

LaSolana Living



Notes from the April 12, 2016 Board Meeting

Hi Everyone!

So here it is the end of spring or the beginning of summer whichever gathers your fancy. There have been changes to our facility this year and by the time 2016 has ended, most of you will notice improvements that both directly or indirectly affect you.

The clubhouse is the most noticeable improvement and the most visible. As of this writing, only a few pieces of furniture remain to be delivered along with a bit of artwork. The rug at the main entry has now been replaced with a beautiful mosaic that really ties all the colors, furniture, art work and carpet into a spectacular facility. Yes there is more to do but we are finished for a few months.

The next major improvements that you will be aware of is a new bicycle cage being constructed behind building 7 and will house a few dozen bikes securely to prevent some of the thefts like we have experienced in the past. No this will not be a boneyard for old and broken down bikes. Neglected equipment will be removed from the cage. Bike racks will be repositioned in the cage from the existing ones that are in vulnerable placements around the property. Stay tuned!!

Another improvement around the property will be the total replacement of our antiquated drip system for plants and trees. This will be a major undertaking but most likely not too disruptive to the residents.

Finally, the Board has approved the replacement of the elevators in both buildings 3 and 4. This will put us more than half way to our goal of replacing all elevators with new more dependable three phase units with parts available and most likely lower maintenance costs.

Most of the above improvements are reserve funded and are being pursued via the RDA study which we use as the guidelines for improvements at LaSolana.

Many thanks to Annie Marks for another successful Caribbean party and season send off. This was the 10th anniversary of the party and hopefully, there will be many more in the future.

So, a very great summer to all. Wherever your adventure leads you, travel safely.

Ken Marks
President

Meet Your Neighbor

“Oh! I’m sure, there are other people more interesting than I am.” That’s what **Kay Jeffers** from LaSolana’s Building 5 said when she was asked to interview for this article. It was a response heard many times before. And, like everyone else who either refused or reluctantly interviewed for a “Meet Your Neighbor” article, she proved to be far more interesting than she gave herself credit.

The Upper Peninsula of Michigan is where Kay spent her early childhood, not far from the Soo Locks. When her father purchased a hardware store in Red Granite, Wisconsin, her parents and only sister left Michigan. After graduating from Wisconsin’s



Kay Jeffers

Berlin High School, Kay attended Deaconess Hospital of Nursing where she received her Registered Nursing Degree (RN) and subsequently her Bachelor of Science in Nursing Degree (BSN) from Alverno College in Milwaukee. Professionally, she retired after 30 years at Pediatric Children’s Hospital of Wisconsin.

Kay and her husband George moved to Sun City Grand in 1999 from Greenfield, Wisconsin, a suburb of Milwaukee. They located in the Jasper Point neighborhood, not far from the Bell Road entrance just off Sunrise Boulevard. Unfortunately, George passed in 2001 just two years after their arrival, and not too long after his retirement as a Milwaukee elementary school teacher. Kay considered returning to Wisconsin but decided to stay in the retirement home they had built, and stay she did until moving to LaSolana in January of 2013.

Having two children and four grandchildren remaining in the Milwaukee area may have seemed to some a reason for Kay to return there upon the death of her husband. However, over the years her involvement in a variety of community activities from the very beginning along with an autistic adult son residing in Phoenix have been major incentives to stay.

Among the activities that have engaged Kay are the Sun City Grand Singers since January of 2000 and the Divas since 2006. Since she plays the piano, she accompanies herself at home to the music she sings with the Grand Singers, the Chorale, and the Divas. However, at the request of her next door LaSolana neighbor who likes to sleep late and who is also a musician, she delays her practices until 8:30 a.m. or later. Also, she serves as the music librarian for the Grand Singers, a time consuming task in preparation for their two annual performances.

