



THE DEVIL'S ADVOCATE

DIABLO COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER



HAPPY PUMPKIN SPICE SEASON, DIABLO!

I think we're all ready for Fall after the scorching heat wave. The leaves are turning, acorns dropping and DPOA volunteers are busy planning some tricks & treats at our entrances, post office and library. Mark your calendar for our legendary Halloween community social Monday October 31st 6-8pm on Alameda Diablo.

This is our last issue of the Devil's Advocate for the year, and we sure have a lot to share! We're highlighting a wide range of people who help make Diablo a truly special place: profiles of our 50+ year residents; neighbors who are documenting/sharing the stories of our community history, keeping our streets clean, candidates offering to serve on our services district (DCSD), and our wonderful Postmaster Walter who will be transitioning into retirement.

Look for the gratitude board to go up again this Thanksgiving. We love this new tradition started during the pandemic. Please be sure to share as you contemplate what you are thankful for this season. Many thanks to Jan Novak who has spent countless hours to design and publish this "mega-issue".

The Diablo Property Owners' Association volunteers



THANK YOU, WALTER LUCAS!

Walter Lucas is Diablo's 12th Postmaster since inception in 1917. Walter and his team (Theresa and Maria) work closely with Diablo Property Owners Association to help identify solutions to meet service needs of the community and maintain a safe, and secure environment for customers and employees. In addition to seeing and talking with residents and customers each day, Walter enjoys attending Diablo's seasonal celebrations such as the History Walking Tour narrated by our resident historian David Mackesey. When Walter is away spending time with family, he leaves the Post Office operations in the capable hands of Theresa--aka his "Relief Postmaster".



Walter began his postal career in 1978, as a Distribution Clerk in San Francisco, CA. He joined USPS management ranks in 1987, serving as Supervisor of Delivery Services. Walter served in various leadership positions such as Manager of Customer Services Berkeley, CA; Manager Customer Services, Oakland, CA; Acting Postmaster Alamo, CA; and Acting Postmaster Lafayette, CA. He has received numerous *Distinguished Service Awards* during his 44 years of exemplary service and dedication to the US Postal Service.

Walter is a native San Franciscan, and a graduate of Woodrow Wilson High School in San Francisco. He attended San Francisco Business College, San Bruno Skyline Junior College, San Jose State University and is a graduate of USPS Management Academy, Potomac, MD. He is a member of Providence Baptist Church in San Francisco and on occasions visits with Acts Full Gospel Church in Oakland. He is a lifelong active member of several fraternal organizations. His hobbies are cooking, dancing, music, reading, sports and traveling. And Walter is a lifelong Raiders Fan.

He has one daughter, Courtneii and one son, Kenneth. His parents are Juanita Lucas and the late Walter Lucas Jr. He is the eldest of three siblings, with Felicia and Veronica (Anthony). Walter has one nephew, Derrick and five nieces, Monique, Ashley, Dominique, Imani and Aasiya. Walter lives in Oakland with the love of his life, Cynthia. Walter and Cynthia met while visiting the Palace of Fine Arts in San Francisco. Walter and Cynthia still enjoy visiting the City on weekends. Walter is Stepfather to three stepdaughters, Asonti, Eman, Brena'h, one Stepson Jamon (Melissa) and Step-grandchildren. Walter is Godfather to one Godson Dell, three Goddaughters Veronica (Cecil), Vanessa and Tiendres.

Walter plans to retire from his distinguished career late this year. The DPOA will help facilitate a way for all residents to express their gratitude for Walter's exemplary performance as our 12th Postmaster and wish him and Cynthia all the best in his retirement. We will truly miss his gracious presence.



DIABLO HONORS OUR LONG-TERM RESIDENTS

HONORING KAY BATTIS

Resident since 1971

By Marilee Headen

Katherine (Kay) Siemssen was born in 1938 in Alexandria, MN. After completing high school, she embarked on a distinguished academic journey, winning a National Merit Scholarship to Marquette University, from which she graduated summa cum laude. She then traveled by train and ship to the University of Munich, where she had been awarded a full scholarship and a Fulbright Travel Grant. Enjoying her time in Europe, she then began a Master's Degree program in Advanced International Studies at Johns Hopkins University in Bologna, Italy. She returned to the United States to complete her MA from Johns Hopkins main campus in Baltimore.



