

LA SOLANA TOWN CRIER

All the good news that's fit to print

Everything is better at La Solana: ALOHA



Our last party of this winter season April 22, was an Hawaiian Luau Party and attended by 70 LaSolana people that enjoyed an Hawaiian barbecue pulled pork and chicken dinner. Elaine Weber was our hostess for the evening while Diane Brown led a group of trained dancers directly from Hawaii, in a Hula dance. Following their dance, leis were given to everyone.

Lois Mumford



The Gang at La Solana. How many of your neighbors do you know?



(Left) Vicki Johnson, Lois Mumford, Claudia Jurowski, Paula Wilson

(Bottom Right) Kathy Mandsager
(Bottom Left) Karen Johnson & Elaine Weber



As we end our co-chairing of the LaSolana social committee, we want to thank everyone for allowing us to be your leaders for the bi-monthly gatherings these past 6 years.

Thank you to the set-up and take-down people and for the hostesses plus clean up crew and for all the delicious food provided by you. We have enjoyed our time with you and we hope you will continue to support the social events as the new committee members take over. We wish them success.

Vicky Johnson & Lois Mumford



Thank you for all you, and your team, have done to make La Solana a premier place to live.

And Here's The Rest of the Stories—The Grand

Paul Heying, CAM Community Manager

- Paul will let Membership know to include the Deaf/Hard of Hearing Smoke alarm system flyer that Surprise Fire shared at the recent C.H.A.P.S. meeting in our new homeowner packet materials.
- The Jeenie ASL interpreter system is now operational for CAM offices and sites where we have face-to-face resident contact (Membership, Activities, Fitness, etc.).
- The \$1.4M A/V upgrades planned for the Sonoran Plaza will involve the closure of parts of the building. The floors will not be part of this project due to replacement of the risers. Until we replace them, any new flooring would suffer damage caused by the risers. More information is on page 23 of May GL on newsstands now. Enhancements include, but not limited to:
 - Ability to make live announcements in the area nearest
 - Digital array speaker system
 - Lighting packages: stage plays, bands, ballroom/dancing events, etc.
 - Live scripting on screen
- 30th anniversary events are in full swing. The next one is the BBQ in June, culminating in December with a black-tie gala.
<https://livegrandaz.com/web/pages/30yearsstrong?inheritRedirect=true>
- The results of our energy audit are on page 9 of the May GL.
- We are 'in-progress' with trimming our 500+ palm trees in Grand. Please watch out for crews and notices of closures when we trim the trees near the pools.

Diane Hammann, BoD NRep Liaison

- We shared our plans for Angela's with the City and the outcome was favorable. There may be some new ADA requirements that need to be met in this area that the City will want to address. More information will be forthcoming.
- The Long-Range Planning Committee brought in a space/use planning consultant, The McMahon Group. We will be collaborating with them to develop facility master planning rationale and space programming for our 4 major buildings: Sonoran Plaza, Chaparral Center, Palm Center, and Cimarron. (May GL p. 20-21).
- The Technical Advisory Committee's (TAC) shared their report on campus security cameras at the April 23 BoD meeting. Their comprehensive report can be found in the 04-23-2026 Board Meeting Agenda Packet-General.pdf in the Document Center on the website. (Go to pages 105-111, Index 15 to review security recommendation details). The focus will be on 'transactional' locations with Grand (Membership, Fitness Center Monitor stations, golf shops, Standards).
- The TAC also made IT recommendations on everything from AI to Change Management and Disaster recovery protocols for our systems. Details are in Index 08 of the BoD agenda packet pages 34-92.
- The Board has four major categories of focus planned for this term: Financial Governance Improvements, Community Plan and Major Project Governance, Strengthening the Board's Effectiveness, and Improving Community Communications.
- I will be developing an article about the Neighborhood Rep program for GL. I would like to include any 'testimonials' you might have from your neighbors about your role. The information you share and how you positively impact them. Please submit to Linda Etherton.

2026 Survey – Gini Roberts, Director

- ❓ The complete 2026 Survey Results are on the website at <https://livegrandaz.com/group/pages/survey2026?inheritRedirect=true>
- ❓ Highlights of the survey are also in the May GL pages 14-16.
- ❓ What do we do with this information?
 - o We look at each area and see whether we have improved from the last survey. We did!
 - o We read the more than twenty thousand comments submitted and separate them by department for further review and operational improvement.
 - o We also share areas where the LRP can direct their planning focus.
- ❓ The NReps are usually the “first contact” a new resident has. Our survey showed that residents who are engaged in the community have a more favorable view of Grand than those who do not engage.

Missing Person Process – Brandon Martinez, Association Patrol Supervisor

- ❓ The video about the Missing Persons process is at: <https://vimeo.com/1016193529>
- ❓ A review of when and how NReps would be involved in a Missing Person incident is in Tab 5 of your Neighborhood Rep binder. You can also find this on the website: https://livegrandaz.com/group/pages/document-center/-/document_library/7pU9YXburbEE/view/256692 and then click on Binder Contents, Tab 5.
- ❓ The Surprise Police have confirmed that this is still the way they will oversee an at-risk missing person.
- ❓ The original Missing Person article published in GL May 2025

Sun Health Foundation – Nora Hannah, Chief Engagement Officer

Sun Health Foundation is a nonprofit dedicated to strengthening the health and well-being of our community. Every dollar donated directly supports life-saving care at Banner Boswell Medical Center, Banner Del E. Webb Medical Center, and Banner Sun Health Research Institute. Contributions also fund essential programs at the Center for Health & Wellbeing and provide vital nursing scholarships for the caregivers of tomorrow. Your support of Sun Health Foundation delivers care, research, and wellness that change lives in our community. <https://sunhealthfoundation.org/>

- ❓ The foundation was formed when the original Sun City residents realized that the new community needed a hospital facility. Mr. Boswell donated the land where, since 1970, Banner Boswell sits today.
- ❓ There are many ways for Grand residents to engage with Sun Health Foundation (see ‘Engage with Us’ flyer attached).
- ❓ You may have already engaged with us if you have a Vial of Life in your refrigerator, attended one of our Dementia seminars or Coffee Connections events (see attached).
- ❓ We also have fitness, diabetes prevention and care assistance and publish the ‘Live Well’ magazine six times a year.
- ❓ We encourage you to visit our Resale shop in Sun City West if you have not already. Become a volunteer!
- ❓ We also support a scholarship program for health care professionals. The United States faces a projected physician shortage of up to 86,000 to 124,000 doctors by 2034–2036. In 2025 alone we provided \$350k in scholarships.



Challenge yourself. Thank you Carol Crawford for submitting this original Sudoku. Solution on the next page, -No Peeking.



Solution to Sudoku on previous page.



Left: solution to March Sudoku. (Sorry, I forgot to put it in the April Town Crier.)

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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