

Dominion Club News

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Thanks to Our Honorary "hosts", John and Donene Bradshaw



As the sixth residents of the Dominion Club, when only a few homes had been built, and construction was underway, John and Donene Bradshaw took it upon themselves to make our community a friendly place. They have always greeted new homeowners when they move in and started hosting parties in their home.

The developers sales group was still occupying the club house so room for parties was limited. When the population of the Dominion Club outgrew their home, parties were moved to the club house—without utilizing the library, as we now call it, which was still occupied by the sales group.

Finally the sales people left and the whole club house was ours, but needed tables and chairs. There followed many years of picking these up from neighbors and then returning them after the parties. There is limited storage area in the club house so this was the process for several years.

John, Donene and the party committee do the shopping, often

cooking and baking, as well as decorating. Many of the decorations used for our parties have been stored in the Bradshaw's basement so they had to be retrieved and then returned.—the days before a party saw many trips between the Bradshaw's basement and the club house. The Bradshaw's have been leading the energetic group that is the party committee to plan and labor to make our parties a fun and enjoyable experience. John takes pictures of the parties and sends them to residents with email addresses so we can relive the fun.

Through the years we have had five to six parties every year with John and Donene and their committee doing so very much work for us all to enjoy. We have hosted our police chief, firefighters, and even our mayor at our gala events which all added to the enjoyment. And as time passed the Board approved purchasing tables and chairs so a lot of the borrowing and returning was eliminated.

But the work of the committee has not lessened. John and Donene like to travel but have had to plan their trips around our parties. They are the parents of three children, a daughter in Cleveland, a son in Ghana, and a daughter in (continued on page 2)

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Mark your calendar now for upcoming Dominion Club parties - don't miss all the fun!

◆ **December 6, Holiday/Christmas Party**

DCHA Meetings 2014

- ◆ April 24
- ◆ October 16
7 pm Clubhouse



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Colorado along with several grandchildren which accounts for some of their travel. Their son has even loaned us decorations for our parties which were greatly appreciated.

Along with all this Donene has had some health issues which did not slow them a bit. She has always maintained a smiling face and generous spirit. And happily all is now stable with her.

Along with all their efforts for our parties, John and Donene walk around and greet every new resident in our community. They collect all their information and then send out updated phone and email lists to us all. They also send out blast emails with community information and contribute to the newsletter. John says they enjoy these activities and will continue doing them.

However, after 12 years, they are relinquishing their leadership of the party committee. Pat Ewing and Cindy Garcia will become the new party committee chairwomen. John and Donene will spend more time traveling, especially to visit their children and grandchildren.

John and Donene Bradshaw exemplify graciousness and congeniality. Their generous spirit has benefitted our community in so many ways and we owe them a



huge THANK YOU for their many years of service making our parties such a great success and fun time for everyone.

So as they step down as our party chairpeople there aren't enough words to completely express our gratitude. Please take a minute to express your feelings at our Christmas party which will be their grand 'finale'. They will stay on as committee members for our parties but will retire as chairpersons with a great THANK YOU from us all!

—Judy Bennet

John and Donene greeted Christy and I when we moved into our home across the street from them in June 2005. It was such a great start in a new community! John has been a great contributor to the newsletter and Donene has graciously helped correct my spelling from time to time! Thanks John and Donene for all you've done!

—Bob Radigan

DCHA Board Meeting Summary

The DCHA Board met on November 21.

Martha Campbell reported that we have one additional lawn mowing as well as leaf collection and cutting of the ornamental grasses. The driveway snow stakes have been placed.

New board member Linda Kretschmaier reported that the sprinkler system has been turned off for the season and the

lines cleared. A light on the front of the club house was replaced as well as batteries in the TV remote. The library ceiling needs to be painted and Becky Colburn will be involved to get someone to do this. Because of increased use of the club house the board will consider having the cleaning service come more often.



New Board Members

At the October 17 DCHA semi-annual meeting, new board members Linda Kretschmaier was elected Vice-President and Tom Weiss was elected Treasurer.

Here is a little introduction to our new board members.



Linda Kretschmaier will be looking after the clubhouse and the pool as her primary board responsibilities.

Linda and her husband Dave have lived at 6916 Camden Drive for the last 10 years, moving here from Westerville,

She currently serves as the Youth and Children Ministry Director at Westerville First Presbyterian Church. It's a familiar role since she has served in similar capacities for 30 years at various locations in Ohio and in Fort Wayne, Indiana. She spent 7 years working for SMS Engineering in Cleveland.

They have 3 grown children, in Chicago, Richmond Virginia, and one locally, and 6 grandchildren.

She really enjoys living here and is looking forward to meeting more of our neighbors. Linda recently started the DC Craft Group which now boasts a dozen members and meets monthly at the clubhouse on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays.



Tom Weiss will serve as Treasurer.

He was born in Saratoga Springs, New York then moved to Lyndhurst, Ohio (eastern Cleveland suburb) where he attended elementary school and graduated from high school. He met his wife, Carol, and they married in 1975.

They moved to Westerville in 1982 and moved to the Dominion Club in 2004.

They have two grown sons - Eric who is married to Haley, with two grandsons, in Sunbury, Ohio; and Scott is married to Tracy living in Wadsworth, Ohio.

Tom is an Army veteran who served 13 1/2 months in Vietnam as a medic. He graduated from Kent State University.

He has been involved with the retail grocery business for over 30 years with Canada Dry, Nestle's and, most recently, Kahiki Foods. He is presently working for a deli/bakery supplier to Kroger - Mt. Perry Foods.

