

Davis Lake Newsletter, March 2018

Dear Davis Lake Residents,

This is the first of what may become a periodic Davis Lake Newsletter. I welcome your feedback on whether you would favor such a communication; and if so, what information would you like it to contain. Please feel free to respond with your ideas/suggestions at: poolfloater@aol.com.

We are nearing the end of another successful winter season at Davis Lake. We welcomed several new owners and first-time seasonal guests and re-connected with familiar faces. As usual, the pool is the hub of activity, including monthly social gatherings, daily water aerobics, tennis, pickle ball and shuffle board on our court.

Volunteerism is alive and well at Davis Lake, as evidenced in the beautiful flower gardens around the outside perimeter of the buildings and the pots in the pool area. The gardens are planted and maintained by our "gardening group." Volunteers also make all the social activities possible: planning the event, preparing food, decorating, setting up tables, chairs and awnings and cleaning up after the event. We thank all our volunteers – you make Davis Lake a great place to be!

Davis Lakers are also a generous bunch of people! Countless owners and seasonal guests contributed to the purchase of plants for the gardens and pots, fertilizer, hoses for watering, solar lights and anything necessary to keep the gardens and flower pots looking beautiful.

Money was also donated to purchase six (6) new Royal Palm trees that have been planted around the perimeter of the lake. They are beautiful and will be a welcome addition to our landscaping for years to come. Four new fruit trees have also been purchased with donations: lime; naval orange, lemon and avocado. All the new trees will be maintained by our landscaper, William.

Speaking of landscaping, our grounds are in beautiful condition! We were fortunate that Davis Lake sustained very little damage from Hurricane Irma. Some trees and plants were lost, and they are being replaced. We also lost quite a few roof shingles, and those have all been replaced. And all this with NO additional assessment for owners.

One of the highlights of the season was a party to commemorate the 35th anniversary of Davis Lake. Approx. 120 people attended this event, and many came dressed 80's attire. If you were not able to attend, be sure to check out the photos on our website: davis-lake.org. Several "original owners" were recognized, and to the best of our knowledge this is the list:

Ed & Eileen D'Arcy, #213; Yonnie Fuller, #215; Butch & Dolly Kulbacki, #423; Etta Rodriguez, #611; Mary Sheward, #911; Joe & Millie DeMarie, #921; and Jerry & Sharon Trent, #922. If you know of anyone else who is an original owner, please let me know and we'll update the list. Thanks!

I would encourage everyone to read the minutes from our Annual Meeting – lots of good info was shared at the meeting. The website is also an excellent source of "things to know," upcoming events and just good general information about our wonderful community!

I have been asked to tell you that the annual Harry Chapin food drive will take place in early May. If you have canned goods you would like to donate, please put them in the collection box outside the pool office. They will be put out for the Post Office on the designated day. Thanks to all who contribute to this worthy cause!

That's all the news I have to share for now. In future communications, I want to provide you with a detailed listing of what can go into our re-cycle containers and what cannot. This is an important issue to many of us, and we would like to help you re-cycle correctly.

As I said earlier, please let me know what you would like to see in future communications.

Jane Patterson, Secretary

Davis Lake Board of Directors

Don's Corner:

As everyone knows, I had planned to go into semi or full retirement last year. But plans don't always go the way you would like them to sometimes.

We hired "Pony tail Mike" to replace me, but he couldn't cut it and lasted from May to October. We then hired Javier Ortiz who also does maintenance work at the Lutheran Church. Hopefully in the next few months, we will be able to see if he can go it alone or with just some minor guidance.

William Roman took over the lawn care and I think he should be able to take care of Davis Lake in fine fashion.

We are catching up with our hurricane damage, and it will take a few years of growth to get our boundary shrubs and hedges back to their normal height and appearance. So far we have planted 9 palms and 31 shrubs, and installed 1000 square feet of new sod. Come on rain!

Don Knipp, Maintenance

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