Kay met her future husband, Elmer Battis, while on a safari to Kenya, Tanzania and Uganda. She and Elmer married and Kay resigned from her job as an executive at Chase Bank and moved to Diablo as a bride. Their honeymoon was a trail-ride sponsored by the American Forestry Association in the Colorado Rockies, where Kay remembers helping to pitch tents, with snow coming down, at an altitude over 10,000 feet.

Read the full article at www.diablopoa.org and see Kay's "honor board" at the post office in October.

HONORING LAURIE BAINE

Resident since 1972

By Jan Novak

When Laurie Baine was 4 years old, she had a little box of treasures that included money she was saving. When her parents asked her what she was saving for, she said to buy a ranch—a horse ranch. She fulfilled that dream in a life devoted to horses.



Laurie was born in Rocky River, Ohio, the child of Erskine Squary Baine and Helen Winter Baine. In love with horses, she lied about her age when she was 11 to get a job at an equestrian center to be near horses. She said she was 16. She continued to save and bought her first horse when she graduated from high school. Her early career was in banking, earning enough money to care for her horse and build a life in Ohio. Her bank employer paid for her college education. Her parents, longing to escape the snow and cold, moved to Diablo in 1968. They initially lived in Mary's Haven, the last house on Mt. Diablo Scenic before you enter the state park. Laurie's grandmother came with and moved to Rossmoor. After trying for a few years, they finally convinced Laurie to move to Diablo, promising her it was "horse country" and offering to pay for transportation of her horse, High Society. They built a new home (including a corral for her horse) for the three of them that Laurie still occupies. Diablo was indeed horse country—very rural with horses everywhere. She loved riding High Society to the post office.

Read the full article at www.diablopoa.org and see Laurie's "honor board" at the post office in November.

DIABLO HONORS OUR LONG-TERM RESIDENTS

HONORING SANDY HOFFMAN

Resident since 1972

By Dee & Tony Geisler

The Diablo community is celebrating Sandy Hoffman who, along with her late husband Don, has resided at her lovely home on La Cadena for fifty years.

Sandy was born Mavis Sanderson on April 8th, 1929 in New Hampton, Iowa on a family farm. At age 14, she moved to Oakland and graduated from Oakland Tech High School and received her Bachelors in Education from San Francisco State in 1951. She acquired her Masters in Education from the University of California at Berkeley followed by teaching elementary school in Kensington.

Don was born in 1931 in Burlingame. He liked mechanics and studied Civil Engineering at Stanford eventually joining the United States Air Force and was sent to Germany. Sandy relocated to Erlangen, Germany, to teach the children of United States military parents in the primary grades and lived for a number of years in Europe. She met Don Hoffman while he was stationed in Germany, and both eventually returned home to the United States.

Don and Sandy lived in Castro Valley and San Ramon before finding the best place— Diablo—in 1972. Why Diablo? They wanted to wake up to see Mount Diablo every day and soon found a house that interested them.

Read the full article at www.diablopooa.org and see Sandy's "honor board" at the post office in December.



THANK YOU, DIABLO COUNTRY CLUB!

Not only has the entire parking lot been resurfaced, but that gigantic drain "dent" in post office parking spaces has been removed and you added 3 more post office only parking spaces! Great new signage and car parking blocks. Thank you!



VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

The Diablo Property Owners' Association is an all volunteer effort. In this edition of our newsletter, we thank some very special long-term volunteers for their contributions to our community.

TONY & DEE GEISLER



Tony & Dee Geisler are “super-volunteers”. They have been extraordinarily active in our community since moving here in 1992. Both have been President of the DPOA and long-term DPOA Board members. They have personally welcomed 100 new residents to Diablo and organized five newcomer parties. Tony served on the Diablo Advisory Committee to the DCSD. They have a strong commitment to Diablo’s history, serving as Co-Chairs of The Diablo Historic Preservation Committee since 2018. They have organized history walks, developed with the committee and many other contributors the “Diablo Treasures” book, and personally registered 63 of our amazing heritage oaks. They have authored six Diablo Honors articles. In their spare time, they have replaced street signs, organized DPOA social events, raised the flags, and beautified our entrances. Tony’s latest commitment is his appointment to the Contra Costa County Historic Landmarks Advisory Council. Thank you, Dee & Tony for all that you have done for Diablo!

