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40 RESIDENTS ATTEND ANNUAL MEETING

HIRE, JAUCHIUS, SCHUTT - ELECTED TRUSTEES

Dominion Club residents Bob Hire, Dean Jauchius and Gordon Schutt were each elected to two-year trustee terms at the DC Homeowners Association annual meeting and election on October 18. Forty residents attended the meeting at the Dominion Clubhouse.

Schutt, who serves as treasurer of the Association, has served on the board since it was formed in March 2006. His two-year term expired at the meeting and he was re-elected to serve a second successive two-year term. Hire and Jauchius were elected trustees to fill the expired two-year terms of Wayne Hasty and Tom Roth, each of whom chose not to run. See next story for officers and assigned areas of responsibility for the new board.

President Roth presided and each trustee reported on his area of responsibility. Treasurer Schutt reported that as of October 5, 2007, the Association had total current assets of \$34,949.91, including \$8,134.71 in the cash-reserve account. The total current assets include \$25,000 which is invested in a certificate of deposit.

Trustee Barry Turner reported that the swimming pool had experienced a successful summer and usage appeared to have increased over that of recent seasons. He asked homeowners to contact him if they are interested in volunteering to serve on a committee to review pool rules in the coming months before next season's opening. He reported that the clubhouse furnace will receive its annual fall inspection in the near future and that there is now a lending library of books and DVDs at the clubhouse. Use of the library is on the honor system. It was noted that children's books, DVDs and VHS tapes are accepted as an aid to DC grandparents in entertaining visiting grandchildren.

Trustee Hasty reported on lawn care plans for the rest of the fall season, including the final pruning of front bed shrubs in late October, leaf pick-up and general clean up of our properties, and remaining chemical applications. A sixth application will be done by TruGreen-ChemLawn crews in mid- to late November to help our turf health over the winter and next spring. There will be no aeration of the properties this fall, the board having decided to do an overall aeration every other year and a sixth fertilizer/weed killer application in alternate years.

Hasty also reported that the lawn care committee will be working with Abbruzzese regarding a choice of mulch for front beds and a plan for application and refreshing them next spring. He also stated that the board had decided to continue with the same contractor arrangement, Abbruzzese for lawn care/management and TruGreen-ChemLawn for chemical applications, in the 2008 season. He encouraged homeowners to drip water the trees on their property, including street trees, before the first frost this fall. This will help their survival during the winter months. He noted that four new street trees have replaced by the Association this season to replace those that died. Hasty thanked those that served with him on the lawn care/snow removal committee and also on the communications committee.

President Roth reported that the Dominion Club Handbook had been updated this fall and that the revised copies were available to those in attendance. Handbooks not picked up were delivered to homeowners by the *DC News* delivery team in order to save postage. Notes indicating the source documents for the various rules in the handbook have been added to the margins for easy reference.

Chairman Urban Kraus reported on recent activity of the DC Design Review Committee, which he chairs. He also has been in discussion with village officials about the status of Lark Lane and the need for repairs. The village is aware of this problem and for the present will probably use tar to fill the cracks in the near future. Kraus also reported that speed limit signs (15 mph) will be posted near the east and west ends of the lane, that Gordon Schutt will be the DCHA representative to the Master Links Association board, and that the DC trustees are attempting to close legal loopholes regarding our 55 -and -over residency requirement so that a reminder notification can be made to both realtors marketing DC properties and present homeowners.

He also reported that those DC properties owned where neither spouse is age 55 or over will be grandfathered and not have to vacate the property, but that if the property is sold, it must be sold to age-qualified buyers. A reminder letter stating the applicable covenant and rules will be sent to those affected in the near future.

Kraus also reminded those who have not yet completed and returned the recent census request to Towne Properties should do so as soon as possible. Kraus thanked retiring Trustees Roth and Hasty for their service to the board and the DC community over the past 19 months.

Roth presided over the election of three trustees to fill the two-year terms of those whose terms had expired. There were no nominations from the floor and a motion was made to elect the three candidates by acclamation. Those elected are indicated earlier in this story.

BOARD ELECTS OFFICERS FOR 2007-08

KRAUS RE-ELECTED CHAIR

Officers were elected and areas of responsibility assigned for the next 12 months at the November 7 trustees' organizational meeting. Urban Kraus was re-elected chairman of the board with responsibility for legal and administrative matters and chairmanship of the rules committee.

Newly-elected trustee Dean Jauchius was elected president of the board and will chair the design review and communications committees; Barry Turner, now serving the second year of a two year term, was re-elected vice president and will continue to chair the clubhouse/pool committee; Gordon Schutt, recently re-elected as a trustee, will continue as treasurer of the board; and newly-elected trustee Bob Hire was elected secretary, including chairmanship of the lawn care and snow removal committee. All officer positions and areas of responsibility are effective immediately.

SNOW REMOVAL GUIDELINES SAME FOR 2007-2008 SEASON

Abbruzzese has again been contracted to handle snow removal in the Dominion Club for 2007-2008. The firm has performed this service since the DC was developed in the late 1990s.

Guidelines are: **DC Streets and Lark Lane** will be cleared by the Village of New Albany; **Clubhouse Parking Lot and Sidewalks**, cleared by Abbruzzese at two inch accumulation; **Public Sidewalks**, cleared by contractor at two inch accumulation; **Individual Homes**, at two inches, driveways cleared by back dragging with a truck or bobcat as appropriate for space and conditions; walkways and steps hand shoveled. Depending on the time a snow event occurs, it may be necessary for crews to clear driveways and return later to clear sidewalks and walkways to homes. As usual, we will be in close communication with Abbruzzese to assure the area is cleared as soon as practical under the conditions.

