



LáSolana Living

Hello everyone!

Welcome to the summer at LáSolana. What a change from January and the cool temperatures it brought.

We held our annual meeting in February for a review of the year and for the election of board members. Congratulations to Dave Kearney and Don Allen who were re-elected to 3-year terms on the board. Thank you also to Jack Mumford for running and showing interest in supporting the successes we have had over the years. Participating as a board member requires a lot of extra time and sometimes the reward is only knowing that you have satisfied most of the residents and made the best decisions for our community.

Immediately after the general election there was an organizational meeting at which time the board approved the election of myself as President, Don Allen as Vice President, Duey Kerper as Treasurer, Dave Kearney as Secretary and Deannie Price Member at Large. With this slate I see continued success at LáSolana. Thank you Dave Kearney for suffering through the e-mails, phone calls, verbal assaults, compliments and anything else that has been shared over the past couple of years. A great job and as a current board member you are not off the hook for continuing a good job.

In February we had our normal board meeting and a lot of items that had been hanging in suspension we brought to the board and acted upon. The board discussed an improved cleaning contract, pool service contract, rental service contract, and the possibility of constructing a bicycle compound in conjunction with the trash compactor area. Most of these items were directed to Brad our property manager and will be returned to the board this month for action. A bid for larger door numbers was also approved.

Under reports which no action was required was an update by Deannie Price on the changes being made to the clubhouse. The painting is complete along with the woodwork and carpet installation. New furniture has been ordered and should be in place by the end of the month along with a new tile mosaic in the entry replacing the 8 by 10 carpet piece. I'm sure there will be more tweaking over the coming months but these are the main items scheduled for completion before the majority of us scatter for the summer.

The finance's at LáSolana are sound. Next year at a business meeting immediately following our annual meeting we should be able to present a clearer picture of our year-in review (financially) of LáSolana. In the past we have not been able to combine an annual meeting with a business meeting. By holding them on the same day at the same place eliminates the need to follow up with a meeting the following week to discuss most of the same matter. Time will tell.

On a quick note on a couple of costly items. We had a \$862.00 service call bill from Arizona Elevator because someone held the doors open on the elevator longer than a safety switch allowed before automatically shutting the system down. Think!!! The other item is the pool gate. Same principal!!! It plays havoc with the gate lock computers when you don't lock the gate behind you. Please help prevent these things from happening.

Many thanks to the social committee for a great western party and sports night social. Lots of work by many volunteers make these parties a great success. Participating in these socials are a great time to meet your neighbors. There are an exceptional amount of new owners this year and few opportunities that are better suited for mingling.

Happy spring training.

Ken Marks
Board President

MEET YOUR NEIGHBOR



Tom & Dianna Huber

We have new neighbors in LáSolana's Building 1 who affectionately refer to their Grande condo as LáSolana's only Flint Stone inspired residence because all of its counters are custom designed, multi-colored concrete. All the floors are stamped concrete and have the look and feel of real flagstones. The previous owner had created these unique and one-of-a kind architectural designs that appealed to **Tom and Dianna Huber** upon first viewing it with their realtor. They said that this uniquely customized unit reminded them of the New York City lofts that they had seen or lived in and this unit by contrast was much more reasonable priced.

When Tom's five year Sr. sales/marketing position with a faith-based financial services firm in NYC was terminated in January 2015, Tom said in jest: "I was fired into retirement." Although that happened earlier than either expected, he and Dianna arrived in Arizona soon thereafter as they had long planned to retire here when that day arrived. Repeated visits over the years to visit Tom's mother who had lived in Scottsdale and siblings who also migrated from western New York were the drawing cards throughout their 38 years of marriage. Frequent travel to Phoenix was possible as Dianna was a flight attendant with United Airlines for 30 years and that allowed them to travel for free but on a "space-available" status by using UAL's generous lifetime employee ticketing benefits.

Their longtime friends, (a Chicago pastor and his wife from Winnetka Bible Church) connected them with friends-of-friends in Sun City Grand to rent a fully furnished house for several months on Diamond Drive. That gave Tom and Dianna time to look and experience SCG and all of its amenities. Now they have become year-round owners and they are looking forward to meeting their LaSolana neighbors and engaging in neighborhood and SCG activities. Water aerobics, quilting, and card games are Dianna's passions. Tom looks forward to playing more golf but hopes to continue using his consulting skills. And together, they both will become involved with their newly found church in Surprise, Reveal Vineyard.