ELIZABETH BIRKA-WHITE

Elizabeth Birka-White has been the editor of the Devil’s Advocate since 1988. Yes, that’s correct—for 34 years! She has invested so much time and talent to ensure that we build community through communications. She has personally gathered all of the Social News in each issue for ~140 issues of our newsletter. In honor of her commitment, she was named Diablo’s Citizen of the Year in 1994, which was at least 110 newsletters ago. Thank you, Elizabeth, for all that you have done to keep us connected and informed!



DAVID MACKESEY

David and Lynda Mackesey moved to Diablo in 2006. As new homeowners, Jim Stone paid a visit, and personally signed a copy of DIABLO'S LEGACY with the inscription, "To David and Lynda, Welcome to Diablo. I hope you enjoy it as much as I have, James Stone". They took his words to heart. In addition to the work David has spearheaded for Diablo Country Club, his community efforts over the past decade include researching and contributing to Diablo history through organizations including Mt. Diablo Interpretive Association, Save Mt. Diablo, Museum of the San Ramon Valley, and many more. He is the author of “From Country Estate to Country Club: The History of Diablo Country Club”. David also contributed to the book “Diablo’s Treasures”, narrated a half dozen community walks, championed the historic photos on the Post Office walls and spearheaded historic marker placements for several of Diablo's historic building landmarks. Thank you, David, for keeping our remarkable history alive!



SOCIAL NEWS: REMEMBERING....

James Patrick Spicer, 1936-June of 2022, a resident of Diablo since 1975, father of five, and a grandfather of eight, passed away after a brief period of declining health at age 86. A past president of the Diablo Country Club and founder of Wellmade Metal Products, Jim's unique sense of humor will be sorely missed. A resident of Detroit, he was fortunate to meet his life mate Catherine at U of D, after serving two years as a medic in the Army. We will miss seeing him ambling down the street on his way to a hearty breakfast at the Valley Medlyns.

Dolph Charles Senasac, 1937-August of 2022, a resident of Diablo since 1969, Dolph was the father of seven and grandfather of 13. Dolph and his wife Nona moved to Diablo from San Mateo in 1969. A stockbroker in San Francisco, the city of his birth, he loved to return home to the peace and serenity of Diablo after a commute and busy day in SF. Dolph and Nona returned to San Mateo in March of this year. They will both be missed.

Richard Hamilton, 1925-August of 2022, a resident of Diablo since 1991, Dick was a father of two sons, a grandfather of four and great-grandfather of six. Dick met his late wife Patricia Nichols at UC Berkeley. The two continued their allegiance to Cal, naming their home on La Cadena, "Adelante Osos" or "Go Bears." The CEO of Monterey Mechanical Company, which he purchased with two friends, he led the company to prominence in the Bay Area construction community. Proud of his Visalia roots, he purchased the 42-acre ranch he grew up on while in town for a high school reunion. Remember him when you watch a Cal game.

Douglas D. Bradley, 1932- September 2022, a resident of Diablo since 1967, Doug was the father of three daughters, and grandfather of two granddaughters. Doug married Barbara Ann Woodcock in 1957 after completing his medical degree at the University of Wisconsin. The two traveled to Ogden, Utah for his internship. While there, he entered the US Army, eventually rising to become a Brigadier General. Doug was fortunate to pass away doing what he loved, boating on Crystal Lake in Michigan, where he and Barbara had a cherished second home. He was laid to rest in Crystal Lake Township Cemetery.



