

# LáSolana Living

March 2015

## Notes From The Board

Welcome home to more of our residents. We have adjusted the temperatures for your arrivals and the pool has already welcomed many of you.

February was a very busy month for meetings. We started with our Annual Meeting the morning of the 10th where your votes were counted to elect one person to fill an expiring term. Ken Marks was re-elected for a 3-year term. The Board had an Organizational Meeting immediately following the Annual Meeting. The Board agreed to keep all positions as previously served.

We had a Newcomer's Welcome the evening of the 10th. Newcomer's Welcomes allow new owners and renters to attend. The purpose is to meet and socialize then the moderators give valuable information in regards to local sites to see in Arizona and review all of the amenities of LaSolana and Sun City Grand. Flyers are distributed

as well as our Good Neighbor Policy. The meeting is open to questions and comments.

There was a Chat With The Board the evening of the 12th with open comments and a general discussion.

Our monthly Board Meeting was the morning of the 17th. We received insurance coverage information from our carrier, LaBarre/Oksnee. The representative also answered several questions regarding individual coverage for homeowners.

Marty from Sunland reviewed three proposed bids for the air conditioning units in the clubhouse. Harry Graham from CareScape gave us a brief landscape update.

Ann Ward gave a report from the Clubhouse Revitalization Committee. They have met with three different contractors and have visited several suppliers to gather information about flooring, paint, and countertops. They sub-

mitted a Scope of Work for the first phase of remodel-



ing. The Board gave the go ahead for them to gather bids.

The Board approved a pool display board kit for the pool equipment area. They also approved a bid to install one ADA ramp/access ramp to be installed by Peak One Builders and Restoration.

So, it was a busy month and now it is time to enjoy our piece of paradise here in the desert. Please take time to attend our pool socials and game nights on alternate Wednesday evenings. Relax and have a Grand time.

Dave Kearney  
Board President

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**"The greater part of our happiness or misery depends on our dispositions and not our circumstances."**

**- Martha Washington -**

## Meet Your Neighbors

LáSolana's featured neighbors this month have definitely got name recognition within the LáSolana neighborhood. They have been around LáSolana since 2005 when they purchased their unit in Building 1 so that they could enjoy their oldest son and his family who lived nearby at the time. If you have never heard of **Ken and Ann Marks**, you must be a recent arrival or you don't socialize or attend LáSolana governance meetings. For the past five years Ken has served on the LáSolana Board of Directors and in February was reelected to another three year term. As treasurer, he has made significant contributions to the LáSolana neighborhood to which all of us owe him a debt of gratitude. And, together with Ann, the twosome have been instrumental in initiating the bimonthly pool socials and other popular gatherings such as the Caribbean Party, the '50's Night, and other events to which all residents are invited and encouraged to attend.



**Ann and Ken Marks**

The Marks' are California natives where they met, married, and raised their three children. They remain residents of the state where their legal home is in Twain Harte near the northern tip of the Yosemite Park. It's a twelve hour drive from Surprise and one that they make fairly often as they own an RV and mini storage business that needs their attention as does their house after time spent in Surprise. They also own a 106 year old beach house that they call their "fixer upper" on the Monterey Peninsula that they visit at least one month each year. At the end of February, Ken took three LáSolana golfing buddies there for a golf outing. Then Ken added, reflecting his conservative side, "but not at Pebble Beach." While the men golfed, Ann stayed at LáSolana enjoying her Sun City Grand exercise classes and her many friends. Annually, during the month of November, the Marks' also call an RV "home" as they travel to Florida near Cape Canaveral where they spend time with Ken's 96 year old father and sister who lives in the same Florida community.

Desirous of making memories for their three adult children, their spouses, and seven grandchildren, they gather annually at California's Shasta Lake for a week during the summer where the entire family of fifteen share a houseboat and engage in many fun activities. Their family members also enjoy time spent water and jet skiing, pontooning, and swimming in the lakes near Twain Harte and snow skiing in the mountains in the winter. Water lovers that they are, don't be surprised to see Ann and Ken at the LáSolana pool with their grandchildren, two of whom were toddler twin girls that delighted residents with their feminine presence last year.

After 35 years in the classroom as an elementary teacher and managing her family, Ann is thrilled that Ken has taken an interest in gourmet cooking. This has freed her from the daily tasks of food preparation. Ken's efforts in the kitchen also reflect the fact that he has always really been a "Jack of all Trades" type as he has demonstrated through his work history. Before they met in Fresno, Ken was a jet mechanic at Edwards Air Force Base. Then he helped build 747's at Northrop only later to become a stock broker and financial planner that partially paved the way to becoming President of Rural Counties of California after being a county supervisor. The politico he became before retirement has benefited California's forests and water rights as he has testified before committees in Washington D.C. engaged in such concerns. Since retirement his political and economic insights have also contributed greatly to LáSolana's sound financial picture. We can thank Ann for sharing much of this information about Ken as she has pride in his accomplishments and whereas he may have kept some of them to himself during the interview. As devotees of Frank Sinatra music, Ken and Ann have had much practice "Doing it My Way" and it has paid big dividends for them and for us!

