

# Lá SOLANA LIVING

May 2014

## NOTES FROM THE BOARD

Well, we have arrived at the end of a "Season" here at LaSolana. It is a time where we had to bid a fond farewell to many friends and "family" until the Fall. All of us had the opportunity to share many great times and memories together.

We had our last official Board meeting of the Season until October. The meeting was run by Don Allen as I was "off property" for a few days. Thank you to Don for doing a great job!

Harry from CareScape gave us his landscape report. Russ Anderson gave the Neighborhood Rep Report with updates

from the monthly meeting at the Grand. Topics of concern were golf cart speed limits and safety which included wearing seat belts. The Sonoran Plaza and Adobe fitness centers will be closed in August for remodeling.

Ken Marks gave his financial report. We continue to be in great condition thanks to his commitment to keep our community Grand.

The Board approved the bid from Cactus Asphalt to recoat the driveways and parking areas. The project is scheduled for September 1st, 2nd and 3rd. We will be sending out reminders to every-

one in advance of the start of this project.

The Board also approved a motion to grant authority to Deannie Price and the office staff to update the current Rules and Regulations to include the LaSolana Rules Governing Courtyard Decor. The updated Rules and Regulations will be reviewed for approval at the October Board meeting.

I hope that you all have a wonderful Summer and I will be looking forward to our residents return this Fall. Have a Grand Summer!

Dave Kearney,  
Board President

## ASPHALT RESEALING

It has been determined that our driveways are in need of recoating. We want to make this project as simple as possible for all of us here at LaSolana.



This process will be done in three segments to minimize the inconvenience to our fellow residents. This project is scheduled for September 1, 2, 3 (Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday). We will give exact dates as far in advance as possible.

However, this does mean that at some point during the process, ALL cars and golf carts will have to be

moved as that segment is being worked on. Therefore, if you normally leave your car or golf cart on property while you are away for the Summer, you MUST make arrangements to have it moved during the resealing process.

If you rent your unit, you will need to notify your renter of the schedule for the work to be done.

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## MEET YOUR NEIGHBOR

Appearing in the May 2012 issue of the Grand Times Magazine was the first column ever to feature a Sun City Grand resident. The column called a "Pool of Wisdom" featured one of LaSolana's newer neighbors, **Tom Schumacher**, but it neglected to give much billing to his lovely wife, **Lorraine Schumacher**. This article will attempt to focus on both of these interesting neighbors who have lived in SCG since 2003 and in LaSolana since last November. It was then that Tom and Lorraine decided it was time to downsize from their too large home in the Coronado Neighborhood and occupy their condo in Building 4 previously owned by Lorraine's brother and partner who moved to Ecuador. The interior of their unit is extraordinary because it's designer inspired. Purchasing it proved irresistible.

Tom and Lorraine have enjoyed a second marriage for each since 1975. By then, both Lorraine's two children and Tom's three children were established adults. Today they also enjoy seven grandchildren and a promise of one great-grandchild soon from one of Tom's grandsons. Tom shared that with a twinkle in his eye. They look forward to visiting with all members of the family at least once a year and more often with those who live relatively close. Both have family in Arizona and California, but Tom's namesake lives in New York where he is President of Disney Theater Production on Broadway. That fact has allowed them to meet Roy Disney and attend opening Disney productions as far away as London, England. Now that the Disney musical "Aladdin," has opened on Broadway they look forward to seeing it. Chances of seating in the front row are excellent!

Among other notables the Schumacher's have met during their life together are Governor and later President

Ronald and Nancy Reagan. When President Reagan hosted a reception for Queen Elizabeth II they each had their photo taken with her in 1983. They have also attended three inaugural balls, one for Governor Reagan in California and two for President Reagan in Washington D.C. where they mingled with many familiar names associated with the Republican Party. Having had California government connections through their employment, Lorraine with the California State Legislature and Tom as a Lobbyists for CTA, the California Trucking Association, it's therefore not surprising that they have enjoyed these unique opportunities. Eventually Tom became CEO and Managing Director of CTA and after retirement he established his publishing and political consultant business known as the Schumacher Group.

As you might surmise, Tom and Lorraine possess a politically conservative outlook fully embraced by Lorraine's two children. His children, perhaps, tend to more liberal thinking so they are not recipients of Tom's "What's Up column" that he writes and sends to his conservative friends via the Internet about three times a month or when the spirit moves him. He finds time to write when Lorraine does water aerobics for or five times a week at the Adobe Fitness Center, or when she is playing bridge, or when she is attending Choral practices with the SCG Desert Divas or when she is cleaning up the kitchen after Tom who does all the cooking. Then on Sundays they can be found in the choir at Spirit of Grace Lutheran Church. In the solitude of the service, Tom might be inspired to turn his thoughts to what he might produce next on SCG's TV channel 22 for segments he produces called "For The Record," "Insight," and "Political Concerns." Tom even finds time to attend Rotary



*Tom & Lorraine Schumacher*

and the SCG Republican Interest Group, both organizations of which he is past president.

