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President's Corner

Welcome to Spring. It looks like we may have survived all the gloom and rain. I am hopeful there will be plenty of sunshine now for days at the pool, golf outings, and Arizona relaxation.

As your LáSolana Board President I must admit some feelings of nervousness. I understand the responsibility of being a Board Member and appreciate the trust you have placed on me. I am looking forward to working with my fellow Board Members, Jack Mumford, Larry Truett, Ray Larson and Dallas Reynolds. Our mission is to be proactive, transparent, and inclusive. We are so fortunate to have such amazing Boards before us so that we can build on their hard work.

This year Board workshops will be held each month. This will give us the opportunity to explore new projects, discuss community issues, and collaborate with problem solving. Board Meetings are not held in the summer months but, we plan on having Chats with the Board. Larry tells me we may have pop-sicles at the pool for one of those chats.

A new Communication Committee has been formed. Larry Truett, Marcia Durrell, Jean McBrien and Deannie Price are looking at all the ways we now communicate with the residents and are exploring ways to improve and increase all communication in our community. Larry and Marcia have also been busy on our Rules and Regulations. They are ready to go and will be discussed at the March Board Meeting. In addition, a new Clubhouse Rental Policy, will be on the agenda. Jean McBrien, Ann Ward and Caryl Moskowitz have worked tirelessly on this project.

Other important projects that are currently in progress are the major roofing construction, adding new trees and shrubs, repair of the pool, improvements to our BBQ area, and additional security for our bike cage. So, you can see we are off and running as a new Board.

It's going to be fun, exciting, and very busy this year. Please join as we welcome new ideas and volunteers.

Jan Smith
LáSolana Board President



Meet Your Neighbor

Jan and LeRoy Smith moved to Grand from Denver over 17 years ago and have owned and resided at La Solana since early 2013. Jan, a Registered Nurse, works several days a week as a Home Healthcare Nurse. She was first elected to the La Solana HOA Board in 2018 and was elected president of the Board in February, 2019. I sat down with her recently to learn more about why she serves and her goals for La Solana. What follows is a result of that meeting.



A few years back, Jan volunteered to be on the newly formed Pet Committee here at LáSolana, a group that ultimately came up with pet policies that are now a part of LáSolana's Rules and Regulations. That led to a broader knowledge and interest in our community, and she was ready for a larger commitment. She is passionate to serve our neighborhood and is determined to practice due diligence for all owners. It is exciting for her to be able to take all of the good work others have done and add to it with the current Board, incorporating the history of LS and working into the future. She strives to be prepared and to be as open and inclusive as possible. As a self-described "eternal optimist", she feels capable of looking at our property's challenges while incorporating the many strengths we enjoy here.

Jan enthusiastically supports the opportunities that the new Board has identified as priorities to start the new year off. In addition to Board Meetings and Chats With The Board, there will be monthly Workshops. These workshops will give the Board an opportunity to take a proactive, collaborative approach to community improvements. Additionally, look for new Rules and Regulations, a revised Clubhouse Rental Policy, Landscape enhancements and an increase in how the Board communicates with owners.

Jan says that she is looking forward to working with her fellow Board members and says you can expect her to be an energetic, hands-on President. Jan, we like your energy and wish you good luck!

Your LáSolana neighbor,
Olivia Reynolds



2019-20 Board of Directors

Congratulations & Welcome to our new Board members Dallas Reynolds

You can contact the new Board at board@lasolanahoa.com



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Retirement Party

The Social Committee threw a retirement party for Dave Kearney on February 19th. It was his last day on the Board. Dave served for 6 years on the Board of Directors, with distinction. It was very well attended and he was so pleased. Everyone had a terrific evening.

Thanks to Robin Torry and her committee.

Caryl Moskowitz
Newsletter Editor

Mike's Corner

Prior to vacating your condominium for any length of time, we “recommend” the following to keep your unit safe.

Leave an emergency contact phone number and address with the office.

