



LáSolana Living

Board Meeting Notes

Greetings Everyone!

It may seem peaceful and quiet wherever you are enjoying your summer, but here at LáSolana there is a lot happening. We all owe a great deal of gratitude to the year round residents who tolerate the improvements, noise and disarray during this time of the year that makes LáSolana sparkle during the season.

Although most of these items were approved at the March and April meetings, I will refresh your memory and the progress being made on some of the many improvement projects under way.

New reconditioned three phase elevators are being constructed as I write this note. Building six is near completion and building three was started this past week. Both these buildings should be complete by mid September when most of you start thinking of returning for the season.

The new drip irrigation project is underway. Buildings six and seven are trenched and hopefully will not be too disruptive before this project is completed again before everyone returns. The savings on labor and water costs should be considerable. This has been an extremely warm summer here and with the various irrigation projects going on, some plants and lawn areas have suffered a bit. Hopefully, we will be back on track with plantings, trimming and watering shortly. A work in progress.

The new bicycle rack is complete and other than installing a proper lock on the "cage", its ready to go. This should go a long way on cutting down on the unauthorized removal of bicycles from the property. The new lock system will be installed within the next few weeks. There will be a \$50.00 deposit for a registered, numbered and non-duplicable key to the cage. There will be no charge for using the enclosure.

The new pool salt system is now running much smoother with Mike in charge of adjusting the chemicals and temperature. We still have a ways to go on this but the improvements are wonderful. The newly constructed cover for the pool equipment is complete and really adds to the appearance of the area. We have been investigating the possibility of moving the bar a few feet and adding an additional grill/griddle to the area to reduce wait lines during the season. Prep areas and counter/serving space have always been at a premium in that area.

There are other things happening but you will just have to show up for the season to enjoy them.

I hope all of you are enjoying the summer and this finds all of you in good health and spirits. See you in the near future.

Ken

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Meet your Neighbor

If you have ever traveled to the islands of Santorini, Greece, you would know that it could be the site of a storybook wedding. At a point high above the turquoise waters of the caldera, a volcanic basin encircled by the Santorini Islands, **Tom and Candiss Ciavarella** of LáSolana's Building 4 were wed in 2010. After exchanging vows they spent nearly two weeks exploring Candiss's ancestral roots in Greece, including Athens and even a small village where her aunt still lives. Their honeymoon that followed took them to Italy where Tom could explore his family's roots while visiting cities from Venice to Naples on a guided bus tour. Spending two weeks with a bus load of tourists may not seem very romantic as far as honeymoons go, but their exposure to these dream destinations with travelers who enjoyed being part of their storybook romance made for a truly memorable celebration not to be forgotten.



Tom and Candiss Ciavarella

Snowbirds since 2012, Tom and Candiss have divided their time between their home in Darien, Illinois, a suburb of south Chicago, and LáSolana. Since Tom has two daughters living in Surprise, one of whom has given them two granddaughters, they found a condo to rent in Building 5 while visiting for a month in May 2012. Before returning to Illinois that year, Tom acted on impulse and they decided to buy their current LáSolana condo. Ever since they have been busy creating their second home with unique paint colors providing a southwest flavor and Tom also adding upgrades such as crown molding and new baseboards, thanks to his handyman skills.

Tom grew up on Chicago's south side and was a member of the first graduating class of John F. Kennedy High School in 1968. After joining the U.S. Navy where he completed two tours of duty on aircraft carriers in the Gulf of Tonkin, he returned to Chicago where he became an apprentice painter at the famous Drake Hotel. He remained at the Drake until he retired in 2010 and during his tenure he enhanced his decorating and carpentry skills that he now has applied to their LáSolana condo. Also, during his more than 30 years at the Drake, he encountered many celebrities; and perhaps the most famous among them was Princess Diana.

Tom and Candiss crossed paths in 2004 on an internet dating site. Shortly thereafter, she lost her 21 year old son from a tragic death. As Candiss tells it, she believes Tom's coming into her life was divine intervention, and he has been there for her ever since. In 2009 she decided to retire as a labor and delivery nurse, a position she held for 30 years in Chicago at the University of Illinois Medical Center. Before that Candiss was born and raised in Superior, Wisconsin, not far from Duluth, Minnesota, where she attended St. Luke's Hospital School of Nursing after graduating from high school. Upon receiving her Registered Nursing Degree (RN) she headed for the big city lights of Chicago as many 21 year old women do seeking adventure after finishing their degrees. Now, Candiss and Tom return to Superior every summer where they rent a cabin on Lake Nebagamon for a week and hold family reunions, get-togethers for all Candiss's relatives.

