

del Lago Newsletter

Prepared by the del Lago District Advisory Committee

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The next del Lago Town Hall Thursday, August 8 at 6:00 p.m. Foothill Center

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Outgoing Chairman’s Message

Hello del Lago Community.

If you attended the May 9 DAC Town Hall meeting or if you have stayed abreast of ABOD activities, you know that I have joined the ABOD. As such, I am no longer eligible to be your DAC Chair. But good news, your former Chair, Emil Pisarri has agreed to return for another term. So, del Lago has gained an advocate on the ABOD and has an experienced person as chair of the DAC. That should mean that we are in good shape to represent you and advocate for you on the many issues that are important to us all. We will also have a change in our ABOD liaison as our former liaison, David Cook has completed his term on the ABOD. Stephen Gilbert is our new liaison (ABOD members cannot be liaison to their own DAC).

The rest of your DAC is continuing to serve. I thank them for their service, wish the best for Emil, and also thank David Cook for his dedication in representing del Lago this past year.

To be sure, as an ABOD member and del Lago resident, I will be working with Emil, Stephen and the DAC and paying close attention to our key issues of turf conversion, reroofing, and escalating insurance and other HOA costs.

Thanks for allowing me to be your DAC Chair.

Dave Dimmick

Incoming Chairman’s Message

Hello del Lago Community.

We all want to thank Dave Dimmick for the exceptional job he performed as DAC Chair this past year. Dave has moved on to an even more important job on the Association Board (ABOD). We know he will be an important advocate for del Lago in his new position.

I look forward to working together with our current DAC members and all of you as your DAC Chair.

We who live in del Lago love this Village and aspire to make it a great place to live. There are many challenges ahead of us as we deal with the increasing cost of insurance, turf reduction to minimize the use of water, and our roof replacement schedule to start around 2030.

I look forward to your support and your input,
Emil Pisarri, your new (old) DAC Chair

FY 24-25 del Lago DAC Committee

Emil Pisarri, Chair

Melinda Dobbs, Vice Chairperson

Valerie Dimmick, Secretary

Anahid Gregg, Gary Lohr, Margaret Spatafore,

Cheryl Allmen

Associate Members –Tim Robinson, Monona Tang

Del Lago Website

Have you visited the del Lago website yet?

Visit <https://dellago.vgcc.club/> to keep up to date on what is going on in del Lago.

Recent ABOD Meeting Highlights

- ABOD President Michael Schwerin and General Manager Theresa Ostrander provide monthly reports of activities. They can be found on The Village Resident Portal or a DAC member can pass it on to you, just ask.
- Watch the Villages website for the approved Masterplant List.
- FireWise wild fire risk reduction preparation activities are nearly ready for DAC involvement.
- Amended Policy APr 202 (District Advisory Committees) was approved to add more instructions for DAC Social and Decorating Subcommittees and to provide that each DAC have a FireWise subcommittee.
- The insurance team, headed by David Cook, is now an ABOD committee.
- Nothing noteworthy regarding the finances (detail separately).
- The next ABOD meeting is on July 30, at 9:30 at Foothill Center and via ZOOM.

Speed Check

The Villages installed new Speed Limit signs on Lake Garda Drive two months ago. Despite this action, there continues to be reports of speeding within our Village. So, another measure has been taken. You will see a portable radar monitor in del Lago advising you, your guests, and service drivers of their driving speed. Please respect the speed limit and remind others of it in the interest of preventing a tragic accident.



Bringing Solar to the Villages

There is a project under way to essentially allow Villagers to rent solar. A proposal has been submitted to our General Manager whom I believe will be passing it on to the ABOD. There are companies who are willing to invest in solar on our rooftops and collect a monthly fee (lower than your

PG&E bill) from residents over an agreed upon duration (5 to 25 years). The details and protections need to be worked out between the ABOD (with the help of the solar advisory committee) and the bidding companies. If this project is implemented, it would allow Villagers to have solar generated power and battery backup, with no large initial expenditure, at a lower monthly rate than the current (and growing) PG&E rates with the proviso that the solar installation can be purchased by the resident, if desired, at a future date or can be transferred to a new home owner when the property is sold.

del Lago Financials

FY24 Report from July 1, 2023 to May 31, 2024 (11 months)

Operating Details:

Total Revenue \$1,083,234.

