

FALL 2020 NEWSLETTER



FLEUR DU LAC ESTATES ASSOCIATION

LABOR DAY FESTIVITIES



Labor Day 2020 proved to be an excellent time to host a few events, from patriotic movies on the lawn to a "Meet and Greet" to welcome new homeowners, Craig and Lisa Jorgens in Unit 20, and David and Susan Gill in Unit 17.

There was a small gathering on the Yacht Club patio as well as wine, beer, and hor d'oeuvres to be enjoyed by those attending. Many thanks to Anne Zerst and Michelle Baggett for providing the refreshments.



During the weekend's festivities, Bob Boldt also gave a wonderful Fleur du Lac Historical Lecture. Bob told the full story of the infamous Fleur du Lac dredging incident.



A DAY OF BLESSINGS AT FLEUR DU LAC

BY ALLEN ENNIS

The afternoon of June 6th was one of those days when Tahoe is more like an ocean than a lake. The weather brought high southwesterly winds, with strong swells and white caps. As I looked out at the lake, I saw a brief flash, which turned out to be the sun reflecting off of a jet ski. The flash was too far offshore to see what it was with my bare eyes. Looking through my binoculars, I could see three people who had fallen off a single jet ski. I did not think anything of it at first. They seemed fine and were swimming back to the jet ski. I put the binoculars down and walked away. Almost immediately, I was struck with the feeling that I should look one more time. God's first blessing. Looking again, I realized that the jet ski flipped over every time they were almost back on it, as the wind and current were blowing them farther into the center of the lake. A lone boat was in view towards Chambers and one of the girls waved in distress at it. Sadly, the people in the boat did not see them. At this point, it was clear they were in trouble.

I called 911 and was patched through to the Coast Guard. Explaining the situation quickly, I could hear them immediately sound the alarm and dispatch their rescue boat. The plan was for me to continue to watch them through the binoculars, and the Coast Guard would call me as they got close so I could guide them in. It was difficult to see them in the swells and white caps. Then things went from bad to worse. The jet ski began to sink. In a matter of a few minutes, only a small amount of the nose was above the water. As they continued to be blown towards the center of the lake, they decided to swim for shore. They quickly became separated. And although they were swimming with all their might, the current continued to push them farther out. At this point I called the Coast Guard back and told them that the situation had escalated. Given how far away the rescue boat was, the dispatcher and I agreed that I should try and get to them in my boat. My fear was that I would not be able to find them once I put the binoculars down. I got to the boat as fast as I could but struggled on several attempts to get out of the marina. When I transitioned from reverse to forward the wind would push my bow back north into the marina. I finally decided to transition from reverse to forward with much more power and kept my fingers crossed that I would not hit the dock or break wall. God was on my side and I made it out. I think Stewart & Jordan may have been watching at this point and must have thought I'd lost my mind going out in this wild weather.

Coming out of the marina, I took a heading where I thought they might be and prayed I would see them. I also saw the Coast Guard approaching and they made a bee line to my boat. God was there again, and I spotted Stella. As I approached Stella, we could see Grace about 40 yards away to the north. There were three strong men in the rescue boat who were able to quickly get Grace on their boat. As I was helping Stella, who was suffering from vision loss due to the onset of hypothermia, she began to ask for Omar and told me he didn't have a life jacket (we later found out that Omar gave his life jacket to Stella when they decided to swim for it, a very honorable gesture. Looking around, we spotted Omar roughly 80 yards away. I yelled to the Coast Guard and pointed towards Omar, letting them know that he did not have a life jacket. They reached him just as he was going down for what Omar recalls as the third time. He told me the next day that he was sure he was going to die.

The Coast Guard put Grace and Omar in their cabin to begin warming them up. I gave Stella my sweatshirt but had no towels on the boat. I decided to wrap her in the boat cover. We made our way back to the FDL marina, and the fire department and paramedics arrived shortly thereafter. Fortunately, Stewart and Jordan were there to meet us and began grabbing coats and blankets from their place to help warm them up. The paramedics told us they were too hypothermic to put them in the FDL spa. After some time, Grace, Stella, and Omar began to warm up. The paramedics felt that they were safe enough to take home. They recovered fully!

Grace, Stella, and Omar are wonderful young people whom this world needs more of. They are faithful, caring, strong, and smart. Today, Grace is a freshman at Duke. Stella is a sophomore Pre-Med student at UC San Diego, and Omar is a sophomore nursing student at St. Mary's.

It is often said that God works in mysterious ways. When I think about that day, it is clear to me that God was not being mysterious. He was on my shoulder whispering in my ear every step of the way. I believe that God would have worked through any one of us that was looking at the lake that day. While I have thought a lot about the what if's since that day, only one thing matters: Grace, Stella, and Omar are safe and healthy, and I know that they are going to make the world a better place! No matter what your faith, God was not ready for these three special young people to come to his home just yet. They have important things to do! I feel so blessed to have met them and to have them in my life today!