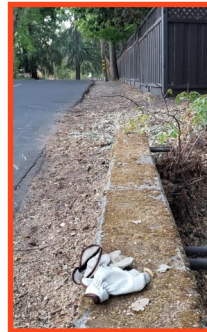
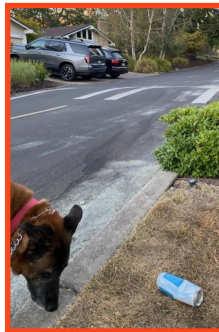
DIABLO THE BEAUTIFUL

By Mary Ng

One of the things I enjoy the most about Diablo is not unique among fellow residents and neighbors: taking walks and getting some much needed exercise! I'm out early in the morning with our pup, Belle and many of you see us and wave as you begin your day. I try to mix up our routes in order to hit almost every street in the neighborhood and in the past 28 years, I've enjoyed how it promotes positive energy before the activities of the day kick-in.

Diablo is, unbiasedly ;) one of the most beautiful communities in the East Bay, if not in all of California, undoubtedly one of the many reasons we all choose to live here. Recently however, there's been an unfortunate up-tick in an occurrence that jeopardizes the beauty of our community. Litter.

Yes, LITTER! Before you move on to the next article with the notion that this lady is mounting a soap box on an age-old topic, take a gander at the pictures below. If you look close enough, you may recognize some of the locations not too far from your front door.



Obviously there is no single cause for where this all comes from. We already do a great job at utilizing our Black, Blue, and Green cans for our own purposes within our households. The litter seems to come from a variety of sources: flying out of the garbage trucks on any given Monday, out of speeding golf carts where the driver is late for their tee time (my loved ones included), from our visitors (carriers, construction workers, home and yard upkeep professionals), and there's even the possibility that we as residents (our families included) have just become careless as we go about our busy days.

We could accept this as the way it is and hope it will not get worse or we can take some positive action to keep the beauty of our neighborhood which we all treasure. Hope we will all do the latter.



FIRE PREVENTION TIPS

By Supervisor Candace Anderson

Every year, fires threaten homes and properties as a result of unnecessary combustible debris and vegetation. It is every property owner's responsibility to eliminate these fire hazards on their property that may endanger their neighbors and the community at large. Every property owner, regardless of type – including residential, commercial, and parcels of land – is ultimately responsible for managing their vegetation to meet Fire District requirements.

The Contra Costa County Fire Protection District has established minimum standards for weed abatement. [Minimum Standards bulletin](#).

"Weeds" means all wild plants growing on streets or private property in this jurisdiction. These include sagebrush, chaparral (chamise, coyote brush, greasewood, broom brush, buckwheat), dry grass, stubble, brush, litter, or other flammable materials which are capable of being ignited and endangering public safety by creating a fire hazard.

Property owners are ultimately responsible for managing their vegetation to meet fire district requirements. To learn more about ConFire weed abatement and whom to contact for help visit [Wildfire Prep](#).

If you are served by San Ramon Valley Fire, visit [exterior hazard abatement](#) for useful information.

COMMUNITY PHOTOS

Back to school celebration!



Diablo librarian Denise Aghazarian sorting books in Milan



Betty Potts is 101!



Margi Slavonia walks 8 miles with grandkids to celebrate her 80th birthday!



Rylie Congo and friends raise over \$600 for charity at their lemonade stands this summer



Walderns proud to raise their flag



Uh oh!



La Cadena/Avenida Nueva residents gathered for their 1st annual potluck

How Contra Costa Envision 2040 Affects Diablo

As you may have heard Contra Costa County is in the process of updating its General Plan, referred to as Envision 2040. The County General Plan outlines its goals for physical growth, conservation, and community life in the unincorporated areas, and contains the policies and actions necessary to achieve those goals. County staff use the General Plan to guide decisions about zoning, subdivisions, and permitted development.

Within the Envision 2040 document is a section on land use designation, which impacts housing development within the County. The land use designation section is undergoing significant changes due to the State of California declaring a housing affordability crisis. As part of a multi-pronged effort to induce more housing production, the State has determined that the San Francisco Bay Area must plan to accommodate an additional 441,176 new homes in the upcoming eight-year planning period between 2023-2031 and unincorporated Contra Costa County must plan to accommodate a minimum of 7,610 new homes. Envision 2040 incorporates these new housing numbers.

