

Notes From the Board

I extend a warm hello to all of our residents here and "home" from LáSolana! I am actually starting to write this article in late June. It has been a fairly active Summer Season so far.

- ◆ As most of you are aware, we did put locks on all 7 of our buildings in May to prevent unauthorized access and possible damage to the roof surface. The new system for access is working out very well!
- ◆ Our pool was closed for a couple of days in June so it could be acid washed. We were able to reopen it a day ahead of schedule!!
- ◆ All of our palm trees were trimmed this week and "full time" residents are very happy that we don't have to deal with all of the debris in the pool and our court-yards!
- ◆ The Sonoran Plaza at SCG is scheduled for a remodel to be started before all of our residents return this Fall.
- ◆ We are on schedule to have our driveways resealed starting September 2nd. Updates and reminders will be sent to all through email as the dates get closer.



- ◆ Mike has been busy with all of his daily activities and the challenge of keeping our fountains clean, painted and working well as well as installation of new lollie pop lights when time permitted.

- ◆ Cindy and JoAnne are using their time to catch up on projects that got moved to the "back" burner during the busy winter season. This quiet time allowed them to re-enter access card information and all email addresses following a computer virus in May; prepare newcomer packets; update the Community Directory; and prepare the Rules and Regulations for Board approval in October. If questioned, one thing I am sure they would say is, "there is never a dull moment."
- ◆ We had a Hot Dog Social on May 23rd and our annual Ice Cream Social on July 1st. A good time was had by all!

So, in closing, all is well here at LáSolana and we eagerly await the return of our "family" to our piece of paradise!

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Meet Your Neighbor

Not every woman is as open about her age as is Nancy Johnson who resides in Building 6. She is 83 years young. At birth she was not expected to live through the night. She was born a preemie, one month early, and delivered by her father in the same four poster bed in which she was conceived. A collector of family antiques, she sleeps in it today after 95 years of use in her family. At a birth weight of four pounds in Iron Mountain, Michigan, she was placed in a make shift incubator box near the door to the old wood stove in the kitchen. Now, 83 years later, she reflects on a life that continues to be fulfilling and fun.

In 2006, about a year after Russell, her husband of 54 years, took his last breath, Nancy started ushering all the hockey games at Jobing.com Arena as well as some 70 concerts to date at the same venue. She's been privileged to hear music celebrities such as Celine Dion, Neil Diamond, and Taylor Swift among a host of others while getting paid for her time. Throughout their lifetime together music had always been a big part of Russell and Nancy's lives. Besides their singing participation in barbershop, choruses, and choirs through their years of marriage, Nancy has continued to pursue this interest though participation in musical groups up to seven days a week. Currently, after cutting back a bit, she is singing with the SCG Chorus, the SCG Desert Divas, and weekly with the choir for two services at Desert Palms Presbyterian Church in Sun City West.



Nancy Johnson

Nancy and Russell moved to SCG in 1998 after selling a snowbird vacation home in Fountain Hills that they owned for eight years and after selling their printing business in Manitowoc, Wisconsin. Russell told Nancy that he wanted to try a senior living community and after visiting several they knew Sun City Grand was the place they wanted to live. With only a 30 day window to move after selling their house in Fountain Hills they bought a spec house in the Desert Mesa neighborhood of SCG. After Russell's passing in 2005 Nancy continued to live in that house, but by 2012 she realized it was time to move to LáSolana a neighborhood that the two of them had always planned to move to when the time was right. After two years she remains enthusiastic about her decision as she loves her unit, its location, her neighbors, and the fact that she can continue her associations within SCG and beyond.

During their snowbird years they traveled extensively. Together they visited all 50 states, enjoyed a 32 day bus trip on the European Continent, joined three other couples on a trip to China, and visited Scandinavia three times, once with their two children and their eight year old grandson. In addition to travel, golf, and bridge were activities in which Nancy and Russell frequently engaged. Although those days are in the past, Nancy stays connected to her old neighborhood by playing cards with them every Monday evening. And, when time permits she reads every genre in our LáSolana library, with the exception of mysteries. If you can't reach her by phone she's probably at a music practice or performing as a tenor in one of the musical groups previously mentioned.

As active as Nancy is, she still finds time to spend with her now retired daughter and her grandson who both live in Scottsdale. Unfortunately, she does not get to see her son, his wife and their two teenage children as often as she would like as they live in Chicago. He, too, is retired; so it appears that both of their children are following in Russell and Nancy's footsteps as early retirees upon selling their business known as Colorcraft Printing in Manitowoc. From very early ages, both Nancy and Russell knew what they wanted or needed to accomplish in life. At the age of 15, Nancy came home from a dance and surprised her parents with the news that Russell, age 17, was the man she was going to marry. Nancy did exactly that when Russell returned from military service four years later. Early on during Russell's teenage years, he knew that he needed to earn some money. He was mentored at the local newspaper print shop and from there developed those skills into a very successful career in the printing business. How proud his parents-in-law must have become to see him succeed from his humble beginnings to his achievements over 32 years in the Manitowoc business community. And, Nancy continues to glow as she talks about her marriage to Russell and the fortunate life they shared and the one she continues to lead.

