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# LàSolana Living

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## Notes From the Board

Hi Everyone

Nice to be in the Thanksgiving and Christmas seasons as that only means that the "season" will soon be upon us. The holidays are always hectic and the tranquility of LàSolana in the winter is a welcome gift.

While many of you have been away there have been a great many tasks that have been completed and ready for resident use and viewing.

First off, all the winter flowers have now been planted and getting ready to bring more color to LàSolana. New plants are brought to us twice a year and certainly makes our complex the talk of Sun City Grand when on display.

Our new elevators are now installed in buildings 3 and 6. I might add and paid for. That leaves us only 3 more buildings to complete a very expensive project. It is my hope that when finished, we can start to see a reduction or at least no increase in our HOA fees.

Our new drip irrigation is also complete to where Mike should have several hours a week to work on more scheduled tasks instead of chasing leaks and spending hours running down problems with our irrigation systems. With the new system we can now tackle the task of more plantings in and around the buildings.

Mike has also been working to make sure the new pool systems are ready for winter use. This has really been a work in progress and requiring a lot of monitoring and adjustments. Cross your fingers on this. If time spent on a project is any indication of how well it works should bring many smiles to our residents.

The new budget for 2017 should have been mailed or E mailed to all of you by now. Probably the reason for any increase was due to the increase in our cleaning contract with Anna and Moises for various projects around the complex. Residents and the Board agreed to this back in March and I believe it will pay dividends keeping our place looking nice. I hope this meets with your approval. With all the improvements scheduled or completed, we have done very well to keep our HOA fee's in check.

Over the past several months there have been several units that have changed hands for various reasons. We should all take the time to meet and greet our new residents and make them feel at home as we all like referring to LàSolana as home away from home.

Happy Holidays All

Ken Marks



## Meet Your Neighbor

Talk about creative and talented individuals who live at LáSolana. There are many! Among the most recent arrivals with these attributes is **Peter Harry Brown**, a best selling author, who purchased a unit in Building 5. Peter, whose wife of more than 40 years died in November of 2013, realized that a Vista model design owned by his friends Pat and Jack Hitchcock was all that he needed for himself and Zeus, a spirited Jack Russell Terrier. Taking occupancy of his condo on July 30th, he is eager to meet his LáSolana neighbors and take advantage of LáSolana's amenities as well as those of Sun City Grand.



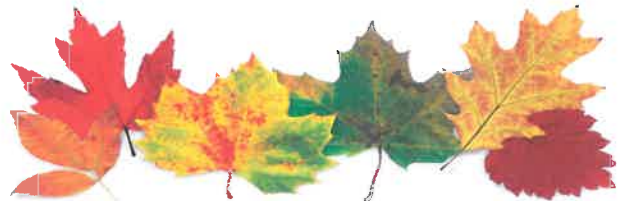
Recently, Peter enjoyed an evening at SCG's Drama Club presentation of the *"Plaza Suite."* So, theater coupled with his interest in music, he will want to order tickets for SCG's Drama Club productions and the Music Club's holiday performance before it's sold out. Already, Peter has become a member of SCG's Adobe Spa's "Active Aging" program. His participation is a commitment of about two hours daily to strength exercises using all the equipment Adobe offers to achieve that end. Peter has also joined and bonded with a grief support group that meets once a week in SCG for residents who have lost spouses. His wife, Pamela, as well as five of her siblings have died of a virulent form of diabetes. Motivated by his love for her and family, Peter may someday research and write about this disease. Having been an investigative reporter for 30 years with Gannett Newspapers and the Los Angeles Times, he has the skills to accomplish such a goal. In addition, he has also found time over his working years to author several books while he and his wife enjoyed theater and music productions away from her work as a cancer researcher.

Peter was born in Texas to parents who were members of the military. His mother was a WAC and his father was an Army Officer. However, he was raised in Phoenix and is a graduate of the University of Arizona where he majored in History and Photo Journalism. After serving two years in the U.S. Air Force and later the Air Force Reserves, he joined the Yuma Daily Sun as a reporter. Upon joining Gannett and becoming an investigative reporter he served newspapers in San Diego, Santa Fe, Miami, and Dallas where he was a major crime reporter for three years.