Set the thermostat to 85/90 degrees and leave A/C on.

Shut off water valves inside closet (1/4 turn crosswise to pipe is off).

Shut off hot water electric in panel at breaker box.

Place 2-3 gallon bucket of water in each room.

Empty ice from bin and lift arm up on ice maker.

Close all windows, blinds or drapes.

Make sure that all appliances, etc. are unplugged.

Remove disposable food from refrigerator and freezer

Leave a bowl of baking soda in refrigerator and freezer.

Place saran wrap over toilet seat to prevent water from evaporating.

Make arrangements (if possible) with a friend or relative to occasionally check on your unit.

Birds nest May/June. Please remove any nests from patio, as needed.



Farewell to LáSolana

It is always interesting how a relationship begins. Some times it is through the contact with a friend, sometimes it is through the intersections of social gatherings and sometimes it is through a picture that grabs your attention.

Such was the case for a story of romance that Judie and I had and continue to have with a place and community called LáSolana.

It started with a picture. We were living PA and had read an article in the Philadelphia Inquirer about the sharp decline in property values in Az; it was the recession of 2009.

On line we found attractive pictures of this place, the Palm Trees, the pool, the landscaping. It was enough to try for a date. We asked for the assistance of a realtor and ended flying down on Easter Sunday night, looked at several options the next day and ended up signing papers by Monday evening, we were in at LáSolana.

So we had been lured by a picture. But it didn't take long to fall in love with the community and the personality it espoused. It was welcoming, communicative, caring, and very helpful through its staff, owners, and functions of hospitality around the pool, mailroom, and sidewalks.

Neighbors living in the same building smiled and offered assistance. Common areas were places to exchange similarities and differences that had brought us all together in this time and place. The pool, the sun, our age, and simply being human because the glue of community depend on the glue of this community over 10 years and it has never failed.

But, life goes on and nothing is as permanent as change. As most of you are aware we will be moving from LáSolana on April 6th to a place where we will have any future needs taken care of. We only hope our experience there will be as good as it has been here.

As of today, with regrets, I am notifying this Board of my resignation. Serving on the HOA has been an enriching journey that I shall remember with fondness. I leave the Board and project it's future, it is with a profound sense of capability and commitment to the best of LáSolana. The talents of each member of this Board are unique and diverse. *Think about this;* you have a Home Visitation Nurse with great communication skills, a computer specialist, an architect, and experienced accountant; this is not a board of one personality or ability but it is a Board of one mission.

Farewell friends of this community and colleagues of this HOA.

I am proud of what we have done and the direction for the future.

Ray Larson,

March 19, 2019

Board Minutes

**LA SOLANA CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
February 19, 2019
10:00 AM– 12:00 PM**

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 10:39 a.m.

Board Officers Elections:

A motion was made by Jack Mumford to elect Jan Smith as President and seconded by Ray Larson. The motion passed unanimously. A motion was made by Ray Larson to elect Dallas Reynolds as Vice President and seconded by Larry Truett. The motion passed unanimously. Ray Larson asked to be the Member at Large as his condo is for sale. The motion passed unanimously. A motion was made by Jan Smith to elect Larry Truett as Secretary and seconded by Jack Mumford. The motion passed unanimously. A motion was made by Jan Smith to re-elect Jack Mumford as Treasurer and seconded by Ray Larson. The motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: A motion was made by Larry Truett and seconded by Ray Larson to approve the January 31, 2019 Minutes. Motion passed unanimously.

Financial Report: Jack Mumford presented the Treasurer's Scorecard. A motion was made by Larry Truett and seconded by Ray Larson to move \$2,880.00 for Southwest Consultants from the operating account into the reserve account as proposed by Jack Mumford. A motion was made to approve the January 31, 2019 Financial Scorecard with changes. Motion passed unanimously.

