

# LA SOLANA TOWN CRIER

All the good news that's fit to print

## Everything is better at La Solana: Easter Dinner



Photo: Easter Hat Contestants: Rick Watson, John Guetzke, Jan Guetzke, Cheryl Helmer, Cheryl and Harold Enslin, Olivia Reynolds, Roger and Vickie Johnson

Our 2026 LaSolana Easter dinner was held Thursday evening April 7, with 67 people in attendance. Ham was provided by the Social Committee and side dishes and desserts provided by attending residents.

Len Jacobson and Lois Mumford opened the evening by singing two songs, The Old Rugged Cross and In the Garden. The blessing was given by Dave Helmer.

Residents attending were asked to decorate hats for Easter and our judges picked Olivia Reynolds as best looking hat, Harold Enslin most unique, John Guetzke most creative, and Rick needing helping remember the hat was for Easter and not Christmas.

Thank you all for making this Easter Special.

By Lois Mumford



Diana King, Lois Mumford, Vickie Johnson



Food was Amazing. Favorite Dessert  
**Buster Bar Dessert** - shared by Sharon  
Crust: 1/2 of 1 lb pkg of crushed Oreos  
 1/2 c. Melted margarine  
Sauce: 2 c. Powdered sugar, 1/2 cup chocolate chips,  
 1 1/2 c. Evaporated milk, 1/2 c margarine  
Directions: Mix and pat in 9x13 pan the Oreos and  
 margarine. Combine powdered sugar, chocolate  
 chips, evaporated milk, & margarine. Boil 8  
 minutes, stirring constantly. And 1 t. Vanilla and  
 cool.  
 Sprinkle 1 1/2 c Spanish peanuts over ice cream and  
 pour *cooled* chocolate sauce over peanuts and spread.



Frank Toledo, Dallas & Olivia Reynolds



Len Jacobsen and Lois Mumford led the  
 assembled in Easter songs



Bill Buckner and sister Susan Hallgren

Spring Carnival 2026  
Saturday, April 11  
4:00 pm-8:00pm  
Sign up Sheet in the ClubHouse  
Food, Fun, and Prizes



Dallas Reynolds (and many others) said: “Let there be more light at La Solana” Welcoming the replacement of the old “lollipop” lights with high quality lights that are brighter, sturdier, and more focused, is nearly complete. Dallas Reynolds worked tirelessly with consultants and Higley Electric to make this happen.

—Photos & text by Jack Mumford

## Myong Phelan

Remembering Myong Phelan, a longtime resident of La Solana, who passed away on March 16 at age 78 after a courageous battle with lung cancer. She was loved by everyone who knew her. Her funeral in Surprise was well attended by La Solana friends who turned out in numbers equal to her own Korean family and friends.

Myong was a constant figure around La Solana. During her daily walks around the grounds she greeted everyone, stopped to say hello to all the dog walkers, enjoyed the weather and the beautiful La Solana community.



Myong enjoyed the many parties and her friends at the club house. She will be missed.  
Myong in her native dress.



At La Solana no occasion goes unrecognized.

St Patrick's Day  
3/24/2026

Diane Brown & Lois Mumford  
(Bottom left) Roger & Vicki Johnson  
(Bottom right) David & Diane Brown



On Wednesday, March 18, we had 58 people show up in green for this St. Patrick's Day party. Our hostess, Diane Brown, led us in an Irish jig near the pool—to warm us up. Due to the warm weather, 102, we had people both indoors and outdoors. If you stayed in the shade, it really wasn't bad outside. We ended the evening eating Irish ice cream. Fun was had by all.

Lois Mumford



La Solana knows how to party. FOOD!

At La Solana no one leaves the table hungry. Way to go!



Don't miss the upcoming Carnival—April 11, 4-8pm.

## And Now For the Grand News

Voting for the changes to the ByLaws remains open until July 1.

Background. The ByLaws are the documents governing the day to day operations at The Grand. They were originally written by Del Webb Corporation more than 35 years ago. They were written primarily to benefit the corporation at that time. The Grand is now in the process of reviewing the entire document, so expect more proposals to change the ByLaws. We are undergoing a similar update at La Solana so please pay attention.

In order to change even the most simple of ByLaws, like one word, we must have 50% plus 1 of all properties agree or Consent to the change. Every property gets one vote. Owners only are eligible to vote. Every vote counts. If you have not had the opportunity to vote for the ByLaws proposed changes, you may still vote. On the website: Vote Now.

\*First requested change: Current language states that any **occupant** may serve on the Board of Directors. The requested change is any **owner** may serve on the Board of Directors

\* Second request is to change the terms of service for a Board Director from the current two years to three, still with a maximum of six consecutive years of service. A three year term is more efficient and would result in less turnover and getting more done in a timely manner. Currently half of our Board changes every year which is very inefficient.

**Please vote Yes to Consent to these two changes in our By Laws. Every vote counts towards the 4902 needed. At the time of this publication we need an additional 700 consents to change these ByLaws. Voting open until July 1.**

La Solana is also in the process of revising the ByLaws which were also written in the 90's. Please read the documents you've received from our Management company. Also, plan to attend the very important meeting to discuss the proposed changes:

**Clubhouse-14950 W. Mountain View Blvd  
Wednesday, April 15th, 11:00 AM**

Note: If you are a renter, please notify the owner of the importance of this meeting and the subsequent voting to amend the ByLaws.

## Grand News (Continued)

- So much happening. The LRP (long range planning committee) is reviewing the master plan with an emphasis on Cimarron. Desert Springs-Angela's construction drawings are 90% complete and out for bid. We have extended Angela's contract until final plans are made when Angela's has indicated they will bid to remain.
- Sonaran plaza will have a \$1.6 m for upgrades to include sound, lighting, projection systems, technical capabilities, etc.
- New Board members: Doug Brady, Treasurer, Diane Hammann, Secretary, Dennis O'Dell, City Liaison, Clay Stephens, VP. Thanks to all residents who took the time to vote. Existing members include: Steven Loos, President, Jeanne Chapman, and Bob Aiken.
- Roofs. The general manager proposed using Drones to photo each roof at the Grand so the roof condition can be 'grandfathered' and not be subjected to any future requirements. However, several residents complained about the use of Drones so plans have been shelved at this time. Remember last month when we had our own Drone incident (see March Town Crier). People are skittish about the use of Drones and our privacy/security.
- Please use the Contact the Board feature on the Grand website for any questions/concerns you have about policies and finances. By using this tool all members of the BoD see the issue which is also tracked. You will get a reply within 48 hours.
- **Safety at home:** Consider electronic door locks, video door bells, camera systems, smart light bulbs and light switches, which can be controlled by a smart phone. Smart lighting can be set to be on/off with the sun rise/set. Check your smoke and CO alarms. The City of Surprise will provide specialized alarms for those who are deaf/hearing impaired.
- **More smart living tips:** Know your neighbors. Check your package deliveries. If you see a package outside your neighbors' door for a long time, or overnight—take it in, contact your neighbor.
- Lots of Entertainment/Education opportunities await you. Read the Life Styles magazine. Check out the MIM and watch for the VISTA reopening with live entertainment. Check out the Surprise magazine. Stay informed. Be happy.

A very special thank you to Lois and Jack Mumford for all the great photos and stories in this issue. Without their participation this newsletter would be pretty bleak. Please consider contributing. We want your stories, your insights, your photos. The La Solana Town Crier is featured on our website and is a selling tool increasing your property values and rental opportunities.

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