activities and social events, as well as printing to deliver this newsletter to you. These things make Diablo the special place you have chosen to make your home.

Our mission is to enhance the community through beautification, social events, communication and historic preservation education. The DPOA is run by community volunteers and funded by annual contributions by residents. Formed in 1929, it is one of the oldest such organizations in California. Although our owners' association possesses no legal power, it acts as a sounding board and works with other organizations to facilitate community affairs and events. You can find more information at [www.diablopoa.org](http://www.diablopoa.org) and on Instagram@Diablo\_Community.

### Interested in contributing to the community? We always need volunteers!

- Newsletter - Seasonal décor
- Welcome Committee - Social events
- Flags of Diablo - Community projects

The Devil's Advocate is our quarterly update to share the activities and events happening in our community and a method of keeping the communication lines open between neighbors.

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### Diablo Community Volunteers

Elizabeth Birka-White	Jan Novak
Tony & Dee Geisler	Shirley Osmer
Dana Gold	Melissa Ovadia
Amber Huete	Alyssa Phillips
Maddy Johnson	Darcy Pierce
Leslie Keane	Dana Pingatore
Greg & Anne Lorenz	Kathy Torru
Julie Nejedly	Julie Wallunas
Katie Nittler	

Meeting Schedule: 1st Tuesday of every month at 7:30 pm. Email [membership@dpoa.org](mailto:membership@dpoa.org) for meeting location.

### Diablo Community Services District Board

[www.diablocsd.org](http://www.diablocsd.org)

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