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# LáSolana Living

## Notes from the Board

Can it be true? Fall Newsletter Issue already? Yes indeed! Temps in the 50's early this morning!

We had our first Fall Board Meeting on October 13th. Scott and Steve from Arizona Elevator spoke about the new elevators and how the emergency phones function and what response will be like. Judy Lewis spoke to everyone suggesting that La Solana might consider applying for FHA and VA approval for perspective owners. The filing fees for each would be \$850. The Board will take it under consideration.

Harry Graham from CareScape updated us all about new winter grass, new flower plantings in beds and pots throughout the property. He and the Board may also consider replacing certain grass areas with granite in order to save water, seeding, etc.

Mike updated us all about his work getting all of our fountains up and running. He also cleaned, prepped and painted our mailroom floor! Thank you Mike for all that you do!

JoAnne reminded all to keep their contact information updated in the office. She and Cindy have our Lost and Found which contains many valuable items including car keys.

Ken Marks gave his Financial Report. The Board voted to approve a bid from Safeguard to re-charge 74 fire extinguishers which will be performed in 2016. The cost of this work is \$1,813. We also approved the bid from Arizona Elevator to do another building in 2016 at no increase, in the amount of \$169,693.35. Building #3 will be next in line for replacement. A bid was passed for refreshing the clubhouse for \$15,500, which includes painting and touch-up and staining all wood. This will be the first step to refresh the look of our clubhouse. The Board Approved the Budget for 2016.

I look forward to welcoming you all as you return "home" to LáSolana. In the meantime, have a Grand day!

Dave Kearney  
Board President



## Meet Your Neighbor

No one needs to be reminded that being physically active is beneficial for maintaining good health, and certainly not when living in Sun City Grand that offers so many opportunities to be physically fit. Our LáSolana neighbors, **Hal and Diane Gerlat**, from Building 4 are the newsletter's fitness buffs that regularly take advantage of the facilities and programs that "Grand" has to offer during the months they are in residence. When Hal and Diane are at home in Leduc, Alberta, Canada, they are just as active as they are while here as their home is across the street from a fitness center. Sun City Grand's Cimarron Center is their preferred fitness center during the months they reside at



**Hal and Diane Gerlat**

LáSolana, but there are times during the week when it makes more sense to use the Adobe Center due to its proximity to classrooms nearby in the Chaparral Center where German language lessons are taught that are of interest to Hal.

Hal, whose given name is Helmuth and whose last name has been "Americanized" is the son of Lithuanian parents who fled when the Russians invaded. He was born in the western sector of Germany, and he was two years of age when his family migrated to Fort Macleod, Alberta, in 1949. An uncle, a brother of his father, was already in Canada and assisted in the family's relocation to the southwestern corner of Alberta. All of Hal's pre-college education took place in Macleod where he enjoyed an active outdoors life as a child and teenager. Following high school graduation he joined the Canadian Air Force and after his discharge enrolled at Calgary's Mount Royal University. During the '71-'72 school year a wrestling scholarship led him to spend a year in Hawaii and that's when he met Diane who was on holiday but returning to Canada the next day.

Smitten by Diane, Hal followed her back to Alberta and courted her until 1974 when they married. During their courtship, he completed his degree at the University of Alberta in Edmonton in the school's Health and Physical Education Program. They eventually settled in Leduc, about 20 miles south of Edmonton, where Hal taught physical education and history to junior high students for more than a quarter century. Diane's family lived in Leduc since she was six years of age and it is where she graduated from high school. After completion of her nursing program at the Royal Alexandra Hospital in Edmonton she continued to work there where she practiced her maternity nursing career beginning in 1970. When asked about the number of babies she helped deliver she simply responded by saying "37 years worth!" During her working years Diane also mothered two children, a daughter and a son. As they grew, Diane provided transportation for their extra curricular activities while Hal was more focused on his coaching duties for Leduc's wrestling and volleyball programs. Considering Hal and Diane's focus on being physically fit, it was not surprising to learn that their daughter became a competitive synchronized skating team member who competed internationally and today is a judge for the sport. Likewise, they introduced their son at an early age to Taekwondo, a martial arts program where he earned his third dan black belt. Hal and Diane said they put him into martial arts to gain confidence and increase self esteem. As adults, their daughter is now a Sensory Food Scientist in Edmonton and their son tends bar on Vancouver Island.

The Gerlats purchased their LáSolana condo five years after they retired. Although they were familiar with Yuma where Diane's parents had wintered for years, once they had the opportunity to use a house in "Grand" owned by Calgary friends there was no question as to where they wanted to spend the winter. Today they enjoy those friends as well as a friend Hal met in kindergarten who rents at LáSolana. Anyone interested in developing a fitness routine would find Hal and Diane an excellent resource for gaining knowledge of Sun City Grand's Cimarron and Adobe Centers. In addition, they are friendly and possess a great sense of humor, both good reasons to connect with them at a LáSolana pool party, on the golf course, or at one of the fitness centers.