At present, their unofficially adopted, multi-talented daughter, Star (a trained opera singer) has just graduated from Fairleigh Dickinson University in New Jersey. While in search of employment and a place to live she is staying with Tom and Dianna. Having completed a BS and MS in biology and a minor in chemistry, Star is ready to launch her career after being mentored by Tom and Dianna over the last ten years. Their relationship with Star is one among other interesting stories Tom and Dianna shared during the interview for this article. Another was the fact that Tom was a Journalism/Advertising major at Kent State and was present on the hill of the May 4, 1970 massacre when the Ohio State National Guard turned and opened fire killing four students and wounding nine others. Then Dianna shared that she knew and had worked with many of the crew and knew two of the United pilots that were killed in the 9/11 terror attacks. If more detail is desired about these life experiences, you will have to seek out Tom and Dianna and ask as they are charismatic.

Charisma is a word that is hard to define according to author, Harvey Mackay, but Tom and Dianna have many, if not all, of the qualities he uses to describe charisma. It likely accounts for Tom's varied 40+ year career in ad sales and marketing with Time, Inc., Smithsonian, and Harvard Business Review in addition to other organizations. Similarly, Dianna's charisma consistently inspired her co-workers at United Airlines as her career flourished while following Tom's career promotions from New York to California to Illinois and back to New York. And, even though there have been some bumps in the road along the way such as Dianna's 1992 diagnosis of Multiple Sclerosis followed by Leukemia in 2004 and Tom's relatively recent and unexpected job loss, they demonstrate a can-do attitude with a smile and confidence.

Earl Lindquist #2301

"Nothing is so embarrassing as watching someone do something that you said couldn't be done."

-Sam Ewing-

RENOVATION POLICY FOR LÁSOLANA

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.



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FRIENDLY REMINDERS

- ◆ Food and beverage may be consumed in the pool area. Glass containers are **not permitted** at any time. It is very costly to have to empty the pool because of glass breaking and flying into the pool.
- ◆ If you have not done so in a long time, you might want to consider having your unit sprayed inside for insects, i.e., ants, cockroaches, beetles etc. If you have had suitcases or boxes stored in a storage unit, basement, garage, etc. for a long period of time, it is possible that insects have found their way into your unit.
- ◆ Owners and/or tenants are not allowed to install a pet door in conjunction with sliding patio doors.
- ◆ The entire LaSolana property has a 15 mile per hour speed limit. We are seeing a number of vehicles come through the parking lot at a speed way over the 15 mile limit.

MIKE'S CORNER

- Golf Cart Owners—Battery acid destroys the pavement. Please don't wash off here.
- Bike Owners—Make your bike less valuable, take off seat if it is equipped with quick release.
- Please do not use building carts for taking out your trash.





WESTERN NIGHT SOCIAL

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On February 17, a new theme party took place.....Western Night. Many, many thanks to Annie and Ken Marks, Lynette Allen, and Candiss and Tom Ciarvarella for putting this awesome evening together.....and to the volunteers who helped them. From wanted posters, to photo booth, to a well stocked and tended bar and terrific food..... Cowboy hats, boots and even saddles and such, every one had a fine evening. Perhaps Western Night will be added to an already successful agenda of theme seasonal parties. Thank you again.



SPORTS NIGHT

A big "Thank You" to Annie and Ken Marks for hosting Sports Night on Wednesday, March 2nd. Residents were encouraged to wear their favorite sports cap and/or jersey..... Needless to say there were a number of fun outfits and good food.

Over 70 residents attended the event. If you have never attended one of the many socials held each season, make plans to do so next year. This is a good opportunity to meet your neighbors.



RENOVATION COMMITTEE

We would like to take this opportunity to "THANK " Deannie Price, Dianna Bowman and Ann Ward for the excellent job they did in renovating the clubhouse. Many hours were spent researching carpet, tile, furniture, artwork, etc. I am sure no one on the committee realized how much time would be needed to see it to fruition.

We are pleased to report that the furniture and accessories went in today. The large carpet in the front entryway will be replaced on Monday, March 22nd with a beautiful mosaic tile design.

The committee's theme was to create a soft southwestern feel while incorporating the existing (turquoise) window frame color, existing tile, cabinetry and woodwork. We think they have exceeded their goal. We appreciate the committee's expertise, involvement and dedication.



2016 SOCIAL DATES

March 24 Easter Potluck

April 13 Pool Party
 April 27 Pool Party



2016 MEETING DATES

March 22 Architectural Committee Meeting - 9:30 am
 March 22 Board of Directors Meeting - 10:00 am

CARIBBEAN NIGHT

LáSolana was turned into a Caribbean island on March 16th. Once again Annie and Ken Marks created a scenario with whales, turtles, pineapple trees, a boat load of fresh fruit, wonderful food, music etc. The margaritas were outstanding and so were some of the guests! It was a wonderful end of season gala and many thanks to the dynamic Marks duo and their friends for hosting Caribbean Night for the past 10 years, which brings everyone together at our own special paradise.

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