To help Diablo residents understand the impact of Envision 2040, we have outlined below the proposed changes and impact on Diablo.

Under the County's *current* General Plan, the following land use designations apply within Diablo. Underneath each category are the roads impacted.

Single Family Residential-Low Density (1-2.9 du/na*)

Properties located south of the Alameda Diablo-Mt. Diablo Scenic cut through.

Single Family Residential-Very Low Density with (.2-.9 du/na*)

Properties north of the Alameda Diablo-Mt. Diablo Scenic cut through.

Under Envision 2040 the County is replacing the existing land use designations with the following land use designations. Underneath each category are the roads impacted.

RVL (Residential - Very Low Density) (0-1 du/na*)

Caballo Ranchero Dr. west of Caballo Ranchero Ct to the end
Caballo Ranchero Ct
Bella Vista
Diablo Lakes
Via Diablo
West side of Alameda Diablo north of Caballo Ranchero Dr.
East Side of Alameda Diablo north of the Alameda Diablo-Mt. Diablo Scenic cut through

RL (Residential - Low Density) (1-3 du/na*)

The roads within Diablo not identified under RVL

**du/na is the number of dwelling units per net acre or usable acre. A dwelling unit is a single residential unit, which can be a single home, a single town house unit or a single apartment unit.*

The differences between the existing and proposed land use designations are: a) the increase in the number of dwelling units per net acre from a maximum of .9 to 1 under Residential - Very Low Density; and b) the increase in the number of dwelling units per net acre from a maximum of 2.9 to 3 under Residential - Low Density.

These proposed changes have the potential to increase allowed housing density within Diablo; however, there are other Envision 2040 sections, which are detailed below, that reduce the allowable number of new dwellings within Diablo.

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DIABLO COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT UPDATE (CONTINUED)

Envision 2040 Section HS-P7.1 *Prohibits new residential subdivisions in Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zones and limits residential subdivisions to four or fewer lots in High Fire Hazard Severity Zones.*

Most of the properties within Diablo are located within the Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zone and therefore could not be subdivided. Below is a list of the roads that fall within the Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zone. Those properties located within the High Fire Hazard Severity Zone would have limited property subdivision options.

Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zones within Diablo:

All of Diablo excluding the streets identified below

High Fire Hazard Severity Zones within Diablo:

- Club House Road
- Calle Arroyo
- Canada Via
- Alameda Diablo Between Diablo Rd and La Cadena
- El Nido beyond El Nido Ct to the end

Envision 2040 Section COS-P9.1. *Prioritizes preservation and adaptive reuse of buildings, sites, and areas having identifiable archaeological, cultural, or historic significance. Requires new construction and renovation projects in historic areas to incorporate compatible and high-quality design that protects the overall historic integrity of the area and adjacent historic resources. (9-28, 9-29, 9-30).*

The entire community of Diablo is recognized by the County as a Historic District and is included in the County’s Historic Resources Inventory list. Future housing development within Diablo would need to meet the criteria stated above.

THE IMPORTANT TAKE AWAY FROM THIS ARTICLE IS THAT THE IMPACT OF THE COUNTY ENVISION 2040 PROPOSED LAND USE DESIGNATION CHANGES ON THE HOUSING DENSITY WITHIN DIABLO WILL BE MINIMAL due the location of the Community in a high and very high fire hazard severity zones and Diablo’s historic designation.

The DCSD will continue to monitor the drafting of Envision 2040 and will keep the community informed of any material changes. Residents can review and comment on the working document at [Envision Contra Costa 2040 | Contra Costa County, CA Official Website](#).



5 RESIDENTS RUNNING FOR OUR SERVICES DISTRICT BOARD

There are 5 residents on the ballot this November for three open seats on the Diablo Community Services District (DCSD) board of directors. The DCSD is a California Special District that provides security services, maintains roads, culverts under roads and bridges within Diablo, and maintains Kay's Trail for our community. The work is funded by property taxes paid by property owners. We are publishing statements provided by each candidate to help you make an informed voting decision. The statements are listed in random order.