Throughout their marriage they have traveled extensively in Europe where Lorraine could explore her Scandinavian heritage and Tom his German roots. They have also visited Australia and New Zealand among other South Pacific destinations. Their travels have added to their independent thinking fostered by Tom's father and their determination to live life to the fullest. Lorraine, for example, does not let macular degeneration interfere much with the activities she enjoys and Tom doesn't let his dependence on a cane these days stop him from pursuing his interests. Lorraine feels especially blessed by her friends that enable her to get to the activities she enjoys since she can't drive anymore. Both maintain that any SCG resident who claims to be bored or can't find something to do to keep themselves busy are themselves at fault. Their positive outlook at 86 years of age is inspiring!

Earl Lindquist, Unit #2301

*"Life moves pretty fast. If you don't stop and look around once in a while, you could miss it."*

- Author Unknown -

## EDITOR'S CORNER

It's almost summer in Arizona and with that a lot of you have gone to cooler climates and the rest of us will change our life style to have more fun in the sun or maybe its more fun out of the sun.

You may have noticed the grass is turning brown as we transition to the summer grass and although it is not beautiful for a while, there is good news. The golf ball does roll better and our scores go down. We also have the opportunity to play on different off site courses for discounted rates that oftentimes include lunch.

Happy hours become very important as many places both in Surprise and surrounding areas offer many specials. We love going to the Bowling Alley, Tapatio Cliffs, Westgate, Verrado and of course many places in Scottsdale.

Arizona Resorts and places like Sedona are also wonderful places to spend a few days in the summer, they have discounted rates and are so beautiful to see and enjoy all they offer.

Summers are a busy time for us who stay here, but we always look forward to those of you who are gone coming back.

Hope everyone has a great summer, make some fun memories to share with everyone in the fall!!

Jan Smith, Unit #7109  
Editor



- *Be open to new ideas.*
- *Try it before you say you don't like it!*
- *Don't deny yourself by limiting your opportunities.*

*-Author Unknown -*

## COURTYARD DÉCOR POLICY

LáSolana is in the process of establishing rules and regulations regarding the décor in the interior courtyards and hallways of LáSolana buildings. Compliance is required for the following reasons:

1. To ensure that police, fire, and medical personnel have unimpeded access to all LáSolana units
2. To facilitate the cleaning and maintenance of LáSolana buildings, and
3. To ensure that owner-provided decorations are consistent with the architectural themes, designs, and color schemes that ensure the beauty and harmony of the LáSolana community

The newly established rules and regulations will be reviewed and approved by the Board at the October Board Meeting.

Jack Mumford, Unit #3112

## LaSolana Party Pictures

You can still purchase a photo DVD with pictures from the 2014 season as well a similar photo DVD for **BOTH** the 2014 and 2013 seasons.

The cost is \$15 for 2014 only, or \$25 for 2013 and 2014. Order forms are available in the clubhouse.



Order forms and checks must be sent to:

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## HOMEOWNER ACCOUNT MANAGEMENT WEBSITE

This is a **MUST** read if you are a **new owner** or have never heard of this service! City Property Management has created a Homeowner Account Management Website that is available to you, free of charge. This site allows you easy access to information about your Association account, including:

- Your account status, including your current balance and a history of the charges and payments made on your account
- The status of any Architectural Requests for your specific lot
- Any compliance letters that have been issued as well as any full color pictures that may have been taken regarding any violation you received
- Links to other important websites, including a size that allows you to make your payments online and your Association's information website.



The Homeowner Account Management Website can be accessed at <http://homeowners.cityproperty.com> and your web passcode can be found on your coupon. If you are unable to locate your passcode, please contact our customer service department at 877-970-4777 or email them at [info@cityproperty.com](mailto:info@cityproperty.com). To create your account, click on the "create your account link on the login page. You will be prompted for your passcode, please include the dashes. You will then be able to set up your account using your email address and a password of your own choosing for future logins.

If you have any questions or would like to share some comments regarding the website, we would like to hear from you. Please contact your Community Manager, Brad Schaeffer at 602-437-4777 ext. 164.

## DID YOU KNOW?

- The Association will no longer allow grandfather rights . If you have installed umbrellas, sun screens, blinds, etc. without prior written consent of the Board, it will be your responsibility to remove the item (s) prior to the sale of your unit.
- According to the Association's Bylaws, Article XIII each Member is required to notify the Association no less than 10 days prior to the in writing of the closing of any sale of such Member's unit, of the name and address of the purchaser, as well as the scheduled closing date for the sale. Prior to the sale of the Unit, the exterior of the Building in which the Unit is located, will be viewed to see that any alteration or improvement has written consent of the Board on file in the office.