

# ***LaSolana Living***

## **Notes from the Board Meeting January 15, 2013**

We are thankful for the number of residents who attended our open Board meeting and participated in the discussion and questioning. At the start of the session, we were treated to a detailed update of our landscaping progress by Harry Graham, CareScape Supervisor. He sends Brad and the Board a monthly evaluation report which is now posted for your viewing in the great room of the clubhouse beside the Board minutes.

Ken Marks reviewed the Nov. financials and reported that we are in good shape and that he had nothing to highlight at this time. The Dec. financials, (our business yearend), were not yet complete.

The Board approved a motion to formally adopt and operate under the Member's Code of Conduct with fines and disciplinary sanctions as does Sun City Grand. The "code of conduct" is the same document which has been handed out to all owners by our office and which you received upon the purchase of your condo.

The Board moved and approved the ratification of the following actions in writing: 1) a revised Rules and Regulations document dated Dec. 1<sup>st</sup>/12 which reflects the necessary changes incorporating the proximity card access system; 2) the pool shower area bid to install tile on the wall and to repair the floor and drainage area for \$980.17; and 3) a bid to repair 3 pool fence sections "lower rails" and to remove and flip the pool gate closest to the barbeque for \$794.30.

We discussed the placement of a stop sign on the property. We have been advised to obtain a traffic engineer's study of our property before making a decision. The Board decided to take no further action.

After adjournment, the Board entered into a closed Executive meeting to review the final draft of the Sun Health's Easement Agreement. The Board voted unanimously to accept this agreement. A special open Board meeting was held on Thursday, Jan. 17<sup>th</sup>/13 at 1:00 pm to review the agreement with residents and to answer their questions. The Board approved a motion to reconfirm the motion passed at the Jan. 15/13 Executive meeting accepting the terms of the Sun Health's Easement Agreement. Interested residents walked to the edge of the property and were shown where the block wall will be erected. We are very pleased that this issue has been amicably resolved.

Ann Ward, President  
LaSolana Board of Directors

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## Meet Your Neighbor

Why, why, why would a full blooded and proud New York City Italian beauty marry a Hungarian way back in 1946 when there were so many available Italian men, even one who put a ring on her finger? Her answer was “because he made me laugh!”

And, that's something this delightful LaSolana neighbor likes to do. This decade long LáSolana resident who will be 93 on May 8 this year is someone everyone should make a point of getting to know. She's smart, possesses a great sense of humor, can regularly be found sunning herself at the LáSolana pool or just sitting on the bench between Buildings 2 and 3. She claims the bench is hers but she would love to share it with you so do sit a spell with **Jeanette Horvath** from Building 3 and learn more about her than this article will reveal. It's guaranteed, she will want to know more about you too!



*Jeanette Horvath*

Jeanette was born in Brooklyn, New York, and to this day she is especially fond of her New York roots. She was the oldest of five children, four girls trailed by one boy, born to a mother from Genoa, Italy, and a father who was born on New York's Lower East Side and who befriended Jimmy Durante. After high school graduation, her training as a secretary led to a position with the U.S. Navy where she eventually married her “boss,” an engineer known as Louis Alexander Horvath who later worked for Westinghouse Corporation. Together they raised a daughter, Linda, who resides in Phoenix and just retired as a health care ultra sound technician. When Louis died, Jeanette decided to join her daughter here in Arizona and later purchased her unit in Building 3. She shares her apartment with Abby, a cat who wakes her early in the morning and of whom Jeanette is extremely fond.

During Jeanette's 46 year marriage to Louis she spent 20 years as a school crossing guard. In the winter that could be a really cold job so in response to Arizona's recent cold spell of weather she said, “Don't talk to me about it as I know what **really** cold weather is all about.” Always a walker, at least until she fell on the Colonnade grounds and broke her hip two years ago, she thinks she crossed every bridge connecting Manhattan by foot while living in Brooklyn. At age 50 she took up tennis and played for 20 years in addition to playing handball and ice skating. She claims she still has really good legs because of all this activity and she wishes LáSolana had an exercise room with a treadmill because transportation to the Adobe Fitness Center is no long available.

Beyond going to the pool and visiting with her friends, Jeanette enjoys reading the daily newspaper and working crossword puzzles, attending movies in the clubhouse, continuing as a church volunteer by crocheting blankets for babies, and regularly attending mass at our Lady of Lourdes in Sun City West. She's outside the clubhouse every Sunday morning after 8:00 a.m. waiting for her bus pickup. And, when she sits on her bench she loves to sit and think about the “#1 hit parade” love she has for animals, especially cats, dogs, and birds.