CANDIDATES FOR DCSD BOARD OF DIRECTORS



Garth Hobden

Our family moved to Diablo 24 years ago and it has truly been a blessing and an honor to live in Diablo. I want to preserve the beauty, lifestyle and reputation of our unique community that we are all so intimately familiar with as Diablo residents. As a former Corporate Finance Executive for publicly traded companies in the Bay Area for 30+ years, I can leverage my skills in financial management, corporate insurance including successfully negotiating multi-million-dollar contracts to help facilitate DCSD Board matters. I strongly believe in following strict transparency protocols while doing my best to make sure that the democratic decision process is always maintained.



Christine Chartier

Christine, and her husband Frank, made Diablo their home only one short year ago but have already found their “forever home” here. Attracted by the long history, sense of place and the charm of the burgeoning historic district of El Centro, they’ve made Cottage #1 aka John “Pop” Smith’s/Dorothy Petersen’s home theirs. Christine grew up on the “East Coast of Iowa” but has also lived on the real East Coast, in England, France and Italy before settling in California for the last 26 years. Her expat past, married with good midwestern values, makes her both easily approachable and community minded. She’s a graduate of Cornell College with a double major in International Business and French. Professionally, Christine has held several executive leadership roles marketing some of the world’s most valuable brands, including Intel and Oracle, as well as serving as the United States Polo Association’s Chief Marketing Officer (and until fairly recently she was an avid player as well!) While a new resident, Christine eagerly became involved as a volunteer for the Welcome Committee on the DPOA and, as a new member of Diablo Country Club, organized a Wednesday night bocce team leading them to Wednesday night champs this Spring! When not working, volunteering or bocce-ing, you can find Christine and her husband walking their beloved dogs 2x a day through the narrow, winding streets of Diablo. When asked what she loves most about Diablo, in addition to the aforementioned history and charm, she doesn’t hesitate to mention the approachability of the community without gates and amazingly wonderful people found inside along with the beautiful and plentiful heritage oak trees. As a daily walker through the community on its narrow streets with increasingly more traffic, Christine is most concerned about the safety and security of Diablo. If elected, she’s committed to protecting our private, but open, roads and preserving our history, culture and traditions - all the things that make Diablo special.

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Jeff Eorio

Hello! I am Jeff Eorio, 1957 Alameda Diablo. My late wife Karen and I purchased our home in 1979 and raised our two (now adult) children here in this wonderful community. My degree in political science and 35 years of work in municipal government (Walnut Creek, Piedmont and San Ramon) has given me a unique opportunity to utilize my skills for Diablo. I am currently serving on the DCSD Board of Directors and I am committed to working together with my fellow Directors to keep Diablo the safe, welcoming and friendly community as it's been since we moved here. We need to maintain the DCSD in its current configuration as over 2/3 of our funding comes not from our DCSD fees on your property tax bill but from our percentage of the property taxes we receive from the County. As a public special district, we must comply with all applicable codes and laws of the State and County. My priorities for the upcoming years are the continued maintenance of our roads, bridges and culverts; our contract with the Sheriff's Department for our public safety and updating our outdated and non-compliance ordinances that do not meet State and County requirements. I commit to being open, honest and forthright with all constituents here in our wonderful community.

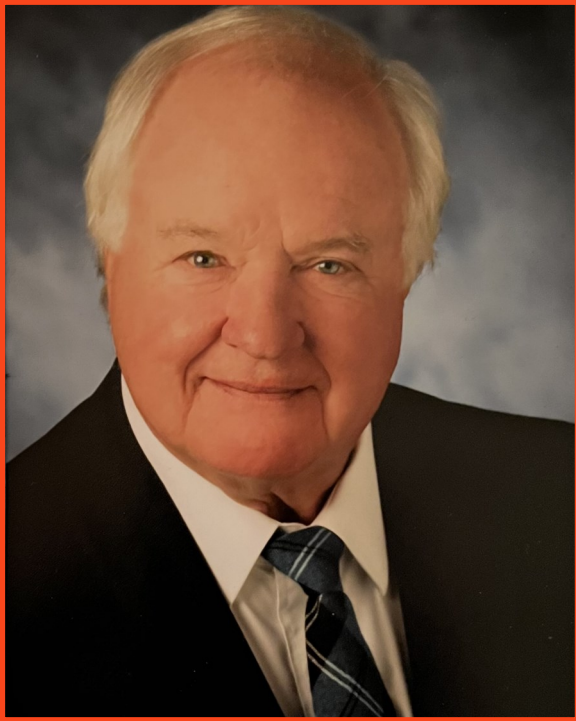
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Greg Lorenz

