

Dominion Club News

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Party Schedule for 2012

The Dominion Club Party Committee met on January 17, 2012 to review and critique the 2011 schedule and decide what would be the best parties to offer in the year 2012.

Based on the committee's input, the following parties are scheduled for the 2012 calendar year. Mark your calendar now so you don't miss out on the fun:

February 14 – A catered dinner at the Sunny Street Café, near Giant Eagle. Come and enjoy a pleasant evening away from the crowded restaurants.

April 20 - Bingo Night at the Dominion Clubhouse. Everyone is invited to come and have fun at Bingo. We will charge \$7 each for 11 bingo games with prizes for each game. All the money will go into the prizes. Snacks and soft drinks will be provided. You may BYOB.

July 20 – Hawaiian Luau at the Dominion Pool. We are having a Pig Roast. Wear your loudest Hawaiian attire.

August 24 - Western Cookout will consist of Hamburgers and Hotdogs. They will be cooked for you this year. Wear Western gear.

October 20 – Oktoberfest at the Dominion Clubhouse. A catered dinner will be served. Note, this party is on a Saturday evening.

December 7 – Christmas/Holiday Party at the Dominion Clubhouse. Bring your favorite heavy hors d'oeuvres or dessert, plus a white elephant gift.

We hope to see you at every party!



Valentine's Day Dinner!

Please join us at the Sunny Street Cafe, 5481 New Albany Rd. West (next to Giant Eagle) for dinner on Tuesday, February 14. Doors open at 6:00 p.m. Dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m.

The menu is Tossed Garden Salad, Lasagna, Green Beans, Garlic Bread & dessert. The price is \$13.00 each, including tip. Please pay cash upon arrival.

val. Coffee and water will be provided. You may bring soda or alcoholic beverages. If bringing alcohol, you need to sign a waiver for the restaurant upon arrival. Note this is a private party.

Please respond ASAP, but no later than February 10, 2012.

**John, Donene Bradshaw and The Party Committee
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Mark your calendar now for upcoming Dominion Club parties - don't miss all the fun!

- ◆ February 14 Valentine's Day Dinner
- ◆ April 20 Bingo Night
- ◆ July 20 Hawaiian Luau
- ◆ August 24 Western Cookout
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DCHA Meeting

- ◆ April 19
- ◆ October 18
7 pm Clubhouse



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About Valentine's Day

Valentine's Day, is a holiday observed on February 14 honoring one or more early Christian martyrs named Saint Valentine. It is traditionally a day on which lovers express their love for each other by presenting flowers, offering confectionery, and sending greeting cards (known as "valentines"). The day first became associated with romantic love in the circle of Geoffrey Chaucer in the High Middle Ages, when the tradition of courtly love flourished.

Numerous early Christian martyrs were named Valentine. The Valentines honored on February 14 are Valentine of Rome and Valentine of Terni. Valentine of Rome was a priest in Rome who was martyred about AD 269. Valentine of Terni became bishop of Interamna (modern Terni) about AD 197 and is said to have been martyred during the persecution under Emperor Aurelian.

No romantic elements are present in the original early medieval biographies of either of these martyrs. By the time a Saint Valentine became linked to romance in the 14th century, distinctions between Valentine of Rome and Valentine of Terni were utterly lost.

The first recorded association of Valentine's Day with romantic love is in *Parlement of Foules* (1382) by Geoffrey Chaucer. Chaucer wrote "For this was Saint Valentine's Day, when every bird cometh there to choose his mate." This poem was written to honor the first anniversary of the engagement of King Richard II of England to Anne of Bohemia. When they were married they were each only 15 years old.

In 1797, a British publisher issued *The Young Man's Valentine Writer*, which contained scores of suggested sentimental verses for the young lover unable to compose his own. Paper Valentines became

so popular in England in the early 19th century that they were assembled in factories. Fancy Valentines were made with real lace and ribbons, with paper lace introduced in the mid-19th century.

In the United States, the first mass-produced valentines of embossed paper lace were produced and sold shortly after 1847 by Esther Howland (1828–1904) of Worcester, Massachusetts. Her father operated a large book and stationery store, but Howland took her inspiration from an English Valentine she had received from a business associate of her father.

Since the 19th century, handwritten notes have given way to mass-produced greeting cards. The mid-19th century Valentine's Day trade was a harbinger of further commercialized holidays in the United States to follow.

In the second half of the 20th century, the practice of exchanging cards was extended to all manner of gifts in the United States. Such gifts typically include roses and chocolates packed in a red satin, heart-shaped box. In the 1980s, the diamond industry began to promote Valentine's Day as an occasion for giving jewelry.

The U.S. Greeting Card Association estimates that approximately 190 million valentines are sent each year in the US. Half are given to family members other than husband or wife, usually to children. When you include the valentine-exchange cards made in school activities the figure goes up to 1 billion.

