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Notes from the Board

Hello to everyone near and far from our piece of paradise in the Sonoran Desert. We have dodged the bullet with the monsoons so far this Summer!

Harry and his crew from CareScape continue to keep our property beautiful. The pool planters and flowers by the entrance and clubhouse add a nice variety of color. His team has planted summer grass and it is doing well with all of the 100+ degree days. Our palm trees were trimmed in the middle of June.

Ray and his team have been doing a fine job keeping our pool, spa and pool deck looking very inviting.

Arizona Elevator completed the installation of our new elevator in building #2. They also replaced the ceiling light grids in all of our elevators.

The Board had previously approved replacing the fire panel in the clubhouse. That task was completed and the upgrade will monitor all buildings and elevators. The new panel communicates more efficiently in the event of an emergency and was also necessary for us to be able to continue to replace the elevators in the future.

Mike will be preparing and painting the mailroom floor this Summer. Brad and Mike have been seeking a solution to stop the floor from "leaching" through the surface. Mike will prep the floor using muriatic acid before priming the floor. He has "tested" the acid and we all hope it stops the problem. Mike continues to maintain our property. He was busy repairing the ceiling in the computer room and other various cracks, etc. in the clubhouse. Mike has awesome attention to detail as he walks about LáSolana. He notices anything odd or "out of place" and either addresses it himself or brings it to the attention of whoever is responsible for that area.

Cindy and JoAnne continue to handle the day to day operation of the office. Their goal this summer was to review and update the email database, Access Card database and review all owner/tenant information sheets to be sure they contained necessary information. The online Community Calendar reflects the upcoming activities for the fall/winter seasons. They also have been preparing the August Newsletter and packets for new arrivals here at LáSolana.

All in all, it has been a quiet, pretty much uneventful Summer so far. We look forward to welcoming our friends and neighbors back to LáSolana this Fall. Until then, have a Grand Summer!

Dave Kearney

Meet Your Neighbor

Phoenix Home and Garden is the favorite magazine of this LáSolana neighbor, **Judy Hightower**. As a certified interior designer she has been busy creating a new look for her Grande condominium in Building 6 that she purchased in January of this year. At the time she was interviewed during the month of March, Judy was in the midst of the transformation she has planned for her unit. Her kitchen was nearing completion with new white custom cabinetry, granite countertops, and stainless steel appliances. Walls throughout the condo had been painted to complement new tile plank flooring that was waiting for the finishing touches such as new base boards, a living room entertainment wall that she designed, and furnishings. No doubt about it, her condo could be showcased by Phoenix Home and Garden when it's finished.



Judy Hightower

Sun City Grand is Judy's fifth senior living community, four of which have been Del Webb developments in Nevada, California, and now Arizona. The other senior community was in Green Valley, Arizona, and preceded her brief adventure for seven months on the Big Island of Hawaii during 2014. Excessive humidity prompted her return to the desert. Her previous experiences with Del Webb was the deciding factor in buying a condo at LáSolana as it enjoys the many amenities that Sun City life has provided her in the past. She describes her past and present experiences of life in four Sun City developments as "life on steroids" because these developments offer everything, and in "Grand" that includes an opportunity to live at LáSolana. Here she can redesign an existing plan, but in the others she designed and modified the interiors in each of the houses she had built. She has also applied her knowledge and creativity to a number of homes prior to her first Sun City experience.

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Among the many homes that Judy renovated was a distressed-sale home on Long Island, New York. As happens in life, situations change, and Judy sold the home for a profit to a rock star from Montreal, Canada, and returned to Seattle where she was raised. Although Judy has experienced ups and downs like so many of us, she has always found ways to put food on the table and a roof over her head.

When her marriage to Mr. Hightower ended, Judy moved to Las Vegas where both passion and enlightenment presented themselves and her design career was born. During her 18 years in Las Vegas, she completed design school and later earned the designation NCIDQ (National Council of Interior Design Qualifications) and she then joined ASID (American Society of Interior Designers). Her name also appears in the Manchester's *Who's Who Registry of Executives and Professionals*. Judy's professional life includes working with several builders in both Nevada and California and helping their clients with interior design needs. She also owned her own commercial design business for several years.