On another note, Jill and I are so appreciative of how we were welcomed by the FDL family. You were all so gracious and we enjoyed meeting you, and the staff is fantastic. A special thanks to Lane, Ed, T.J, Tamara, Pete, John, and Wayne for all of their help. I also want to thank you for the many well wishes when I had a little disagreement with my mountain bike. In the old WWII adage, it was a total FUBAR. While we are no longer in FDL, we are not far away. We hope to move into our home by the first of the year at 3965 Belleview, a few houses north of the Grand Ave. gate. We hope to stay in touch and would enjoy having you over.

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Happy
Holidays,
Allen & Jill



Spotlight on...

The Gills

Susan and David have had a place in Lake Tahoe for 35 years at Northstar. Spending time on the lake each summer, it was a high priority to find a house on the water. Their friends, Michelle and Robin Baggett shared their home with them and as they experienced the facilities at Fleur du Lac, the beautiful location and closeness to the water, they took advantage of the opportunity to become owners at Fleur du Lac. Susan and David are looking forward to spending more time in their new home.



Susan and David have known each other since grammar school. They were high school sweethearts! David then attended Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo, where he graduated in 1973 with a Crop Science Degree. Susan attended the University of California, Santa Barbara where she graduated in 1973 with a Bachelor of Arts in History. She then attended Cal Poly and received her Elementary Teaching Credential in 1974. The Gills moved back to King City as David started his career in agriculture, growing, shipping and processing fresh vegetables. Susan began teaching sixth grade. They raised two sons, Curtis, 43 years old, and Brandon, 40 years old, in King City. Susan and David love to spend time with their two grandchildren, Rochelle, 16 years old and Colin, 14 years old.

David's biggest hobby is golf. In fact, he put King City on the map in 2000 as he won the amateur title in the Pebble Beach AT&T Pro-Am Golf Tournament. He loves aviation, flying a helicopter and a plane. It is a business tool but he thinks it is fun. They also really enjoy spending time with their friends; some of the best parts of their lives have been sharing these wonderful friendships. Now Susan and David really like to focus on Youth organizations - trying to help influence youth and support education. Susan is a BIG believer in education and has done a lot of work with the Monterey County Free Libraries, Hartnell College and 4-H. For the past 10 years David has chaired the Monterey County First Tee Program and commits a lot of time and resources to the program. He currently serves on the Monterey Peninsula Foundation Board.



*Congratulations
to...
Steve and Amy
Phillips
September
12th, 2020*



On September 12th, 2020, Steve and I were fortunate enough to be married on the grounds at Fleur du Lac. Despite the challenging year with the world in COVID disarray and our beloved California up in smoke, it was the one true highlight and the happiest day of our lives. The smoke cleared and the Lake Tahoe skies became blue once again. The day was perfect, except for me forgetting to grab my bouquet before walking down the aisle! Thankfully, my two sons, who were doing the honor, said, "Mom, aren't you supposed to be holding flowers?" The Yacht Club and the grass area surrounding it was the perfect location for our family-only ceremony right on the lake. The flowers and decorations were another highlight that brought me to tears as I walked toward the arbor and to the arms of Steve.

There was no question that Steve and I would get married here. We have spent a lot of time at this idyllic location with the family and our boys - we certainly take advantage of every amenity possible! Our favorite activities are the Frisbee Golf course that the wonderful TJ set up and the Bocce Ball court. What we are really looking forward to is learning how to play Pickleball next summer. The wedding could not have gone more smoothly with the wonderful staff at Fleur du Lac. We cannot thank the staff here enough for their willingness to ensure our wedding went off without a hitch.

I would also like to send a special thank you to my mom and stepdad, Barbara and Gary West... without them it would not have been possible. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts.



MAINTENANCE REPORT

BY JOHN JACKSON

Here is a brief look at a few of the Maintenance projects that have recently been completed. Construction on the Maintenance Garage storage loft has been completed and the Maintenance staff has since filled it with patio furniture from all of the units, and from around the property. The Boat House is now free from the duty of storing these items in the winter. The Maintenance staff has also been hard at work re-organizing the Maintenance Shop.

Our old, galvanized steel underground water lines have been replaced with modern, high-density polyethylene pipe that has a life expectancy of 50-100 years, to Units 13-20. We are scheduled to complete the remaining underground water lines at Units 9, 10, 11, 12, 21, 22, the Yacht Club, Office and Aspen House in 2021.



Re-roofing has been completed by Lebel Roofing at Units 16, 17 and 18. Upgraded gutter and downspout heat tape has been installed for the winter months.

Class A Roofing has also completed all of the DaVinci warranty work at Units 3, 4, 7, 8, the Yacht Club, Boat House, Office and the Aspen House.

The boat slips along the outer jetty have been taken out of the water and stored on the outer jetty for the winter.



Bob Boldt pitches in to help the Maintenance Team!

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*Fleur
Du Sac*

The logo for Fleur Du Sac is written in a highly decorative, cursive script. The word 'Fleur' is on the top line and 'Du Sac' is on the bottom line. The letters are intertwined with ornate flourishes, including a large leaf-like shape on the right side of the 'r' in 'Fleur' and a similar shape on the left side of the 'S' in 'Du Sac'. The entire logo is rendered in a light green color.