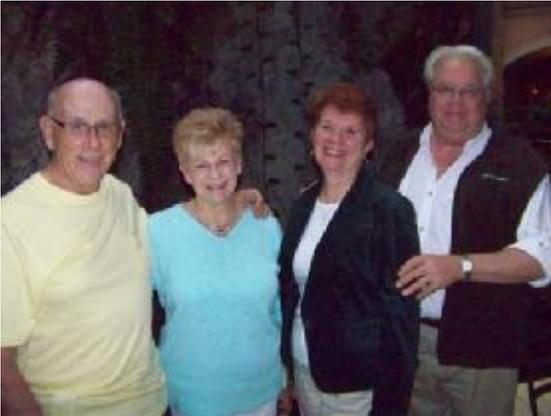
On the Internet, millions of people use, every year, digital means of creating and sending Valentine's Day greeting messages such as e-cards, love coupons or printable greeting cards. An estimated 15 million e-valentines were sent in 2010.



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Neighbor Activities



Jack & Becki Schmidt traveled to Ft Lauderdale to get on a cruise to the Caribbean. While they were in Ft Lauderdale they had dinner with Ron & Susan Stauffer who winter in Lauderdale. Here is a photo of the Dominion Club residents enjoying the weather and friendship.

—Thanks to Ron Stauffer



St. Patrick's Day Blessing

Wishing you a rainbow

For sunlight after showers

Miles and miles of Irish smiles

For golden happy hours—

Shamrocks at your doorway

For luck and laughter too,

And a host of friends that never ends

Each day your whole life through!



Gas Fireplace Maintenance

As with any gas appliance, you should get your gas fireplace inspected annually by a licensed gas technician to maintain low-energy costs and ensure well-being. (Ask the Plumbing-Heating-Cooling Contractors Association for a list of professionals in your area.) When the technician shows up at your door, he or she should be ready to:

- Adjust and clean the gas pilot safety system
- Check the venting system
- Inspect the combustion chamber, chimney draw, and primary air shutter to ensure proper air feed to flame
- Clean and inspect glass, firebox, and heat exchanger
- Repaint firebox if needed
- Verify overall tightness of electrical connections to prevent carbon dioxide leaks
- Ensure proper log position
- Replace ember bed material
- Test and clean blower if applicable

What can you be doing in the meantime?

Keep the chimney damper open as long as the pilot light is lit. Because gas-log fires produce copious amounts of carbon monoxide, they have to vent outside in a fail-safe manner.

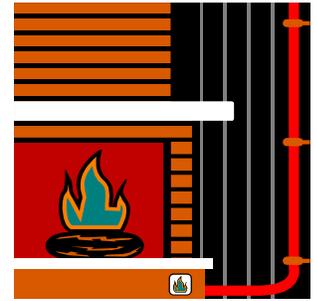
Before you clean your gas fireplace, always make sure the gas valve is turned off. Then, before relighting it, make sure you follow the manufacturers instructions to a tee. The burner and control compartment should always be kept clean, which can be done by vacuuming and brushing it a minimum of one time per year. For cleaning the logs, simply use a soft, paint brush to brush off debris or spider webs. Since most logs are fragile, this type of brush will ensure it does not break.

If you have any broken logs, do not use the fireplace. In this situation, turn the gas valve off and let the fireplace cool if it had been in operation. You want to make sure the pilot light is off and always use the appropriate replacement log. Keep in mind that not all fireplace logs fit universally. Check the position of the logs as well to make sure they are connected firmly and safely. If the logs are not positioned according to the manufacturers guidelines, carbon build-up can occur and ultimately damage the unit.

Clean the glass front of your fireplace often—but never when it's warm. (The pores in the glass enlarge, letting cleaner seep in and causing cloudiness over time.) First of all, you have to understand what you're cleaning. It's not regular glass; glass would explode at fireplace temperatures. It's either some kind of tempered safety glass or, more likely, a transparent ceramic material. That's why regular window cleaners don't work very well. Gas fires produce a whitish haze, which is made of mineral deposits from water condensation

The first rule of fireplace glass cleaners: follow manufacturer's directions. (use the Internet to find them if you no longer have the paper version). There are a number of gas fireplace glass cleaners available

If the glass cover can be removed by a clip or crank then remove it and place it on a soft surface. Always wear gloves. Don't use abrasives. Be careful not to scratch or crack it—cracked glass covers must be replaced before using the fireplace again.



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Community Notes...

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Stitchery—The DC stitchery group will meet February 13 and 27 and March 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.

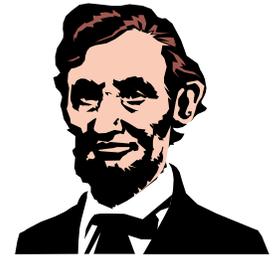
Reminder—Here are two “good neighbor” reminders: Please keep garage doors closed.

When walking dogs around the neighborhood, please clean up after your pet.

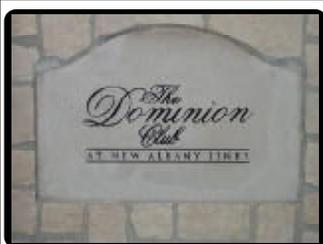
Spring Ahead—Daylight savings time begins at 2am on Sunday, March 11. Move your clocks ahead 1 hour.



**Presidents Day
February 20**



Valentine's Dinner 6 pm February 14



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