Jeanette's perception of herself is that of being a bit of a rebel, but her positive attitude is reflected in the following quote: “I'm a church goer and we do the best we can with what the Lord gives us.” If you want to know how to grow older gracefully, make a point of meeting Jeanette, she's an inspiration.

Earl Lindquist

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***P.S. As this newsletter moved to press, the LáSolana office staff learned that Jeanette's daughter Linda, decided to move her mother closer to her Phoenix residence. This was a surprise decision to Jeanette and all who know her. Good wishes accompany her and she will be missed.***

## Let's Eat Out!

So many choices.....so little time! Where are your 'go to' places to eat? We did a small survey with a few of your LaSolana neighbors and here are some of their favorites.

JoAnn in building 3 says that on her first visit to Angela's, behind Adobe fitness center, the crab cakes were delicious.



Russ in building 2 likes Tivoli Gardens on Bell. He also votes for Alta Villa in Sun City West near Bashas'. It's a mom and pop place where everything is cooked from scratch and you can bring your own wine, if you wish.

Jack & Lois in building 3 say that you can get a great breakfast at the Hole-In-One in Sun City West. Wear your ball cap for a 10% discount.

Larry in building 3 says the best pizza in the world is found at Rosati's on Waddell & Litchfield. He said that a close runner-up is Florencia's, a family-owned restaurant on Camino del Sol in Sun City West.

Ann in building 4 says that Anacapa at Corte Bella is a wonderful spot.

Don't want to drive? Several people suggested the Bistro at the Colonnade as a welcoming spot with tasty eats.



## Blockwatch

Most insurance companies offer a discount on your policy premium if you have the following:

1. Smoke Alarms—hard wired and battery backup. All units connected to central alarm system.
2. Sprinkler system in each unit.

The clubhouse office has copies of the following: Certificate of Liability Insurance, a letter from our insurance agency outlining important information regarding the association's insurance, and EOI instructions for homeowners. This information, dated January 8, 2013, was sent to all owners by email and/or mail on January 16, 2013.

Note, the bottom two paragraphs on the letter relates to the unit owners responsibility.

Russ Anderson  
Unit 2112



## Mike's Corner

The following items can be placed in the recycle bin: Paper, cardboard (which has been flattened), plastic, and metal cans of all types. Please rinse out containers to keep odors to a minimum.

Glass can be taken to the bins by the fire station on Reems. Plastic bags should be taken to Albertson's where there is a brown recycle bin just inside the door near the shopping carts.

The two small round containers inside the trash wall are only for plastic water bottles and soda cans only. These items are not to be placed in the trash compactor.

If you see something on the grounds that needs repair, please fill out a request slip and mark the location on the map. The request slips and maps are hanging outside the door of the maintenance shop (next to the trash compound).

## Meeting Dates!

### Board Meetings for 2013

**Tuesday, February 12**  
**Wednesday, February 20\***  
**(Annual Meeting)\***  
**Tuesday, March 19**  
**Tuesday, April 16**



## Board's Eye View

To have YOUR question answered, please send an email to [board@lasolanahoa.com](mailto:board@lasolanahoa.com) or drop it in our separate condo mailbox, located just to the left inside the Mailroom (must be signed), or attend a monthly *Chat with the Board* during the season. The LáSolana Board of Directors look forward to addressing your questions in the future.

**Question:** Driving into LáSolana, we have almost been hit by a car coming from behind Building 6 without stopping. For safety sake, can a STOP sign be put at that T-intersection?

**Answer:** Our Property Manager and Board President spoke with our attorney who says that, to erect a STOP sign, it would be necessary to do a traffic engineer's report and proceed with ALL recommendations. It is agreed that we do not want to undertake that expense. If you regularly or occasionally (because you've dropped off your trash/recycling) turn left from behind Building 6, BE CAREFUL! Stop and make sure the "coast is clear." If, as you enter our complex, someone does pull out in front of you and you recognize them, notify office staff with their name & unit number. There is a form you can fill out in the office or you can notify them as outlined above. Our staff has been very successful in explaining problems to residents and getting their cooperation.

**Question:** Visitors & vendors have difficulty finding our unit. Can't our building signage be improved?

**Answer:** We understand your frustration. However, the cost to improve our signage, and meet present building standards, is very expensive. The tree trimming has helped and we are going to move the map, presently near the entrance to a spot in front of the clubhouse where it will hopefully much easier to see, and will meet the needs of those looking for a specific building.

**Question:** How much does it cost to have the compactor emptied each time?

**Answer:** \$500 and up, depending on the weight. So it's cost effective to use our recycling bins as much as possible and, if you have work done on your unit, to have your contractor take away the old sinks, cabinets, etc.