Earl Lindquist #2301

# Safety Issues

*The SCG Administration Management has asked that we distribute the following information to our residents.*

The SCG Administration Office receives numerous phone calls regarding potentially unsafe practices, while using our walking trails.

Walkers may not realize bicyclists are rapidly approaching them from behind without any warning from the bicyclist. This creates a safety concern both for the walker and the bicyclist since a walker and the bicyclist could accidentally move in the path of the bicyclist without warning.

We are reminding bicyclists and walkers to utilize courtesy when using the walking trails. Bicyclists should give advance warning by using a bell or appropriate warnings to make sure walkers are aware they are coming up from behind them. Walkers should stay to the far right hand side of the walking trail as much as possible to allow the bicyclists to pass by to avoid any accidents.

We are trying to avoid anyone from getting hurt and appreciate your cooperation and assistance. Be safe!

Kenneth Olson, CAAM, CMCA, AMS  
SCG Community Association  
General Manager



# Blockwatch

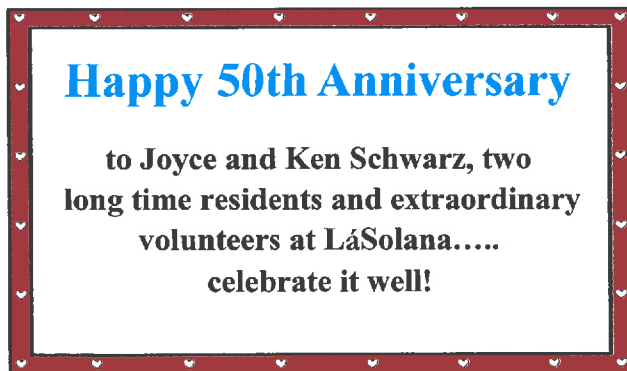


The Surprise Police Department has again advised us that they are receiving resident reports by telephone, internet and mail concerning various fraud schemes requesting personal information and or/money. Please remember, banks, credit card companies, local court systems etc., do not contact individuals in this manner. If it should happen to you, please report this to the Surprise Police Department at:

<http://www.grandinfo.com>homeowners/info>block watch>.

Be aware and thanks for looking out for our neighbors.

Russ Anderson #2112



# Neighborhood Rep Report

Adobe and Cimarron centers are repaired, remodeled and there for us to use and enjoy. Grand Café is offering wonderful ice cream and twist cones for only a buck....very special. Yummy!!!

Russ Anderson #2112

# 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 in-

tegrity 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.



## March Meeting Dates

Chat with the Board,  
Thursday, March 5th - 7 p.m.

Board Meeting  
Tuesday, March 10th - 10:00 a.m.

## Social Activities

Game Night  
Wednesday, March 4 & 18 - 7 p.m.

Pool Party  
Wednesday, March 11 - 5-7 p.m.

Arts, Crafts & Baked Good Sales  
Thursday, March 12 - 10-4 p.m.

Caribbean Pool Party  
Wednesday, March 25 - 5-7 p.m.

## 60's Potluck Social

On Wednesday, February 25th the walls at LáSolana Clubhouse were Rocking and Rolling for our 60's Party. There were 140 people in attendance enjoying a great dinner prepared by the chefs at LáSolana. After supper we were treated to some fun entertainment...Trude and Robert's puppets, Larry, Jill, Lois and Len's music and a special visit from Mark, Larry's band member from Colorado. We even had an appearance from Patsy Cline (Bev Gilbert). We collected \$200.00 for the local Food Bank. A BIG THANK YOU to our team that put on such a great evening!

Barb Bowman  
60's Event Co-coordinator



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*Thank you to Dave Kearney and the social committee for seeing that our pool parties have additional lighting with table lanterns.....now we are all well lit!!!*

*Also, a thank you to Elaine Weber # 6203 for donating a large box of plastic knives, forks and spoons. Well lit and utensils for the season!!! Here's to our splendid continued parties.*

*Russ Anderson #2112*

## Lost and Found

If you have lost something, please check with the clubhouse office. It just might be here!

We have everything from beach towels, jackets, keys, prescription eye glasses, sun glasses, watches, shirts, earrings, bra, neckties, pillow, etc. We even have an electrical cord to a crock pot. You name it, we probably have it!"