

LáSolana Living

April 2014

Notes from the Board

It doesn't seem possible that our "season" is drawing to a close for so many of you! I have the privilege of being a year round resident and will be starting my third year here on May 16th.

The newly elected Board had our first Board Meeting on March 18th. I wish to thank you all for your support at the meeting.

The lollipop light by the mailroom will be up as soon as Mike can get the necessary parts that he needs. Jan Smith from building 7 introduced herself as the new Editor of our monthly Newsletter. Thank you for stepping up and volunteering Jan!

Annette Bergen gave us an update from the Bike Committee. They have received a couple of bids for a "cage" to enclose the bikes. The committee is still exploring the possibility of other options. Please stay tuned as they see if there are other viable options for bike security.

Ken Marks, our financial guru and Board Treasurer, reported that LáSolana's finances are very solid and we're doing a great job staying within our budget.

We will be having the pool drained and acid washed after the majority of you have gone to your other homes. This process will happen about every 2-4 years. It will have no detrimental effect on the new surface that was applied a couple of years ago, but is necessary to keep PH levels, etc. acceptable.

The Board approved the bid from CareScape for updating our courtyard irrigation systems. This will save us money and utilize the water much more efficiently.

I attended an HOA Summit on the 19th which was for all of the HOA's in Surprise. We were given valuable information and various contacts for the City of Surprise. "Knowledge is Power" and I hope that I can learn more and continue to make LáSolana even more GRAND in the future.

In closing, I encourage all of you to attend our Chat with the Board and Board Meetings for the rest of the year. The information we all share together as a community is invaluable.

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Meet Your Neighbor

Among the newest full time residents of LaSolana are **Jan and LeRoy Smith** who bought a unit in Building 7 after selling their house in Sun City Grand that they have lived in since 2002. They believe LaSolana offers them an opportunity to modify their lifestyle and still enjoy all the opportunities offered by Sun City Grand and living in the Southwest. Indeed, they are a welcomed addition to the neighborhood. Jan has already risen to the challenge of editing LáSolana's newsletter that she believes will allow her a wonderful opportunity to meet her new neighbors. LeRoy has volunteered to serve on the committee that is addressing issues concerned with bicycles on the property as both he and Jan are bicycle enthusiasts as is evident in the accompanying photograph.



LeRoy and Jan Smith

Jan and Leroy were raised in Silver City, New Mexico, where they attended high school together. Upon graduation they were married and in the next few weeks they will celebrate their 50th anniversary. They are the parents of two children, a daughter and a son who between them have provided Jan and LeRoy with five grandchildren. While growing up their children lived in several locations as LeRoy and Jan's employment changed. Today their children, grandchildren, and one great-grandchild live nearby and Jan and LeRoy see them often.

Before living in Flagstaff where LeRoy earned his Bachelor of Science degree in Forestry at Northern Arizona University, Jan earned her R.N. degree at the Good Samaritan Hospital School of Nursing in Phoenix. When both achieved their professional degrees, LeRoy and Jan moved their young family to Espanola, New Mexico, and later to Albuquerque where he worked in the timber industry for Duke City Lumber Company. While living in Espanola Jan was the Director of Nursing at the local hospital and she has also served on the State of New Mexico Board of Nursing.

Twenty years later, the family moved to Denver where LeRoy was employed in automobile sales. Although owning a flashy new car is not high on his priority list, his 1993 red Jeep Wrangler with more than 160,000 miles is as he explores trails once a week within a 200 mile radius of SCG. That's an outdoor activity he really enjoys but not the only one. He is an avid tennis player and also the Men's Representative for SCG's Tennis Club. Since 2008 he has qualified every year as Arizona's State Senior Olympic Gold Medalist and will again represent Arizona at the Senior National Olympic Tournament to be held in Minnesota in 2015.

Jan does not share that same interest in tennis but she is on SCG's golf links once or twice a week. She also shares with LeRoy a liking for biking, hiking, pickle ball, and she will now captain the bocce ball team. Both Jan and LeRoy make good use of the Adobe and Cimarron Fitness Centers and they say neither of them spend much time at home. Over their years living in SCG, a community they say "has it all," they have also developed a wide circle of friends, especially through their outdoor activities. Living at LaSolana with their dog Jake, a Schnauzer, has also provided them with opportunities to meet LaSolana neighbors during their daily walks. With all these activities in which Jan and LeRoy engage, one cannot help but wonder where Jan finds the time and energy on weekends working as a registered nurse at Banner Home Health Care. Somehow she works her magic and undoubtedly she will do that as our new LaSolana newsletter editor as well. Thanks to both of you for volunteering your time on behalf of the LaSolana neighborhood.

Earl Lindquist #2301



Board's Eye View

To have YOUR question answered, please send an email to 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: What do I do if I see someone walking a dog/dogs and they are not holding on to the dog's leash?

Answer: Please stop by the office and report it to Cindy or JoAnne and they will address the situation. All dogs are to be on a leash that is held and no longer than 6 feet.

Question: Can I have a party at the pool?

Answer: Absolutely! However, you must remember not to have any glass dishes or containers to avoid possible injury to someone and the possibility of us having to drain the pool. Also, please remember to clean up the area and grill if you do any cooking.

Question: Who is responsible for keeping our pool lounges, chairs and tables all so well organized every morning?

Answer: That would be one of our full-time renters, Ricky Haas!

Question: I have friends that don't live in LaSolana that want to rent our clubhouse. How do they go about it?

Answer: Clubhouse rental is only available to LaSolana residents.

Mike's Corner

- ◆ It is important that you periodically check the expansion tank on your hot water heater. We have had several residents have the tanks fail. The tank is located above the hot water heater. If there is any sign of rust or bubbling in the paint, please call a plumber.
- ◆ Please remember that bikes cannot be stored in the buildings next to your unit. All bikes belong in the bike racks.
- ◆ Lockboxes are not allowed on the building railings outside your unit. Please place them on your door handle.
- ◆ A new lollipop light will be installed between the mailroom and Clubhouse as soon as all of the parts come in.



Lollipop Light

"Do not regret growing older. It is a privilege denied to many."

Unknown author



Meeting Dates for April

Architectural Meeting-Tuesday, April 8, 9:00 a.m.

Board Meeting -Tuesday, April 15, 10:00 a.m.

Chat with the Board-Thursday, April 24, 7:00 p.m.

April Social Event

Spring Brunch-Thursday, April 17, 12:00 p.m.

There will be a sign up sheet for food to bring.

Everyone is welcome as it should be nice enough for overflow to eat outside.



LaSolana Party Pictures



"Thank You Jack for creating such good memories for all of us!"

Jack Mumford, Unit 3112 has offered to create a photo DVD with pictures from the 2014 season as well as a similar photo DVD for BOTH the 2014 and 2013 seasons. A list of the social events that he has photographed is listed for your review in the mailroom and clubhouse.

Each Photo DVD will contain photo images (JPEG's) that can be viewed on a computer or DVD player. You can also order prints online or from your local drug store, Costco, etc. Approximately 400 pictures were taken in 2013 and he expects a similar number

for the 2014 season. All orders will be shipped to your home address in a DVD mailer.

The cost is \$15 for 2014 only, or \$25 for 2013 and 2014 seasons.

Order forms are available in the clubhouse and you can give them to Jack at his unit 3112 with a check by April 15. After April 15 all orders need to be mailed with a check to:

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