

Dominion Club News

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DCHA Needs You!

The Annual Meeting of the Dominion Club at the Links will be held on October 13, 2011, at the club house at 7:00 p.m.

Two positions on the Trustee Board are to be elected at that meeting. Tom Roth (Treasurer) and Jim Burt (Secretary) will not run for re-election. Any interested candidate should contact Dave Ewing (President) at Ewing_david@sbcglobal.net or by telephone at 614-933-9017. In addition to responses arriving before

the meeting, there will be an opportunity for nominations from the floor.

Holding a Trustee position is an honor and an opportunity to participate in the operation of the Dominion Club affairs. Many of our residents have organizational and leadership skills that would benefit the DCHA. Please consider a two year investment in your community.

Dominion Club Library

Some changes have been made in the Dominion Club Library at the clubhouse. Thanks to Cheryl Coury, a resident and retired Librarian, the books have been organized alphabetically by author throughout the book cases. Having 35 years of experience in public and high school libraries qualifies her to be our official Librarian.

Our cooperation is needed to make this system work. When a book is returned to the library, we are asked to place it in the provided return basket. Cheryl will re-file the book for you. If you remove a book for a quick perusal, but aren't sure you will take it with you, make note of the location from which it was removed. If you aren't sure, just place it in the return basket.

Our thanks to Cheryl for her assistance with the library. Volunteers like her make the Dominion Club

more enjoyable for everyone. Let's all help make her task easier by our cooperation.

Western Cookout

Mark your calendar and plan to attend our Western Cookout on Friday, August 26 at the Dominion Clubhouse.

We will provide the hotdogs, but you have to do the cooking over an open wood fire.

Come and enjoy the fun. S'mores will also be available for you to make.

We will also ask you to bring a salad, main dish or dessert to share. More information will be sent out over "Evite" or placed in your mailbox, if you do not have e-mail.

We hope you will dress "Western" for the occasion.

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

- ◆ August 26 Western Cook-out
- ◆ October 22 Oktoberfest
- ◆ December 9 Holiday Party

DCHA Meeting

- ◆ October 13
7 pm Clubhouse

DCHA Board Meetings

- ◆ 3pm 3rd Wednesday each month

**Labor Day
September 5**



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Luau 2011

On Friday, July 15, we had 93 people attend our annual Luau. It was a perfect evening at the Dominion Clubhouse Pool. Everyone sat outside and enjoyed the pleasant surroundings and the good company.

Don Thacker's friend Pat Elliott roasted a half-pig for over 7 hours and then Don and Pat carved the meat so everyone was able to enjoy it without any bones. Neighbors who attended brought a dish or dessert to share. A Tiki Bar was set up with a non-alcohol beverage for everyone to enjoy.

Later in the evening, the lights and torches were lit, and then the full moon came up to add to the ambiance.

Our New Albany Mayor, Nancy Ferguson and husband Gerald, were invited guests by Charlie Evranian. He thanked the Mayor for the re-paving project on Lark Lane. The Mayor spoke to us about the community and said she enjoyed the evening with all of us.

Thanks to the Party Committee for their efforts to bring together this nice evening.



Know Your Neighbors—Jim & Judy Miller



Meet Jim and Judy Miller, who recently moved in at 6939 Camden Drive. The Millers moved here from Mequon, Wisconsin, where Jim was retired from 3-M and Judy is a former teacher and has more recently worked with leading Jewish day schools. Judy's new job as the Head of the Columbus Jewish Day School brought them to New Albany and an opportunity to find a home at the Dominion Club at the

Links. Jim is now working at the New Albany Country Club, which fits well with his hobby of golfing. Judy's hobbies are knitting and cooking. The Millers have been married for 40 years.

The Millers have degrees from the University of Wisconsin at Milwaukee; Judy has a Masters Degree from Oklahoma State University and Jim a Masters Degree from Central Michigan University. They have two grown children, a son who is a Rabbi in Naples, Florida and a daughter residing in Tampa, Florida. Four grandchildren, which include twin boys in Naples, and a 5 year old boy and a 5 month old girl in Tampa, are a big draw to Florida as well.

The Millers enjoy living at the Dominion Club, and are glad they moved here. You may see them walking their two Soft Coated Wheaten Terriers, Ted E Bear and Shana. If you see them, introduce yourself and extend a welcome to them.



Know Your Neighbors—Barbara Riesbeck

Moving from Corning, N.Y., South of the finger lakes, Barbara Riesbeck settled in New Albany to be near her son, who works for NetJet, and two grandchildren. The Dominion Club seemed a good fit for Barbara, who retired after 36 years of teaching school in Colorado and up-state New York. Most of her teaching involved middle school students in N.Y.

Barbara has a daughter, a teacher near Philadelphia, who has no children. Being located near her grandchildren, an 8 year old girl and a 6 year old boy, prompted a move to our neighborhood. The grandchildren are excited that grandma lives near the pool. Barbara loves living at the Dominion Club, and said she has great neighbors.

Numerous hobbies include golf, biking,

sewing, reading and traveling. The sewing will take precedence during the winter months. Barbara enjoys traveling with her friends from New York, and plans to continue contact with them.