Total Expenditures \$1,062,550.

Operating Surplus \$20,684, (savings on water, landscape and maintenance, while overspending on insurance).

Surplus carryover from last year \$27,245.

Net operating surplus \$47,929.

Reserve Budget:

Total Reserves Contributed \$790,425.

Total Reserves Expended \$85,018.

Net contribution to Reserves \$663,280.

Carryover from last year \$2,480,245.

Current Reserves Balance \$3,143,526.

Del Lago Village Social Fund (formerly del Lago Village Enhancement Fund)

Current balance: \$466.34 Recent Expenditures: \$0

del Lago/Sonata Social Fund

Current balance: \$3528.59

Recent Expenditures: \$87.35 to Anahid Gregg for Annual Luncheon

Save These Dates

- July 31, del Lago social “Bring your own chair – get to know each other”
- August 7, at 5 PM, Ice Cream Social at Gazebo Park (see attached flyer)
- October 19, at 10 AM, Del Lago Resident Breakfast
- August 8 at 6:00 p.m., del Lago DAC Town Hall, Foothill Center
- August 28, del Lago social “Bring your own chair – get to know each other”
- November 7, at 6 PM, del Lago DAC Town Hall, Cribari Auditorium

Incoming / Outgoing

Welcome to new residents!

- Patricia Glusco – 3325 Lake Albano Circle
- Teruko (Terri) Matsumura – 3306 Lake Albano Circle

We're sorry to see you go!

- Joyce Ross- 3306 Lake Albano Circle
- Anne Wilson Roberts – 3325 Lake Albano Circle
- Lisle Howard Robers – 3325 Lake Albano Circle

Next ABOD Meeting

Tuesday July 30, 9:30 a.m.
at Foothill Center and on ZOOM

Next CBOD Meeting

Tuesday July 30, 1:30 p.m.
at Foothill Center and on ZOOM

Lively Luncheon!

del Lago and Sonata residents joined on June 8, a sunny Saturday, at the Clubhouse for a fun get together. There was much camaraderie and laughter as we got introduced and reconnected with



neighbors. The luncheon was organized by Anahid Gregg and Monona

Tang. Monona came up with a creative ice breaker, “Do You Know The Villages?” We were challenged with questions such as How many villages have lakes? and How many villages have single-family dwellings?



The 83 residents who attended were served a generously portioned sandwich/salad lunch and strawberry dessert. Many of us took home half of our sandwich for a later meal. If you missed out on this event, it's one you'll want to put on your calendar when it comes around next year.



The del Lago District Advisory Committee (DAC)

Voting members: Emil Pisarri, Chairperson, (669-609-0461); Melinda Dobbs, Vice Chair (408-666-9713); Anahid Gregg, IT (732-742-4874); Margaret Spatafore (408-532-1966); Valerie Dimmick, Secretary, (408-813-3985); Cheryl Allmen (408-307-3979); Gary Lohr (408-912-5124)
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Here's the scoop!



You're Invited to the del Lago/Sonata Annual Ice Cream Social!

Join us at Gazebo Park
Wednesday, August 7th @5:00 P.M.

Cost for del Lago & Sonata residents - \$2.00
Guests from outside our Villages will be billed an extra \$5.00

Sign up by Saturday August 3rd by visiting
https://rebrand.ly/ice_cream
(Electronic recipients will have a clickable link)

No computer? Fill in the form below and drop off by 8/2 in Anahid's mail tube
@ 3213 Bracciano Court

Name(s) of attendees:	
Billing address:	
Village(s) they live in:	
Phone:	
Email:	