Greg and his wife Anne moved to Diablo just over two years ago and are so grateful to be a part of such a beautiful, safe, and iconic neighborhood. Originally from Texas, Greg and Anne have been in the Danville area for over 25 years and have raised three amazing daughters (Madison, McKayla, and Mia) in this family friendly area. Greg is a graduate of Texas A&M and has worked in the software/technology field since entering the workforce. He currently is an executive at Okta Inc, a San Francisco based technology company, where he has served in multiple leadership roles over the past 10.5 years. Greg and his family are very active in the surrounding community socially and through volunteer and non-profit organizations. Greg has chaired several local non-profit boards of directors and is passionate about giving back to the community. He is actively involved in the Diablo Property Owners' Association (DPOA) and is currently responsible for the "Flags of Diablo" program. Greg and family are also members of Diablo Country Club and are part of the Gumbas bocce team. They also play golf, tennis, use the fitness center, and frequent the Red Horse Tavern. The Lorenz family have two lovely Australian Shepherd dogs that keep them busy on daily walks throughout the picturesque streets of Diablo. This is one of Greg's favorite activities, as it provides not only an opportunity to enjoy the beautiful natural scenery in Diablo, but it also allows for the opportunity to interact with many other Diablo residents. Having safe and welcoming streets for our residents to walk, run, ride bikes, scooters, golf carts, etc. is truly part of what makes Diablo such an incredible home. If elected, Greg is committed to maintaining and improving the safety and security of Diablo for our current and future residents.

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Joseph “Jerry” Slavonia

Jerry, also known as Moose, is one of the living legends of Diablo. Attracted by the ancient oak trees and narrow winding roads, Jerry and his wife of 58 years, Margi, moved to Diablo in 1976 and raised their two children, Gerald and Joel, here. If you’ve lived in Diablo for any length of time, or play golf at the club, which Jerry has since 1974, then you most certainly know Jerry. In many circles, he needs no introduction. For those new to Diablo, or for others a little hazy on the details, let it be known that Jerry has served on the Diablo Country Club Board of Directors for two three-year terms and was elected to President in 2003. He’s a graduate of Saint Vincent in Pennsylvania and his most recent career spanned 22 years as a consultant to Fremont Bank. When asked what he loves most about Diablo, it’s apparent it’s a combination of the rich history, traceable back to The Big Four - the influential businessmen, philanthropist and railroad enthusiast who funded the Central Pacific Railroad - and the innate privacy of our community without gates. He also loves the fact that we have a post office! He’s a gregarious fixture who loves the incredible collection of “really nice people” who’ve assembled here to also make Diablo their home. Jerry can often be found on and around the links, where his easy charm and ready wit are in no short supply as he engages anyone lucky enough to run into him. Jerry is committed to Diablo’s safety and security.

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.

We do not have a typical HOA. Instead, all residents pitch in a nominal \$150 each year to cover shared community costs: plants, water and maintenance at the entrances; raising the Diablo flags; 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. 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. Though 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 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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Christine Chartier	Melissa Ovidia
Tony & Dee Geisler	Dana Pingatore
Amber Huete	Lori Scallan
Leslie Keane	Kathy Torru
Greg & Anne Lorenz	Julie Wallunas
Julie Nejedly	

Meeting Schedule: 1st Tuesday of every month at 7:30 pm via Zoom. Email membership@dpoa.org for meeting link.

Diablo Community Services District Board

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Meeting Schedule: 2nd Tuesday of every month at 7:30 pm via Zoom. Visit diablocsd.org for meeting agendas, minutes, financials, history and info on the Diablo Municipal Advisory Council .