Possessing a desire to cover notables in Hollywood, he quit Gannett and started writing for the *"Los Angeles Time's Magazine"* where he remained for 18 of his 30 years in publishing. Articles he wrote also appeared in Washington Post's *"Vanity Fair"* and *"Parade Magazine."* His first book, The Real Oscar was published in 1981. Among his best selling efforts are Marilyn: the Last Take which covers the last fourteen weeks of Marilyn Monroe's life and was widely received in Britain, France, Germany, Japan, and Korea. Another best seller was Howard Hughes: the Untold Story, a biography published in 1997. Kim Novak, the Gabor sisters, and Elvis Presley are also subjects of his books among others. It's not surprising that over the years he has been the recipient of many awards for his research and writing. For a complete list of book titles and awards he has received, they can be googled on the internet.

With stories to share based on his research of many of Hollywood's past famous personalities, Peter can entertain you! So, why not take the opportunity to learn more than this article can provide when the opportunity arises at a LáSolana social event or during a chance encounter with Peter in the LáSolana Clubhouse or wherever you see him?

Earl Lindquist #2301



# Labor Day Party



## Gathering of the Goblins

58 LáSolana residents arrived at the pool with treats and a few tricks. Platters of fried chicken etc., covered our food tables from one end to the other. Olivia and I want to thank you all for participating in our first attempt at a planned poolside supper. The "Witches Brew" wine bar was a success and thanks to Dallas for electrifying Olivia's sign. We had some outstanding costumes, noted, Ben and Barbara (bldg. 2) as each other, Karen Price (bldg. 2) as scary as could be.....one white eye and one red.....Roger Moraga (bldg.5) a fantastic caveman....Will Striver (bldg. 3) with a death mask....frightening. We had Red Riding Hood disguising Jean Phillippe (bldg.2). Of course our favorite witches, Jan Anderson (bldg. 2) and Annette Bergen (bldg. 6) in all their toothless splendor. Thanks to the Andersons for bringing the pumpkin trio to float around our beautiful pool.

Olivia Reynolds and I also thank two hard working guys, Dallas Reynolds and Dave Kearney....Kim Bentley (bldg. 2) and Joan Anderson (bldg.1) for all their "getting it together and taking it all apart". We needed you all and could not have done it without you.

The season begins.....

Caryl Moskowitz #4204





# Board & Chat Social Calendar

Jan. 5th	Chat with the Board-7 pm
Jan. 10th	Architectural Meeting- 9:30 am
Jan. 10th	Board of Directors Meeting- 10:00 am
Feb. 2nd	Chat with the Board-7 pm
Feb. 7th	Annual Meeting at SCG Sonoran Plaza/Sagebrush Room-9:00 am

Nov. 22	Thanksgiving Dinner
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
March 8	Sports Night
March 22	Caribbean Party
April 13	Easter
April 26	Cinco de Mayo

**NEW SOCIAL EVENT POLICY**

POOL EVENTS/PARTIES ARE LIMITED TO OWNER RESIDENTS AND RENTERS.....NO OUTSIDE GUESTS WILL BE ADMITTED UNLESS THEY ARE HOUSE GUESTS.

### Holiday Decorations

We observe the rules of SCG and holiday decorations may be displayed the weekend following Thanksgiving Day. Removal has to be on or before January 8th.

Thank you.

**Happy Holidays....**

## Mike's Corner

- To make more room in the bike area, alternate your bikes. 3 bikes per side, 6 per rack.
- Tree trimming is tentatively set for December 20-23rd.
- Trenching will be done across the Driveway for broken irrigation lines. Be careful and use caution.
- Please put your shredded paper in sealed bag before putting in our recycle.
- Utility carts are not to be used for taking trash to the dumpster. People place their groceries on these cart as well as other items and should not have to be exposed to trash drippings.