Judy's arrival in Arizona was almost by accident. Her ailing mother in Seattle needed Judy's attention, but her mother was only agreeable to an Arizona move. So, Judy then took a position selling furniture at American Home Furniture in Green Valley, Arizona. Shortly after, the company went bankrupt. As Judy was very near retirement age by this time, she went on another lark and went to dealer's school and was soon dealing blackjack at Desert Diamond Casino. Indeed, Judy is a woman of many talents and she has much to offer those who seek her expertise. Perhaps *Phoenix Home and Garden* should showcase her LáSolana condo in a forthcoming issue.

Earl Lindquist # 2301

The Best Way to Secure Your Bicycle

According to experts in the field, the only line of defense against bike thieves is a bike lock. If you lock it, but not the right way, it may still be stolen. If you lock it the right way, even *still* it could get stolen, but at least you tried your best!

Never ever rely solely on a cable lock to secure your bike. These cables can be snipped very easily. The smaller the u-lock the better. Not only is it lighter to carry around, the smaller size gives the thief less room to mount a leverage-based attack on the (i.e., pry it open with a crowbar).



U-Locks

This u-lock goes through the back wheel (inside the rear triangle of the frame) securing the bike to something solid.

The reason for this approach is it locks the rear wheel and the frame, even though you're not technically not even locking

the frame. It is impossible to pull the frame away from the wheel when the lock is positioned in the triangle of the bike frame.



Position of U-lock

If you are worried about this method, you could use a slight-

ly larger u-lock that can go through the rear wheel and part of the frame.

Another strategy is to secure the front wheel via cable lock, skewer, or even a second u-lock. This is to make sure your front wheel is secure.

A decent bike lock can be the difference between cruising home and hoofing it. The only line of defense against bike thieves is a good bike lock.

Russ Anderson #2112

Renovation Policy for LaSolana Units

While each of us own our units, they are not free-standing homes. The Renovation 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. A copy of the policy is available in the clubhouse office.



A "Big" thank you to Polly Schroedel #4108 for organizing the Hot Dog and Ice Cream socials held this summer. Thanks for doing such a fantastic job. Both socials were a huge success.

Also, Fay Schultheis, #4101 and Caryl Moskowitz, #4204 deserve a "Huge" thank you for taking time out of their busy schedule to see that our Library is well organized. It is a tedious and never ending job.

We thank all of our volunteers for their continued support. Your help makes LáSolana a great place to live.

"People who say it cannot be done should not interrupt those who are doing it."

-Source Unknown-

LaSolana Social Calendar 2015 - 2016

Nov. 11	Veteran's Reception
Nov. 25	Thanksgiving Dinner
Dec. 9	Pool Party
Dec. 24	Christmas Eve
Jan. 6	Pool Party
Jan. 20	Soup Supper
Feb. 3	Pool Party
Feb. 17	Western Night
Mar. 2	Sports Night
Mar. 16	Caribbean Party
Mar. 24	Easter Brunch/ Luncheon
Apr. 13	Pool Party
Apr. 27	Pool Party

Rental List & For Sale List

As most of you know, the LaSolana office personnel maintain a "Rental List" and "For Sale List" for owners offering their units for rent or for sale. In order for the list to be effective, owners must notify the office on a regular basis of any changes to the list including rate increases, and availability (not just during the winter season). These lists are immediately done and sent to our Webmaster. The information is available online the following day.

It is imperative that both lists reflect current information. By doing so, it will eliminate unnecessary phone calls by our office staff and allows the lists to work as intended.

Mike's Corner

With the new installation of the elevators in building 1 and 2 the "Stuck in Elevator" instructions are a little different. To review, try to remain as calm as possible, this is an inconvenience, just like being stuck in traffic, not a life threatening situation. Push the "Help" button. You will hear a recording, played twice and then an operator will come on the line. At this point an Elevator Tech will be dispatched to LáSolana, this could take up to 1 hour for the tech to reach LáSolana, but in the past it has been more like 20 to 30 minutes. If it is during normal Office hours, I will get the call and respond to you immediately. The new elevators are full of lights and are faster than before which has been to the joy of residents in building 1 and 2. Have fun the rest of your summer and return to LáSolana safely.

Meeting Dates 2015

Oct. 8	Chat with the Board - 7:00 pm
Oct. 13	Board of Directors Meeting - 10:00 am
Nov. 10	Architectural Committee Meeting - 9:30 am
Nov. 10	Board of Directors Meeting - 10:00 am
Nov. 12	Chat with the Board - 7:00 pm
Dec.	No Board Meeting
Dec. 8	Architectural Committee Meeting - 9:30 am
Dec. 10	Chat with the Board - 7:00 pm

"Things turn out best for people who make the best of the way things turn out."

- John Wooden -