Over the years Kay has been an active book club member with a liking for historical fiction. She has engaged in some genealogy research of the Cyrus McCormick family on her mother’s side and has also become a student of the Bible through her internet research serving church circles associated with Spirit of Grace Lutheran and Desert Palms Presbyterian. Kay has also found time to volunteer at a Lutheran thrift shop in Peoria once a week over several years. When she is not involved with these or her musical activities, Kay looks forward to travel these days with friends and relatives. She has enjoyed several cruises and bus trips within Europe, Canada, Panama, and the U.S. Currently, she is looking forward to attending Macy’s Thanksgiving Day Parade as her two oldest granddaughters are participating this coming fall as percussion drum line members of Wisconsin’s 300 member band from Greendale High School. When she has time, although she says she never has enough, she stays trim by being physically active through swimming and walking. She enjoys a wide circle of “Grand” friends and that’s not surprising because she has a winning personality. Making friends is a gift she has given herself and Kay would be a great gift to give yourself!

Earl Lindquist #2301

LáSolana Renovation Policy

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. A copy of the policy is available in the clubhouse office.



Thanks To Our Volunteers

Many thanks to the LaSolana volunteers for helping make this community even better. We have volunteers working at the Food Bank, and SCW Thrift Shop on a regular basis.

Also a big thank you to everyone who volunteers here on our property. Ricky Haas for keeping our pool area lounges in place every morning. Everyone who works to keep our poolside socials so wonderful and frequent....and those who

do the same on a smaller scale in the off season.

Thanks to our resident photographer, Jack Mumford for making us look so beautiful. Thanks to the ladies who tend our ever growing library, Faye Schultheis and Caryl Moskowitz.

Thanks also to Earl Lindquist for his insightful "Meet Your Neighbor" articles in our Newsletter.

Lots of people to say thank you to, so thanks to all of our volunteers.



New Rental Law

As you may be aware, a new Rental Law passed by the Arizona Legislature went into effect July 24, 2014, and changes how an Association is to treat renters and renter-occupied Dwelling Units. For example, per our Association Attorney, Ekmark & Ekmark, we must now allow renters to be age 45 over, because we allow owners to be age 45 and over.

According to the SCG membership office there are a few more changes to our "rules" because of

this recent rental law:

- Owner now keeps their SCG Activity Cards and the card remains active, so they can use the facilities even while the unit is rented out.
- We cannot "require" a copy of the Lease Agreement. We can request something in writing from the owner giving us the required information, such as the name and contact information for any adults occupying the property, the

time period of the lease, including the beginning and ending dates of the tenancy and a description and the license plate numbers of the tenants' vehicles' .

- The Association must allow the owner to run for the Board even if the owner is not occupying their unit because it is rented out.

A copy of the new ruling is on file in the Clubhouse office.

Don't forget to move all items in from around your front door so the cleaning crew can have access to clean around your front door!

Thank You

Special kudos to Ann Ward who spent well over 100 hours squirreled away in their condo, sewing lovely accessories to accent our new furniture. She made many handsome throw pillows, even reversing and re-using the fabric from chairs that were being discarded. She designed and made the large banners in the entryway and also fashioned protective headrests for the movie theater chairs. All of this saved us thousands of dollars.



Thank you, Ann, for the wonderful gift of your talent and sacrifice of your time!

Many thanks to Diana Bowman for finding the unique accessories to finish the clubhouse project. She took time away from her business to select a wonderful assortment of colors, textures and sizes to help create that inviting look that says, "Come in and stay a while." Diana is still working on a final item, a domino clock for the card room! Thanks, Diana, for a super job.

A special thank you to Barbara Bowman for generously donating some of her watercolor art to add special touches. She provided a triptych of colorful desert cactus in bloom for the boardroom, and a lovely floral piece for the office. They have just the right colors to enhance the rooms and add a bright and warm touch. Thank you Barbara for sharing your talent and your lovely gift.

Deannie Price, Board Liason to the Committee

Easter Potluck

Many thanks to Lois Mumford and her committee for hosting a wonderful Easter Potluck on Thursday, March 24th. The food was delicious which shows how many great cooks we have at LaSolana. Many residents enjoyed relaxing and visiting with one another. Your time and effort in organizing this event is greatly appreciated.



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