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# Linka Smart Bike Lock

The following information is quoted from the June 2015 issue of "The Week" regarding bike locks. This smart lock, shipping in November and available for preorders, attaches to the frame and immobilizes the bike.

You can use your phone to unlock it as you approach and features a 100db siren that blares if anyone tries to take it away. For further information you can go to the website and check out kickstarter.com. Price is \$99.00 for pre-orders and \$109.00 if purchased later. I purchased two.



Leann Chrisman, #2209

# Art/Crafts Chairperson Needed

We are looking for a Chairperson for our "Arts, Crafts, and Bake Sale" in March 2016. It has turned into quite a diverse group of participants who are extremely talented. The baked goods are delicious and the artists are brilliant.

The event was a big success this past March and we have already had three residents express interest in participating for the first time next year.

Please contact JoAnne or Cindy in the Clubhouse office, if you are interested in being the Chairperson.

# Utility Carts

The purpose of the utility carts in the buildings are for the general use of our residents and not vendors.

If you are doing remodeling in your unit, please inform your workman that the carts are not to be removed and used for storing work material, such as cement bags, tile, caulking, trash, etc.

Household garbage cannot be placed on carts. This is grossly unfair for resident who use the carts for their groceries.



# LáSolana Social Calendar

## 2015-2016

- Nov. 11 Veteran's Reception
- Nov. 25 Thanksgiving Dinner
  
- Dec. 9 Pool Party
- Dec. 24 Christmas Eve
  
- Jan. 6 Pool Party
- Jan. 20 Soup Supper
  
- Feb. 3 Pool Party
- Feb. 17 Western Night
  
- Mar. 2 Sports Night
- Mar 16 Caribbean Party
- Mar. 24 Easter Brunch/Luncheon
  
- Apr. 13 Pool Party

# Meeting Dates 2015

- Nov. 17 Architectural Committee Meeting -9:30 am
- Nov. 17 Board of Directors Meeting-10:00 am
- Nov. 12 Chat with the Board-7:00 pm
  
- Dec. No Board Meeting
- Dec. 8 Architectural Committee Meeting-9:30 am



Don't forget our Thanksgiving Dinner, November 25th. Watch for the sign-up sheet.

## Veterans Appreciation Social

Acton, Roger, 3301, U.S. Army  
Ames, Rexford, 1204, U.S. Army  
Anderson, Russ, 2112, U.S. Navy  
Arganbright, Mary, 2206, U.S. Air Force  
Arganbright, Mike, 2206, U.S. Army  
Carlini, Angelo, 5107, U.S. Navy & U.S. Air Force  
Ciavarella, Tom, 4207, U.S. Navy  
Ehrlich, Don, 1102, U.S. Navy  
Fossey, Ken, 4307 U.S. Air Force  
Geiger, Marv, 3110, U.S. Marine Corps  
Genovese, Joseph, 5309, U.S. Navy  
Greene, Blaine, 5111, U.S. Navy  
Greene, Ken, 5211, U.S. Marine Corps  
Gulden, Dean, 2311, U.S. Air Force  
Haas, Ricky, 6206, U.S. Army

Hanson, Carrie, 2305, U.S. Navy Hospital Corps  
Henderson, John, 7311, 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  
Mont, Robert, 2013, U.S. Marine Corps  
Petrillo, Larry, 3306, U.S. Army  
Sbrega, John, 2308, U.S. Air Force  
Schmidt, Jim, 3104, U.S. Marine Corps  
Striver, Willard, 3101, U.S. Air Force  
Vasica, Frank, 3309, U.S. Air Force  
Willard, Ben, 2309, U.S. Army

*"Thank you for your service.  
Your commitment to our  
great country is appreciated  
by all of us at LaSolana!"*



## Renovation Policy for LaSolana Units

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.



*"Please join us Christmas Eve as we enjoy Caroling by the Fireplace with our friends at LaSolana."*



*"Please remember that dogs must be on a 6 foot leash at all times."*

## Mike's Corner

Just a few reminders for all residents. The Junk Mail bin in mailroom is for unwanted mail. In no way is it for dog waste, which has been happening with more frequency. All glass (jars, beer bottles, wine bottles, etc.) is to be put in trash dumpster.

If washing your car, please make sure your car is far enough away from the trash entrance as not to block it and to prevent anyone from getting wet while rinsing. If washing golf cart, DO NOT wash off batteries. The acid will destroy the parking lot coating.