Updates:

- Landscaping: Harry Graham of CareScape Landscaping was unavailable due to a death in his family. Jan Smith gave the update.
- Roof Construction: Jan Smith gave the update.
- Pool Repair: Jan Smith gave the update that the pool repair would be pushed out to a later time.
- Elevator Replacement: Discussion was done previously.

Announcements:

Jan Smith announced that a Board Workshop will be held February 26, 2019.

Closing Statements: Jan Smith gave the closing statements regarding the future of LáSolana and thanking everyone for doing their part in making LáSolana a great place to live.

Adjournment - The meeting was adjourned at 10:49 a.m.

Submitted by:
Cindy Duffy, Recording Secretary

Social Events



Pam Riley and her team put on a delicious Soup Supper for those cool January nights.



Candiss Ciavarella and her volunteers made the Valentines Party extra special for these Board Members and their Sweethearts.



Valley Harmony with our own, Len Jacobsen, put on a free concert here in the Clubhouse on March 3rd. Thanks again Len for a wonderful afternoon.

Social Events



Annette Bergen and her Committee put together a fantastic International Night party. It was a huge success, ask Arlys and Larry.



There was a Mardi Gras Party here at LáSolana on March 13th with compliments for Candiss Ciavarella and her festive volunteers. Tom and Candiss, you look terrific.

Renovation Policy for LáSolana

While each of us own our units, they are not free-standing homes. This policy compiles the relevant points of the CC&R's that need to be adhered to in order to protect the appearance of the community and structural integrity of the buildings. Regardless of whether Board approval is required, the office must be notified in writing, email is acceptable, of any planned renovation work.



Meeting Dates

Board Meetings for 2019

Tuesday, April 16

Other Meetings:

Fireside Chat w/Board - Thurs., April 11, 7 pm

Architectural Meeting -Tue., April 16, 9:30 am

Activities Calendar Spring 2019

Pool Party - A Summer Picnic - March 27, 5 pm

Easter Celebration - April 10th 5 pm

Pool Party - April 24th 5pm

LáSolana Newsletter Schedule

August 2019-Summer Issue, October 2019 - Fall Issue, January through April 2020

Fire Safety at LaSolana

Each of our living units at LaSolana has two important fire safety features, smoke detectors and fire sprinklers. The smoke detectors can sense certain particles in the air and will activate an alarm (in your unit only) to indicate the possibility of a fire. Smoke detectors do need to be replaced every few years and they require batteries. The frequency depends on your brand. A chirping sound or a full alarm for no reason are usually indicators that the batteries and/or the unit need to be replaced.

The fire sprinklers are the second feature and they are activated by heat, not smoke; and they do not require occupant maintenance. Each sprinkler head has a visible red tube filled with a liquid that will expand and break the tube at a relatively low temperature, around 150 degrees. When the tube breaks, the water is released to extinguish the fire beneath it. Only the sprinkler head that receives enough heat to break this link will activate and spray water. Also, when a sprinkler head is activated, an alarm is triggered both in the dwelling unit and in the hallway outside of the unit. This outside alarm system also incorporates a strobe light as an alarm for those with impaired or no hearing. When the building alarm is triggered by an active sprinkler or is manually pulled (located in the common areas), our main fire panel receives a signal that is transmitted to the fire department.

There are additional things that we can all do to help with fire safety here at La Solana. One is to have a Fire Department-installed, locked key box outside of your front door. This can save the Fire Department valuable time by accessing a key to use in entering your home in an emergency without using excessive force. Be aware of your limitations and do not try to do things that might be unsafe. Ask for help when you need it. Be aware of the location of the fire extinguishers located within the common areas of each floor and each building. If one is needed, firmly pull the handle to the cabinet door holding the fire extinguisher, take it out and follow the simple directions shown on the label.

The fire alarm system and fire extinguishers located in the common halls are professionally maintained on a regular basis. It is the owner's responsibility to maintain the smoke detectors in their unit.

Thanks for your cooperation in making LaSolana fire safe.

Dallas Reynolds, Vice President
LaSolana HOA Board