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Notes From the Board

Hi Everyone

I hope everyone is enjoying the desert now that the weather we are so famous for has finally arrived. Outdoor activities should be incorporated in your daily schedule and all your winter clothes buried for another year.

We had a chat with the board last week and it was mentioned again that responsible pet owners need to keep their pets off the grass and use gravel ways to pot their pets and certainly clean up after them. I hate to mention this every year because there are responsible owners who pick up and clean up always but for those who don't, message delivered. Also, whoever it was that put the dog waste in the recycle bin again, in the mail room, you have caused the container to be removed. Please be responsible!!

Spring training is upon us now along with spring break for many families with small children. Please be attentive around the pool and observe common etiquette when it comes to noise, running, diving and any other dangerous activity. Please maintain the 4 foot rule around the pool to accommodate foot traffic. Parents sitting on the edge of the pool supervising youngsters playing or swimming is always permitted.

That's the housekeeping stuff. Now for what's happening.

As you probably have noticed, the trees on the property have all been trimmed for the year. The palms around the pool will be trimmed also, this summer. The winter rains have brought about a surge in weed growth around the property. We are addressing this issue in the sidewalks, pathways and garden beds. A very wet year always brings this issue it seems. CareScape works hard to keep our facility in pristine condition and it costs us plenty to have them do it but it doesn't mean that we can't bend over and pick up an empty water bottle or a scrap of windblown paper in between their visits. Please help!

There has also been an issue with water leaks on a couple of roofs. The board will address this at the next meeting to either fix the leaks or replace the underlayment and tiles on the entire roof. This is a reserve expense and is being planned for.

The board is investigating the replacement of cushions on some of the lounges around the pool and also possibly obtaining lounges like those at Cimarron that don't require a cloth cushion and are still very comfortable. Stay tuned for more info.

Have a good time and enjoy the spring time on the desert. Take out your camera and take a few pictures. Plenty of flowers this year and the sunrises and sunsets have been postcard perfect. Make your friends envious. Lots of snow on the east coast this week.

Ken

Meet Your Neighbor



Pop into the clubhouse almost any afternoon and you'll be greeted with a cheery smile and perhaps a spirited comment from a pint-sized energetic 89-years young gal named Jacquie Petersen. I'm sure you'll agree it's hard to imagine that she was once quite introverted.

Jacquie was born and raised in Seattle, and lived much of her adult life in Washington. Her first job was as a sales clerk in the handkerchief department of a very large department store in downtown Seattle, which had a long counter displaying beautiful handkerchiefs as well as veiling and flowers to adorn ladies hats. The store, which was the first in Seattle to stay open evenings, eventually became Macy's. When she was nine years old, Jacquie began writing stories, and her ambition was to become a great writer of romance novels. Over the years she wrote letters to a number of famous authors such as Danielle Steele and Leon Uris, sharing her dream with them. They always responded, encouraging her to keep writing. She saved all of the letters, and eventually the Everett Washington newspaper did a feature story about Jacquie and her celebrity collection.

She met her future husband Pete (real name Elwyn) when she was only 14 years old. Pete's friend was washing windows where Jacquie lived and went home to tell Pete that he had just seen some cute girls there. Since the boys were not shy, they went to visit the girls. Pete, an accomplished musician, was soon playing the piano to entertain everyone, and Jacquie thought he was really handsome. Soon Pete went off to join the Navy, while Jacquie finished high school and began attending college. As World War II ended, Pete returned to Seattle and to the cute girl he had never forgotten. After a whirlwind romance, the two were married, and in the next few years were blessed with a daughter and a son.

Jacquie and Pete loved to square dance and enjoyed camping with their family. They started out camping in a tent, and Jacquie cooked all of their meals on an outdoor camp stove. They returned to the same camp spot every time for nearly ten years. Jacquie says it's because the weather was always good, and the fishing even better! Pete had a couple of career changes which took the family from Washington to California and eventually back to Washington. Jacquie's favorite job during those years was working for a high school district. She worked in several large high schools that had up to 2500 students. She was secretary to a counselor and an assistant principal; then she became the administrative secretary to the superintendent in the district office. She always loved working with the students, and was called Miss Sunshine by the staff. She enjoyed pulling pranks, and once, when Secretary's Day went unnoticed by the 'bosses', she put notes in their mailboxes saying, "Aren't you forgetting something?"

