

LA SOLANA TOWN CRIER

All the good news that's fit to print

From the President's desk:

Jan Smith

I get asked many times why I serve on the HOA Board, and honestly the answer is simple: I care about La Solana.

Serving on the Board has given me the opportunity to be part of a team that works hard to make a positive difference in the community's direction and quality of life. Serving on the HOA Board is about shaping the future of La Solana.

Board members guide improvements, manage budgets, communicate and listen to owners, protect property values with updated maintenance, landscaping, and community safety. The Board has a vision with specific plans for the future.

The La Solana Board currently has a vacancy on the Board and will have more as current Board Members' terms expire.

I am sharing why I love being on the HOA Board in hopes that some of you will consider sharing your experiences by becoming a member of the La Solana Board.

Please contact me if you are considering it and I can help by answering any questions or concerns you may have.

Jan Smith,

Is it a bird? Is it a plane?
Is it Superman?



Space X Rocket launch, the Starling Mission, Falcon 9, SLE-4E, California Droneship.

Photo by Carol Crawford



Carnival Time—La Solana Style

And you thought La Solana couldn't get better than it already is! Carnival Evening in Our Clubhouse



Come into our enchanted club house and be greeted by Madame Fortune Teller (AKA Patti). She'll tell your



First up, Carol at the ring toss. Dallas is all smiles walking away with his winning ticket.

Moving right along:



Hidden beneath all that clown paint is our own Manny Zavala. Beside him, none other than our fabulous Scott Cormeir (Scott keeps La Solana spotless and even joins in the fun.)



Carla recruited her hubby Bob Oehlerking to help with the ring & bottle toss.

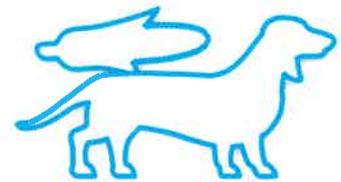




As promised, Corn Dogs and chips served up by Cindy's daughter Angie.

Great to see how the kids support their parents and join in the fun.

(My version of a corn dog!)



And the Winners Are:

LouAnn and Karen shared first place: a \$25 gift card to Village Inn and a hand crochet blanket.

\$1 Lottery Scratcher Tickets went to Ralph, Ben, Blake, Marie, David, Allen, Denise, Dallas, Donna, John, Roxie, Myong, and Kathy.

\$5 social event passes went to Sue, Allen, Blake, and Roxie.

Many attendees won hand made bowls, pot holders, toys, and a myriad of other prizes. Everyone had candy. There were no losers, only winners.



Stan and Sue spent time catching up after the summer. They said, "Great Party."



A super shout out to La Solana Social Committee. We wouldn't have a carnival without Patricia Bach, and Carol Crawford and our other Social Crew as well as our own wonderful and Carla.

Look what the Social Committee has planned next:

- 10/8 5:00 PM. Ice Cream Social Summer Send-Off. Free to all residents
- 10/11 5:00 PM. Music & More—Country Superstars
- 10/12 2:00 PM Craft of the Month—Spooky Pretzel Rods (see sign up sheet in club house)
- 10/18 2:00 PM Movie Matinee “Withering Heights”
- 1025 4:00 PM Fright Night Scavenger Hunt & Sandwiches. Sign up sheet in club house.

You can’t stop progress at La Solana.

Our Board is continually seeking ways to beautify the grounds. You remember the fountain between blogs 6 & 7? Take another look. The old, leaky fountain was demolished. What will take it’s place? That’s up to you.

Stop by the site of the old fountain. Stand around. Sit on a bench and contemplate the ambiance. Listen to the birds and the rustle of leaves in the surrounding trees.

Reimagine the space.

Mosey over to the office to share your vision.



Let’s together reimagine our gathering space

**Super Important - Railroad Update
This could change your life**

BNSF is planning to build a railroad station west of 303, north of Grand Avenue. The traffic increase will be in the thousands - yes thousands - of trucks daily offloading cars from the freight trains. Some of those trucks will come down Sunrise and Mountain View—which are public roadways. Your voice/email/text could stop a train. WWW.Pora.SCW.org. State your opinion on how truck traffic will negatively impact your life. Please do something.

And now the news from The Grand & Surprise

- The Grand Budget process is about to begin and all are welcome to observe and comment. First open meeting is October 31, live and on zoom. Check the news of the day (By now you should all have the Grand App—the best way to stay informed.). This budget will determine how much the HOA fees will rise, where and how our monies are spent. There won't be any surprises for those who are informed. The full budget process is explained on Page 8 of the October Life Styles magazine.
- The Grand just keeps getting grander. Beyond the entrance to La Solana is a freshly painted and upgraded Village Center, beautiful Palm Center from where you can watch the most beautiful sunsets in The Grand, and activities to keep you entertained, well fed, and active. Take the time to go beyond La Solana—you're paying for it, might as well enjoy everything available.
- Back to the Life Styles magazine where you will find a thorough list of resources for everything you need at The Grand (Page 83).
- Resources for the City of Surprise can be found in the LifeStyles magazine (page 82). Did you know that the City of Surprise has a Senior Resource Center?
- Fiesta Grande coming to Mark Coronado Park and it's FREE. October 11, 5-10 PM. Live music featuring the 6 piece Remington Band, as well as the Arizona Squeeze Box Kid who plays the accordion—he's a 14 year old inspiration.
- October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month. Everyone knows someone (PS you all know me and I'm a cancer survivor.) If you know of anyone who is in need of a prosthesis following a mastectomy, Stitchers (Palm Center 9-3, M-S) has free "Knitted Knockers" for anyone who needs one, here or far. Never heard of a Knitted Knocker? Stop by for a squeeze.
- Featuring a New Leaf—helping families, changing lives. Local chapter of New Leaf has many free resources for people needing temporary housing, escaping domestic abuse. They are a local non-profit worth supporting. Did you know that the money earned from their Bingo games at The Riverboat on Bell help to support all New Leaf programs. All proceeds from the Riverboat Bingo go to New Leaf. Haven't played Bingo in a long time? Check it out. Schedule for open Bingo: Monday & Friday 6:30 pm (doors open at 5 pm); Tuesday & Thursday 11 am (doors open at 9:30 am) & 6:30 pm (doors open at 5 pm) Saturday & Sunday 1:30 pm (doors open at 12:30 pm), 6:30 pm session (doors open at 5:00 pm)

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Carnival News

Photo and story by Patricia Bach



La Solana Carnival. Fun was had by all. Corn Dogs were a success although we did have a prep problem with the oven but it all worked out on the end. We had Cindy at the door giving out game tickets and taking Dinner money. We were very impressed with our fortune teller Madame Seraphina (Patti) from the office. Lee Bradley, Carol's son did an amazing job at the corn hole booth and everyone kept him busy all night. Carol ran the floor ring toss and stayed quite busy giving out winning tickets. In the card room we had car races manned by Manny (Court Jester) and Scott. There was a lot of competition for the instant prizes being won there. These prizes were donated by our friends in our community.

In the main room we had 2 more ring tosses, one wine bottle toss and one circle ring toss. Both of these games were quite popular. These games were run by Carla's husband Bob. Last, but not least, one very popular and lucrative game was the "ol Fishing Hole." We had fish, mermaids, a merman, and the mean old shark that would eat all of your catch.

We could not have managed all of this without the help in the kitchen and serving area done by Angie and Patricia.

The Activity Committee wants to thank Jan Smith for hearing our ideas for having the carnival. Planning & making: Dallas Reynolds for designing and completing the games which will be a great addition to the La Solana games for all to enjoy.

by Patricia Bach