A gift from her daughter, her black and white cat named Montana has adapted well in the move to 7059 Keesee Circle. Welcome Barbara when next you see her. She plans to be at the Western Cookout on August 26th.



Swallows Return to Hoover Dam

The song goes “when the swallows come back to Capistrano....”. Well, we have our very own returning swallows within a five mile trip from the Dominion Club.

Every year, depending upon the weather and beginning early to mid-June, Cliff Swallows start nesting by packing little gourd-shaped mud ball nests together on the concrete observation building which overlooks the northeast corner of Hoover Dam.

There, they lay their eggs and hatch their family. Then the fun begins. We visited the spot on July 4th weekend, and they were already very far along. Little ones were peeping out the holes of the nests, while both parents were in constant motion flying out over the dam to catch flying insects to feed the young ones.

It is quite a sight to watch. Usually by mid to late July, the action is about over for this year. But, as the song reminds us, they'll return next year.



Above, an “apartment building” of about 5 nests is stuck to the concrete of the Hoover Dam observation building. An adult swallow has just returned with a treat for the little ones inside that nest, while the others peek out their nests waiting for

their food to be delivered by some very busy parents.



It seems the pair of little ones above are both going to vie for the next arrival of food from one of the parents soaring high above the dam to gather a variety of insects for their diet.

Visits to the observation deck also afford great views of Herron, Canada Geese and even a Raccoon was observed skulking around the rocks at the bottom of the dam’s spillway overflow. If you have binoculars, be sure to take them along.

The eastside of the dam is accessed off Central College Road just east of the Big Walnut bridge.

Article and photos by Dean & Carol Jauchius



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DCHA Board Meeting Summary

The DCHA board met on July 13, 2011. The action items were reviewed.

1. The ownership of the red car parked on New Albany Road E. was determined to be a resident who was moving in. The garage may have been full of boxes at that point.
2. Doors and shutters recently painted at several locations were determined to be in accordance with accepted published colors. If there is to be a change in color of doors and shutters, residents are required to apply to the Design Review Committee (form available at www.dominionclub.org).
3. A letter was sent to a resident in payment-arrears as a reminder that use of the clubhouse and pool were not permitted until payments were up-to-date.
4. Home Owners Welcome Letter and the Overview of Rules and Regulations were forwarded to John Bradshaw for use when welcoming new residents.
5. Financial reports have been late in reaching the treasurer since an on-line report system was initiated by Towne Properties.
6. Three revolving CD's have been arranged by Towne Properties for part of the money in the revolving fund.

Jack Schmidt indicated there had been a visit from the Fire Inspector. Two battery-operated emergency lights in the clubhouse need new batteries. They have been ordered. An eye wash unit is needed outside the clubhouse for emergency eye care. One has been ordered and will be installed on the outside wall near the door to the pump room. On recommendation from the furnace/AC maintenance company, the ceiling fans in the clubhouse will remain on continuously.

Jack Greene reported that the property

across from residents on the East leg of Camden Drive needs mowing. The weeds are taking over that area. A report will be sent to Towne Properties, since the property in question is not part of DCHA. Only one design modification had been reviewed last month. No rule enforcement items are pending.

The board will review all contracts with Towne Properties. The board is currently providing services in several areas for which we are paying a service fee. Board members are willing to continue to provide such services, but future boards may not be so inclined. The board will continue the review the contract.

The board changed board meeting dates due to Towne Properties new on-line financial reporting system. Meetings will be on the third Wednesday of the month.

The next meeting will be on Wednesday, August 17, 2011.

Stitchery Group

The Dominion Club Stitchery Group recently completed a tote bag project. Kathy Kunovich headed up this project and shared her expertise and many supplies. Left to right: Karen Collins, Kathy Hire, Sarah Strahler, Lindy Knight, Kathy Kunovich.



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Community Notes...

Stitchery—The DC stitchery group will meet August 8 and 22 and September 12 and 26 at 7 pm in the clubhouse. Join us!

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.

The New Albany Farmers Market—Thursdays 4:00-7:00 PM through September 8.

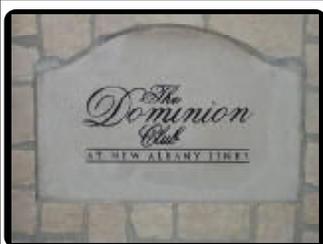
Lightning Can Rupture Gas Lines—The Plain Township firefighters responded to 17 calls in an 8 hour period over the July 23rd weekend due to the summer lightning storms. 5 of these calls appeared to be lightning induced electrical surges had traveled through the gas line (corrugated stainless steel tubing or CSST) and discharged into a ground inside the house, rupturing the gas line. These gas line ruptures will typically result in a fire in the basement of the home up near the 1st floor support structure or, if it doesn't ignite

at the time of the surge the house will begin filling with natural gas.

Assure that the gas meter and associated outside metal piping is properly bonded to the grounding system of the home. This can give the electrical surge a path to travel to a ground prior to entering your home. Many homes built in the New Albany/Plain Township area were built when the installation standards did not require the bonding (typically pre-2006 construction). If you are unsure whether this has been done on your home you should contact a qualified electrician or your home builder to verify that the bonding has been done. The bonding may not prevent all of the lightning surges however it will provide a good first line of defense.



Western Cookout, August 26, 6:30pm



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