Tom has been very active in the soccer community as a licensed coach, Vice President of Mid-Ohio Select Soccer League and the treasurer of the Dublin Soccer Club.

He enjoys traveling with his wife and playing golf.



To the left, the DC Craft Group is hard at work on their first project—a potted Christmas tree decoration. Linda supplied the materials, the members chipped in to cover the cost, and a good time was had by all!

To the right is one of the finished creations.



Former Neighbor News

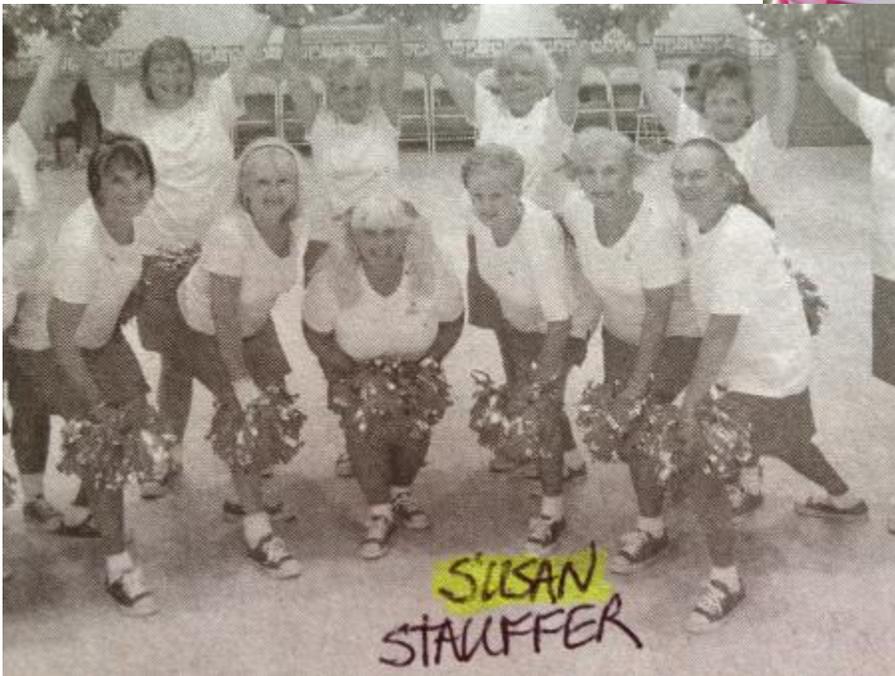
Former neighbors Ron & Susan Stauffer moved from 6919 Joysmith to The Villages in Florida. He sent the picture to the right and said "We just had the pleasure of entertaining Bob & Kathy Kunovich (7059 Camden Drive). They were vacationing in Florida and made a side trip to The Villages to visit us November 3rd. We had lunch and then gave them a 3 hour tour of The Villages."

Here are Bob & Kathy with Susan Stauffer, picking Meyer Lemons from Stauffer's tree.



Former neighbors Rick & Sue Stradley moved from 6914 Keesee to The Villages in Florida. Sue sent the news clipping picture to the left and said "I'd say the Stauffer's are officially acclimated to the Villages lifestyle"."

Susan Stauffer is a member of the Villages Sweet and Sassy Line Dance Team. The article appeared in the November 8 edition of The Villages Daily Sun. The group was invited to "close the show" on the day-long Tampa Bay Line Dance Classic, an international event, on November 9, the fifth year they were invited.



Rick and Sue Stradley were in Columbus over Thanksgiving and stayed until their daughter had her baby. Well, grand-daughter Eleanor Jane arrived on Monday, December 2.

The proud grandparents with their grand-daughter are pictured to the right...



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Community Notes...

Stitchery—The DC stitchery group will meet December 9 (no meeting during Christmas week) and January 13 and 27 at 7 pm in the clubhouse. Join us!

Craft Group - The DC craft group meets the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month at 7pm at the clubhouse. The group selects art/craft projects that are individually completed. Participants pay a nominal fee for materials for the projects. Join in anytime! Contact Linda Kretschmaier at 614-560-1682 or lkretsch54@msn.com for details.

Mah-Jongg—Meets in the clubhouse every Wednesday between 6:30 -11:00 pm, new players welcome!

The Dominion Club Women's Bible Study—Meets in the clubhouse each Thursday, 10:00 to 11:30am. Contact Mary Lou Ewing, 614-933-9017 if you are interested in joining.

Lamp Post Lights—If your lamp post light has burned out and you need assistance changing it, three DCHA members have offered to help. Contact Hiram McCoy at 855-8120 or Tom Roth at 582-1394. It

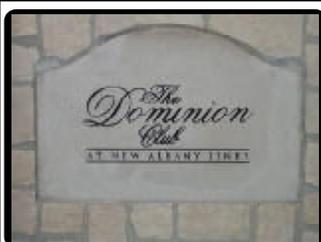
would help if you had a replacement bulb. Working lamp posts add to the safety and security of our neighborhood. Anyone else interested in volunteering to join the "squad"? - contact Judy Bennet.

Clubhouse Events—DCHA homeowners can rent the clubhouse for private events. Details can be found in the Dominion Club Handbook on the web site. In December, residents have reserved the clubhouse on December 8 from 10am to 5pm, and on December 22.

We are looking for a few volunteers to join our committees—specifically, the pool and clubhouse committee, contact Linda Kretschmaier; and the communications committee—camera buffs, bloggers, scribblers—contact Judy Bennet. Committee lists are on the DCHA website www.dominionclub.org



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