Earl Lindquist #2301

Be what you are, and become what you are capable of becoming.

- Robert Louis Stevenson-

Reminder!

According to Rocky Rocanova, Standards Director for SCG, when selecting a contractor you need to be aware of the state law requiring a licensed contractor for all projects over \$1,000 (material and labor). This law is in place for your protection. If you do the work yourself you do not need to be licensed. Should you experience problems with a contractor you can notify the Registrar of Contractors. They have a mediation system in place and can require the contractor to redo anything that is not up to par.

Renovation Policy for LáSolana Units

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.

Did You Know!

A new Phoenix city ordinance G-5898-2014 passed in mid-April specifies that battery-operated smoke alarms installed in existing residential Phoenix residences must be upgraded to 10-year, sealed battery smoke alarms to comply with new power source requirements when replacing outdated, missing or damaged units. In addition, a smoke alarm cannot remain in service longer than 10 years from the date of manufacture. Smoke alarms are permitted to be solely battery-operated in existing buildings where no construction is taking place, provided the smoke alarm is UL listed with a sealed 10-year lithium battery.

Neighborhood Rep Report

As Alternate (for Russ Anderson) representing LáSolana, here are some things that I felt would be of interest to our residents. Please see full Report from Monica Rodriguez, SCG Administrative Assistant (copy in Clubhouse main room display case).

There was a lengthy discussion regarding possible changes to frequency of Neighborhood Rep meetings, with the matter tabled for further discussion, but the general impression seems they should continue with the same monthly schedule. However, the July meeting was cancelled since it fell on July 4th holiday. Also, it was decided to forego the August meeting, for one time only. Monica will send email blasts if anything should arise requiring special notice.

Monica called attention to the need for all residents to ascertain that accurate contact information is on record. Many of us in LáSolana have taken advantage of the Fire Department boxes which contain a key and any other important emergency information. Forms are available to arrange for this service at the "Activity" area in the Clubhouse.

Adobe facilities will be closed 8/1 to 9/11, and some activities are moved to Cimarron. Of interest to any who have taken advantage of the indoor walking track need to be aware that it will not be available during this time period. A copy of "Community Tidbits" is on display on the "Activity" board in the Clubhouse for a schedule of important dates such as the Sonoran Plaza refurbishing dates.

Sharon mentioned signing up for specific activity interests, to receive those emails. However, by going to the CAM website, the information is also available.

The next Neighborhood Rep meeting is Friday, September 5, 2014 at 8:00 a.m. at the Chaparral Center, Apache Room.

Cherie Beavon, #5311
Alternate Neighborhood Representative

We are in Need of a LáSolana Newsletter Editor



We are sorry to report that Jan Smith, #7109 has had to step down as Newsletter Editor due to other time commitments. Thank you Jan for your service.

If you have a knack for writing and would like to get involved this is for you. It's an easy and fun job, even for a seasonal resident as the work is done on the computer by our capable staff. For more information, please contact Cindy or JoAnne in the clubhouse office at 623-214-5532.

Driveway Resurfacing Schedule



The confirmed dates for the driveway resealing is shown below. Please remember that your car and/or golf cart will need to be moved the day before your driveway is scheduled to be resealed. *The vehicles will start to be moved on Tuesday, September 2nd.*

- Day 1 - Wednesday, September 3rd (driveway behind buildings 1, 2, 3 & 4)
- Day 2 - Thursday, September 4th (behind building 6 & 7)
- Day 3- Friday, September 5th (main driveway)

If you are gone and have a vehicle (car or golf cart) on the premises, you **MUST** make arrangements to move your vehicle during the project. Most will have to be moved 2 times. If your vehicle is not moved, a tow truck will be on site and you will be responsible to pay for the tow which will be charged to your account. This amount could be up to or exceed \$400.00. The first few days after resealing, it is important to note that you do not turn your wheel in your car without your car in motion as this will peel off the sealant.

Day 1 - Green

Day 3 - Pink

Day 2 - Blue



SCG Tennis Club LáSolana Resident Strikes Gold!



We are pleased to announce that two SCG Tennis Club Members won the Gold Medal at the Arizona Senior Olympics.

LeRoy Smith, Unit #7109 and Steve Struck won the Gold Medal in doubles (age 60 to 69) at the 2014 Arizona Senior Olympic Games. This win qualifies LeRoy and Steve to participate in the National Senior Olympic Games scheduled in July 2015 in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

The National Senior Olympics is held every two years for Gold Medal State Champions. These two great players have qualified to represent Arizona at Nationals every year since 2008.

Congratulations to LeRoy and Steve on your big win!