## Veterans Appreciation Social November 11th

Acton, Roger, 3301, U.S. Army  
 Ames, Rexford, 1204, U.S. Army  
 Anderson, Russ, 2112, U.S. Navy  
 Ciavarella, Tom, 4207, U.S. Navy  
 Echois, Lucy, 6101, U.S. Army  
 Ehrlich, Don, 1102, U.S. Navy  
 Fossey, Ken, 4307 U.S. Air Force  
 Genovese, Joseph, 5309, U.S. Navy  
 Gerlat, Hal, 4103, Royal Canadian Air Force  
 Greene, Blaine, 5111, U.S. Navy  
 Greene, Ken, 5211, U.S. Marine Corps  
 Haas, Ricky, 6206, U.S. Army  
 Hanson, Carrie, 2305, U.S. Navy Hospital Corps  
 Henderson, John, 7311, U.S. Army  
 Johnson, Roger, 6204, U.S. Air Force  
 Justice, Bob, 1105, U.S. Army

Kearney, Dave, 4203, U.S. Army  
 Lateano, Frank, 7302, U.S. Army  
 Lobitz, Bill, 2310, U.S. Air Force  
 Marks, Ken, 1110, U.S. Air Force  
 Miller, Roger, 3307, U.S. Air Force  
 Mont, Robert, 2013, U.S. Marine Corps  
 Petrillo, Larry, 3306, U.S. Army  
 Sbrega, John, 2308, U.S. Air Force  
 Schaefer, Bob, 2212, U.S. Coast Guard  
 Schmidt, Jim , 1305, U.S. Marine Corps  
 Striver, Willard, 3101, U. S. Air Force  
 Swan, Jim, 1308, U.S. Navy  
 Wild, Lawrence L., 7211, U.S. Army  
 Willard, Ben, 2309, U.S. Army



*"Thank you for your service."*

*Your commitment to our great country is appreciated by all of us at LáSolana!"*



## 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.



## **WARNING**

This has happened to several residents who transfer their residence during the year.

When going online to the Official US Post Office site to change their address they are asked for credit card info to pay the one dollar fee. When the credit card statement arrives the charges vary from \$24.99 to \$39.99. Apparently there is a switch made to a third party. Please check your statements!

Thanks to Jan Anderson # 2112 for this information.

## **Alert—IRS Phone Scam**

A number of our residents have reported being contacted by phone by IRS scammers. Below is an excerpt from the IRS Website

Tax scams take many different forms. Recently, the most common scams are phone calls and emails from thieves who pretend to be from the IRS. They use the IRS name, logo or a fake website to try to steal your money. They may try to steal your identity too. Here are several tips from the IRS to help you avoid being a victim of these tax scams:

### **The real IRS will not:**

- Initiate contact with you by phone, email, text or social media to ask for your personal or financial information.
- Call you and demand immediate payment. The IRS will not call about taxes you owe without first mailing you a bill.
- Require that you pay your taxes a certain way. For example, telling you to pay with a prepaid debit card.

Russ Anderson # 2112

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## **REMINDERS**

### **GROUNDS**

1. The speed limit is 15 MPH anywhere on the property
2. Dogs must be on a 6 ft. leash at all times.....This is Surprise law. Please use the waste containers located behind buildings #1 and #5.
3. Mailroom Trash is for discarded mail ONLY
4. Clubhouse hours are between 8:30 a.m. and 10:00 p.m.—7 days a week. You cannot use your Access Card to either **ENTER** or **EXIT** the clubhouse after 10:00 p.m.
5. Please observe the rules and regulations regarding our common interior hallways...,i.e. 1 doormat etc.

### **POOL**

1. The Board of Health requires showering before entering the pool.
2. Please use towels on lounges to avoid sun oil/lotion stains.
3. Put back lounges and chairs after use.
4. **NO GLASS IS PERMITTED IN THE POOL AREA**

LàSolana is a beautiful community to live in or to visit and we want to retain and respect this environment, Thanks to all for doing your part.

Caryl Moskowitz