Residents are again given the opportunity to indicate their preference regarding snow removal on their driveways and/or walks during the coming season. **If you ordered your driveway and/or walks not to be cleared last winter, and if you want to continue to not have it plowed/cleaned this coming season, you do not need to take any action.** We have last year's list and will notify Abbruzzese to continue to follow those instructions. If you are deciding for the first time not to have your driveway/walks cleared by the crews this winter or if you are new to the community and do not want your driveway/walks cleared, please notify Bob Hire at rhire@insight.rr.com or call him at 346-7412. Please include in the message the address of your house. Except for those cases described above, it

we do not hear from you we will assume that you want the complete contractor-provided snow removal package of services. Your instructions, if any, should be communicated to Trustee Hire no later than November 20. Your cooperation and support of these services during the coming months are appreciated. Snow removal costs are included in homeowners' monthly assessments.

SEVENTH ANNUAL HALLOWEEN PARTY

Our Clubhouse was turned into a Halloween Party place on October 27th as 63 people came, mostly in costume, to enjoy a Spaghetti dinner catered by Carfagna Catering. Many compliments were received for the food and the decorations, both inside and outside the clubhouse.

Prizes were given to the "Most Unique" costume - Sue Stradley as Marie Osmond. Sue did a good job of fainting whenever anyone asked her "what is your costume." The next prize was for the "Scariest" costume - that was won by Donene's sister, Marlene Humberson, who was visiting the Bradshaws. She was dressed like a Pirate. Then Barney Butler stole the show with his costume of a "Playboy Bunny." His was the "Funniest" costume.

A TV was set up in the main clubhouse area so those who did not run home at 8:00 p.m. could stay and watch the "Buckeyes" beat Penn State.

Pictures are also available on line at snapfish.com, if you have not already viewed them. John, Donene and the Party Committee

CHRISTMAS PARTY & GIFT EXCHANGE IS Dec. 7

The Christmas Party will be Friday, December 7, at 6:30 p.m. at the Dominion Clubhouse. Mark your calendars now for a fun evening. Be thinking about bringing a "White Elephant" gift. This can be anything funny, beautiful, handmade old or new. Wrap it in beautiful paper and put it under the Christmas tree when you arrive. We will have a gift exchange after dinner. Each person should bring a gift and mark it for a man or woman. An invitation will be coming to you in a few weeks. If you have questions about the gift, call John or Donene Bradshaw at 855-7074.

12 DAYS OF CHRISTMAS

If you want to participate in this program, wrap up 12 simple, but nice, gifts and put them in a basket. Number each gift from 1 to 12. Put your name inside the wrapper on gift 12. Bring the basket to the Christmas party on December 7 and you will get to take home a basket. Starting on December 14, you can open one gift each day before Christmas. In the last gift, you will find the name of the person who prepared your basket. Call Donene Bradshaw if you plan to participate or if you have any questions. 855-7074

THANKSGIVING MEMORIES

We asked the DC neighbors to share with us their favorite Thanksgiving memories. Here are the results:

One of my favorite memories of Thanksgiving was when our children were 6 & 9. They made Pilgrim hats and Indian headbands with feathers. We had family over (15 of us at that time) and everyone had a headpiece. It was such fun! We have a group hand holding prayer before the meal and everyone tells of something they are thankful for. By the time we were around the table to my daughter (last to speak) she said I am thankful we are done talking, now we can eat. Out of the mouth of babes!

Barbara Neff

In our early-married years we started the custom of having lobster tails for Thanksgiving because Bill did not care that much for turkey. But dinner came with all the trimmings, including my Aunt Tillie's recipe for pumpkin pie. This year in Paris we probably will go to a butcher on the rue de Rendez-vous for a rolled pork roast stuffed with prunes. In Paris you can get pumpkin soup, but not pumpkin pie!!! Happy Thanksgiving!

Bill and Carol Logue

At Thanksgiving in 1950, I was a young lad living with my family in our home in a mountainous area near Charleston, W. Va. It began snowing on Thanksgiving Day and kept up into the weekend with a total accumulation of nearly 20 inches. The storm paralyzed the entire area and was a record for that time. High winds drifted the snow up to one's waist. We had a wonderful Thanksgiving dinner with turkey and all the trimmings against the backdrop of the snow falling and a roaring fire in the fireplace. It was like a Norman Rockwell moment. We were virtually snowbound for most of the next week and school was cancelled. My dad was off work and my sister wasn't able to return to college for several days. I remember watching the OSU-Michigan football game on television on that Saturday in a game that became known as the Snow Bowl. It was a Thanksgiving that all in my family still recall with special fondness.

Wayne Hasty

My father worked as a foreman in a foundry. He was popular with the men who worked for him and they all enjoyed a good joke now and then. One year, they told my father not to buy a turkey for Thanksgiving because they were going to give him one as a gift. My mother was very pleased with this generous offer.

A few days before Thanksgiving, the men presented my father with a live turkey. They thought it was a hilarious trick. My father packed the poor bird into the back seat of his car and brought it home. My mother, of course, was appalled. The turkey spent the night gobbling around our basement and the next morning my father took it somewhere to be butchered. We celebrated Thanksgiving with all the trimmings, but neither my sister nor I ate much turkey, having met the main course in person.

Karen Collins

HAPPY THANKSGIVING TO ALL DOMINION CLUB RESIDENTS!!

Communications Committee: Wayne Hasty, Chair, 855-3468; John Bradshaw, 855-7074; Karen Collins, 939-0730; Fred Canter, 775-9079

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