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LáSolana Living

Notes from the Board Meeting - January 9, 2018

Hi Everyone!

Nice to see everyone back enjoying the beautiful offerings that Arizona shares with us on an annual basis. Sometimes we take for granted the weather, friendships and opportunities that our time at LáSolana affords us. Life is short, enjoy this time and celebrate every day.

Your Board and Staff have been busy at work keeping things in shape for you and although some things go unnoticed, it does not mean we have been idle. Most notable is probably the new furniture at the pool. The pool deck has also been recoated and new tile installed around the pool area. A couple of finishing touches on the clubhouse interior and more elevator improvements were also accomplished.

All in all, it really has been quite busy during the summer and the new year has started off pretty much the same with the Board at its January meeting approving the final elevator improvement for building 7 which will finish up the last of the buildings. We also approved the replacement of some spa equipment, roof repair on the clubhouse and other improvement projects.

The Board still has concerns over some water related issues and wants to remind you that YOU are solely responsible for water damage caused by your negligence in inspecting and replacing water meters, water heaters, dishwasher hoses and other items that could cause damage to yours or other units. Be wise and replace these items.

So, off to a good 2018. I suggest we all do more mingling at the socials and pool parties as the new faces here are numerous. Enjoy the season and good health to all.

Ken

Meet Your Neighbor

Kathy Mandsager lives in building one here at LáSolana, although you'll not find her at home very often. You might see her zipping around in her little bright blue Mustang convertible, off to one of the many activities she enjoys. Kathy enjoys water aerobics, swimming laps, golf, yoga and soaking up the sun while socializing out by the pool. She also sings in three different chorale groups including the Desert Divas, Sun City Grand Singers, and the Glory Singers at her church, who perform at various senior care facilities at least 16 times during the holiday season. One day each week she and five college girlfriends all pile into one car and go exploring, perhaps to a museum, movie or just having fun over lunch together.



Kathy and her husband Dave were lifelong Colorado residents and raised their four children (three daughters and one son) in Loveland. Dave was a real estate broker and Kathy taught PE and coached swimming. She taught every age group from preschool through high school during her career. The job she loved the most was as the Education Coordinator in Special Ed for students who had severe emotional disabilities, a position she held for 15 years. Summers were spent in a cabin her parents had purchased in 1952 at Mount Massive Lakes, a trout-fishing community near Leadville. It's the highest town in the U.S. at 10,000 ft. above sea level. And, yes, the residents all keep oxygen on hand in case visitors get a little light-headed from the altitude.

After retiring Kathy and Dave brought their RV to Happy Trails for the winter for several years, and they were talking about buying a house in Grand. Then, suddenly Dave passed away just before Christmas in 2008. They had been married 44 years.

Kathy continued to come to Arizona in the winter, and in 2013 she rented a unit at LáSolana. She knew almost immediately that this was where she belonged, a place to call home. She loved the feeling of community and all of the friendly folks here. She loves to travel, and is excited about a three generation trip that she's taking soon to London with her daughter and granddaughter, who recently won an All American Cheerleader award, and will be participating in a competition there.

Kathy divides her time between LáSolana and the mountain cabin, spending about six months in each place. While in the mountains she loves gardening, canoeing and fly fishing. And what does she do to wind down? She loves watching any kind of sports, especially her favorite teams, the Colorado Rockies and the Broncos. She also enjoys reading all kinds of books, but especially mysteries. And every day you'll see her out in the neighborhood taking her little bulldog Normy for a walk. When you see her, stop and say "Hi" to this energetic, fun and friendly neighbor.

Christmas Tree Trimming



Ken and Joyce Schwarz, Rebecca Strand, Kathy Hakkarinen, Lois Mumford, George & Ann Ward.



All the stockings were hung by the chimney with care



The man behind the camera is Jack Mumford.

Ugly Sweater Pool Party



Mary and Harold Tilstra

Thank you to Annette Bergan, Bldg. 6, and her committee for a successful and fun evening.



Kathy and Richard Hakkarinen

Christmas Eve Party

Many thanks to Ann and George Ward (bldg.4) for hosting our annual party. Over 60 people came together to celebrate at a dessert party. Ann led us in song and the one that always is fun is of course, "The 12 Days of Christmas". We had partridges in a pear tree, and all the other versus sung by different groups and Ann exhausted herself leading us along...great fun. We wore name tags with the names of Santa's reindeers and birthday month...example. I was "Bubbles" and Angelpants representing January birthdays. Kept us busy laughing. A raffle drawing with many gifts ended the evening. Again, many thanks to the Wards and their terrific team for a wonderful, loving evening.

Caryl Moskowitz, Newsletter Editor



Raffle drawing winners!



George and Ann Ward



Our Clubhouse full of joy!

Good Neighbor Tips and Reminder



Thank you all for observing and following rules that make our community as lovely and welcoming as it is, and a place we can all enjoy living in.



1. Speed limit on property is 15mph.....
2. Pets on leash at all times ... pickup mandatory.
3. Trash can in mailroom ONLY for mail trash.
4. Boxes must be broken down for recycle bin and glass put in regular garbage bin.
5. Pool lounges are to be put back in place after use. We do NOT have a pool attendant.
6. Please clean the Bar-B-Que grill after use.
7. Watch the lines in the parking lot and be sure to use your space properly as a courtesy to your neighbors space...
8. Since many of us come from free standing homes and are now sharing walls with neighbors, please be considerate as to when to do laundry, house cleaning, showering, etc. Sound is magnified to others living around you. Your consideration goes a long way and is appreciated.
9. The Board has passed notice that it is mandated that the expansion tank and meter be removed.
10. Please close building doors after entering or exiting. Entrance doors closed at all times.

Thank you all and here's to a healthy, happy season at LáSolana.

Caryl Moskowitz, Newsletter Editor



2018 SOCIAL

- Jan. 24 Soup Supper
- Feb. 14 Valentine Pool Party
Feb. 28 Academy Awards Night
- Mar. 14 Sports Night
Mar. 28 Easter Brunch/
Luncheon
- Apr. 11 Pool Party

2018 MEETING DATES

- Feb. 8 Chat with the Board - 7:00 pm
- Feb. 13 Annual Meeting in SCG Sonoran Plaza
in the Sagebrush Room - 10:00 am
- March 8 Chat with the Board - 7:00 pm
March 13 Architectural Committee Meeting - 9:30 am
March 13 Board of Directors Meeting - 10:00 am
- April 5 Chat with the Board - 7:00 pm
April 10 Architectural Committee Meeting - 9:30 am
April 10 Board of Directors Meeting - 10:00 am

Mike's Corner

1. Please keep Bike Cage door closed and locked.
2. You can now put plastic, soup cans, etc. in the recycling bin. Sorry, but the glass is not allowed. I ask that all containers be rinsed before placing them in the bin to keep odors to a minimum. Styrofoam is recyclable.
3. Issues seen on grounds, let Mike know on his Board by the trash.
4. New dog waste station was installed to the west of trash bin.
5. If washing your car, please make sure your car is far enough away from the trash entrance as not to block it and prevent anyone from getting wet while rinsing. If washing golf cart, DO NOT wash off batteries. The acid will destroy the parking lot coating.

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.