While wintering in Arizona they look forward to spoiling their two granddaughters with their time and love. In her spare time Candiss volunteers at St. Mary's Food Bank. She is also a member of LáSolana's Social Committee that plans the many fun gatherings for residents. As for Tom, Sun City Grand softball leagues and attending classic car shows such as the Barrett Jackson Auction in Scottsdale are activities he enjoys. A 1961 red Pontiac Bonneville convertible with a white top is his pride and joy as a classic car collector. Back in Illinois he has experienced what it means to win best of show.

From May to November, Candiss and Tom call Darien, Illinois home. However, getting back there in May was not direct as they took a side trip to California's coastal highway before heading east. When they return in November, you will have to ask them about the route they took coming back to LáSolana and if they brought a classic car back with them. If you have not already met them look for them at a LáSolana social or at the Sun City Grand ball park and make yourself known. They're friendly people!

Potluck



Dave Kearney & John Henderson hard at work on the grill...

Special thanks to Polly Schroedel, #4108 for her special organizational talents in setting up our Memorial Day Hot Dog Potluck on Friday, May 27th and making this a memorable event for the summer residents here in LáSolana. Thanks, as well, go out to Dave Kearney and John Henderson for their hot dog barbecuing prowess. The many skilled cooks in our community provided an array of delicious salads, desserts and side dishes so that no one went home hungry. We all enjoyed our time spent together and savoring a wonderful meal!



Great Food



Quite a turnout!

Ice Cream Social

"You scream, I scream, we all scream for Ice cream."

I'm sure we all remember this little saying as a child. The tables filled quickly with residents sharing the Pre July 4th holiday on Friday, July 1st. During the summer months it's always nice to come together and share friendship and wonderful conversations, as we enjoyed the delicious ice cream sundaes .



Continued thanks to Polly Schroedel for organizing the Hot Dog and Ice Cream socials held this summer. Thanks for doing such a fantastic job. Both social events were a huge success. Polly will also host our Pre Labor Day Potluck on Friday, September 2nd.

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.

THANK YOU

LaSolana Rental Charge

New policy for all rental units within LaSolana.

The registration form that is updated in the office is at no charge for unit owners placing their units on this form.

Once there is a unit rented/leased the owner is charged \$25 for an administrative charge and will be added to the owners account. This administrative charge will be charged each time a unit is rented in LaSolana whether or not you use the rental registration form within the office.

There will be a form for the office to use and send weekly to City Property to add \$25 to your account.

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.



LaSolana Social Calendar

Oct. 31	Halloween Pool Party
Nov. 9	Pool Party
Nov. 11	Veteran's Day
Nov. 22	Thanksgiving
Dec. 7	Pool Party
Dec. 24	Christmas Eve
Jan. 4	Pool Party
Jan 18	Soup Supper
Feb. 1	Valentine's Party
Feb. 15	Western Night
Mar. 8	Sports Night
Mar. 22	Caribbean Party
Apr. 12	Easter

Renovation Policy for LaSolana Units

While each of own our own 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.

Mike's Corner



Hello to all near and far. One issue is starting to be an area of concern for me. The water meters located below your water shut-off valves are starting to show signs of failure. The seam splits, thus a fine high pressure mist develops, that goes un-noticed, as it is in the closet and makes no noise.

This has happened 8 to 10 times now, with 2 occurrences on the third floor units, which the water has reached the first floor before it was noticed.

I am currently in contact with 2 plumbing companies to give me estimates on the cost of removing water meters and installing a piece of pipe to rectify the issue. More information on this will be forthcoming.

May the rest of your summer be enjoyable and return to LáSolana safely.

Mike Donovan



Meeting Dates 2016

October 6	Chat with the Board 7:00 pm
October 11	Board of Directors Meeting 10:00 am
November	TBD
Note: No Board Meeting in December	

Meet Kris Abrahamson



I would like to introduce Kris Abrahamson to all of you. Kris has been an addition to our office staff working well and closely with Cindy and Mike. She was a considerable help at our summer socials and we thank her for her willingness to be part of this aspect of life in LáSolana. I know all our returning residents will be welcoming and glad to meet her.

Caryl Moskowitz #4204
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