After retirement Jacquie and Pete focused on a goal that they had dreamed of for many years....visiting all 50 states. They loaded up their fifth-wheel RV and headed out of town on an adventure that lasted seven months. They took a trip up the Inland Passage to Alaska, drove across the country to the east coast, also crossing up into Canada enjoying the TransCanada Highway. They ultimately arrived in Arizona, and settled in the beautiful hills of Sedona for the next five years. Pete was an award winning photographer, and some of his artwork graces the walls in Jacquie's home here at LaSolana. After Pete passed away, Jacquie moved here in 2011 to be close to her daughter and son who both live in Sun City Grand. She will be moving to a nearby senior community in the next couple of months. Jacquie says she loves living at LaSolana and all the friendly people, and even though she attends all of the social events as well as the afternoon games, she's sorry we don't have more parties! Stop by the table the next time you're in the clubhouse and enjoy a few minutes of Jacquie's wit and enthusiasm.

Deannie Price # 6209



Soup Supper



Harold & Cheryl Ensen



Just a small sampling of the Super Soups...



The Two Bobs—Price & Rector



Rick & Val Wilson



Many thanks to Nancy Henrickson and her team for putting our annual soup supper together. This event is always a lot of work for some and a lot of fun for many. The soups, etc. were delicious and appreciated.



Valentine's Party



Scrumptious Desserts.....



Mark & Marilyn Tamblin



Endless Food

Kudos to Candiss Ciavarella and her team for hosting Valentine's Day.....

Everyone was in "love". Good food as always and the wine flowed freely along with the chocolate fountain.

WESTERN NIGHT



Olivia & Dallas Reynolds



Chuck Wagon Line



Joyce & Ken Schwarz



Cowgirl Boot



Our Hosts, Ken & Annie Marks



Cowboy, Jack Mumford

Annie and Ken Marks, major thanks for this evening of fun. Food was great, drinks included, wine and booze. We had our share of cowboys and even a little line dancing...HooHaa!!!!



Harold & Mary Tilstra

Sports Night



Jacquie Peterson



Ray & Jill Larson



Floyd & Cama Cregor

Thanks to Annie & Ken, again, and to the volunteers who help make the Sports Night Score!!!



Board & Chat

Apr 6	Chat with the Board—7 pm
Apr 11	Board Meeting -10 am

Social Calendar

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. SINGLE RESIDENTS ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND AND BRING ONE GUEST, IF THEY CHOOSE.

THANKS FOR ADHERING TO THIS

Pictures

Photo credits to Jack Mumford for taking such great pictures . Many thanks for making us look good!!



Reminders

For those who are leaving us the end of March just a few reminders.....

- 1) If you have a bike in our bike cage please remove it. If a renter, return the key to office.
- 2) Please make sure your common hallway area is clear.
- 3) Make sure you have arranged to have someone check your condo regularly while you are absent.
- 4) If you are a renter, please return your access key card to our office.
- 5) Travel safely and have a good summer!!!!!!



Mike's Corner

New Owners, PLEASE read past Newsletters as there is valuable information contained there. Bike owners, please be sure your bike is in good working order and that any cover is secured. If you are leaving soon, pick up a Departure Checklist in the Office that contains suggestions on how to leave your unit for the summer. Please park in your assigned parking spot. Have fun in the pool, but don't bring any glass there.

Office Reminders

All Owners...

Please provide the office with any changes necessary to maintain the "For Sale" list as current. We need to know of price changes and also be notified of the pending and final closing of your unit.

Also, please look at the "For Rent" list since much of the information there is old and needs updating. If your "For Rent" listing has not been updated by April 1st, we will remove it from the list.

Earl Lindquist is retiring from his position as "Meet Your Neighbor" interviewer and writer. Earl's articles have always been fun to read and insightful, introducing us to LaSolana residents from every building. Having had the pleasure of the interview, my visit with Earl a few years ago, was a real treat and the results even better. He made me look more interesting than I am. I, along with everyone here who has had the pleasure of sitting with Earl, or knows him as a fine friend and neighbor, will miss him. Thank you Earl for being an integral and responsible part of our LaSolana Newsletter staff and for bringing an element of professionalism to its content. We wish Marilyn & Earl much good luck in their next adventure.

I would like to introduce our new "Meet Your Neighbor" interviewer.....Deannie Price from Building 6. Deannie, a former Board member, will be a fine contributor to the Newsletter. She has a record for being able to finish what is started with the best of intentions and purpose as she has already proven in this issue. Welcome Deannie.

Cindy and Kris and I look forward to having you take over the "Meet Your Neighbor" column.

Many thanks in advance—

Caryl Moskowitz
Newsletter Editor



Renovation Policy for LaSolana



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.

