

La Casa del Sol

January Newsletter

A Message from the President:

2013 BOARD MEMBERS:

President..... Dennis York

Vice President..... Ray Leidig

Secretary..... Steve Gandy

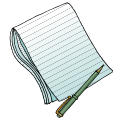
Treasurer... .. Vicki Vannatta

Director..... Ben Harbour

Director Jerry Cigainero

Director..... Candy Lamel

To speak with any of the Board members, please call the Reservations Office at (817)341-1488, and leave a message and contact info for the Board Member you wish to speak to and your call will be returned.



Welcome to 2014 at La Casa del Sol. 2013 is now in the history books and a lot was accomplished during the year. Repairs, replacements, some upgrades, additions to and changes in resort and reservations staff, new owners added and deeded weeks were recovered from delinquent owners. While much was accomplished there is yet a lot of work remaining.

During 2014 several areas will be the focus of your board of directors. First, the board will continue to be aggressive in the collection of maintenance fees due from delinquent owners, either through payment or foreclosure. This action has resulted in the return to La Casa del Sol of a large number deeded weeks that can be transferred to new and paying owners. Information is available through the Reservations Office (817) 341-1488 on deeded weeks available for transfer. These are first offered to existing owners and family members, then friends or acquaintances of current owners and finally anyone interested in ownership in La Casa del Sol. The continued strong financial condition of La Casa del Sol requires the addition of new and paying owners.

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One lucky Owner unable to attend the meeting will win a free week at the Resort by sending in their proxy. Another owner attending the meeting will also win a free week at the Resort. Please send in your proxy even if you are planning to attend the meeting. Proxies will be returned to owners attending the meeting.

MEETING NOTICE

WHAT: 2014 ANNUAL OWNERS' MEETING and ELECTION

WHEN: Saturday, February 22ⁿ beginning at 1:15 p.m.

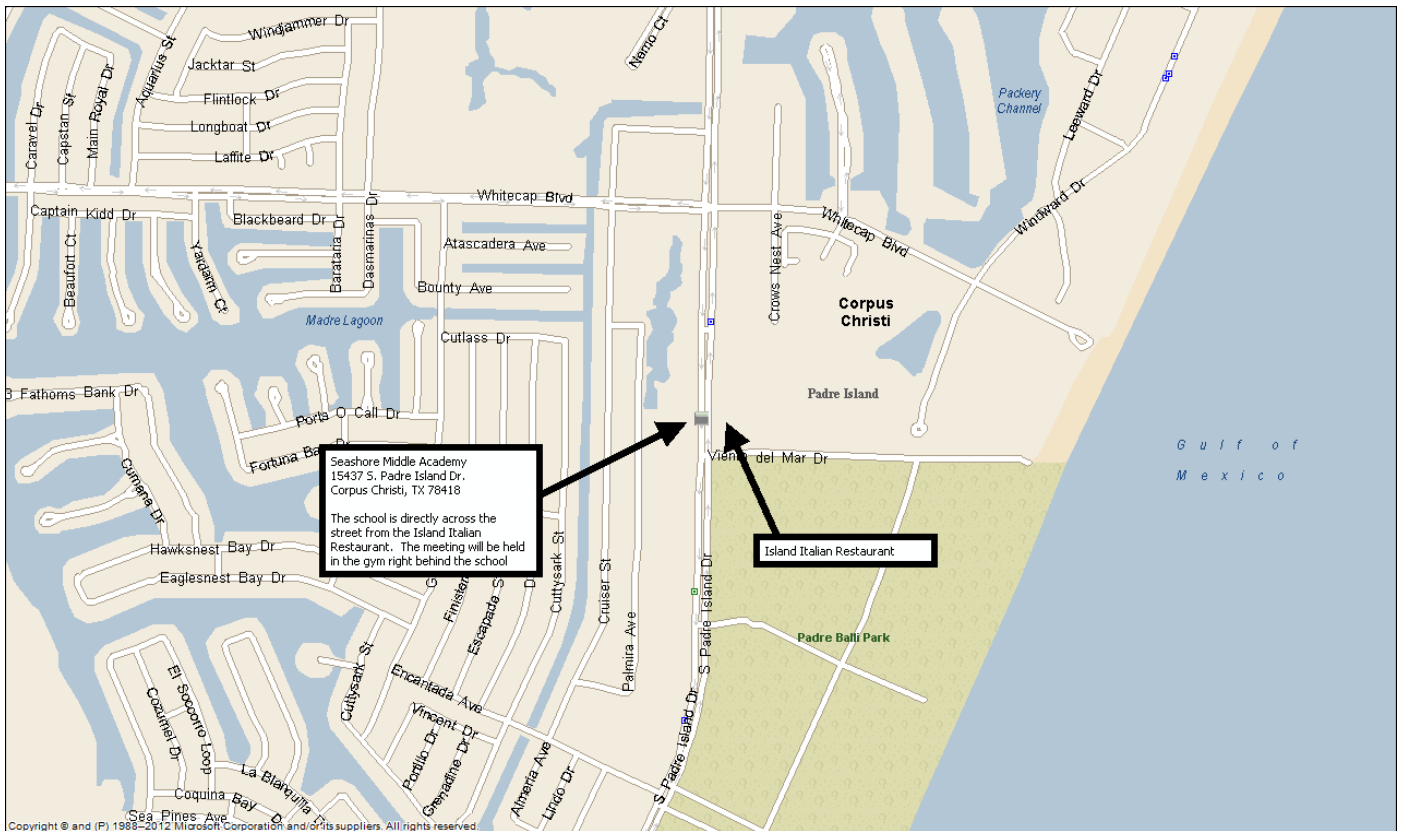
WHERE: Seashore Middle Academy, 15437 SPID, Corpus Christi TX, 78418

WHO: All owners are invited to attend or to vote by proxy.

HOW: Be sure your dues (and any fees owed) are paid and mail your proxy (enclosed here) by February 15, 2013 or bring your proxy with you, if you plan on attending.

Directions to Seashore Middle Academy:

The Seashore Middle Academy is right across the street from Island Italian Restaurant, on South Padre Island Drive. The meeting will be held in the school gymnasium which is located behind the school.



**La Casa del Sol Council of Co-Owners
2014 Annual Meeting
Proxy**

The La Casa del Sol Council of Co-Owners will meet February 22, 2014 to conduct business necessary to operate La Casa del Sol. All proxies are to be received by Steve Gandy on or before February 15, 2014. The business to be transacted at the meeting is:

- 1. Election of Two (2) Directors 2. Other business

The purpose of this proxy is to enable owners to have a vote if they are unable to attend the meeting. **It also provides for absent owners to count toward the quorum required by the bylaws.** Owners are given a choice to vote for whomever they believe will best serve the Association, or assign their proxy to another owner who will attend the meeting or to The Board of Directors.

VOTE

1. Two (2) positions on the Board of Directors are currently open for election. The Two positions are for 3 year terms. Please note that members of The Council of Co-Owners elect Directors to the Board and the Board of Directors elects Officers. Members are voting for Directors, not Officers, in this election.

Place an X to the left of no more than two candidates of your choice for the two 3 year terms.

If you choose to vote for a Write In candidate(s), please indicate their name(s) in the space provided to the left of the areas designated for Write In Candidates.

_____ Vicki Vannatta _____ Ray Leidig _____ Mary Lopez

_____ Write in Candidate _____ Write in Candidate

2. Any other business as may properly come before the meeting or any adjournment thereof shall be voted by my assigned proxy or by the Board of Directors.

Assignment of Proxy

The undersigned hereby appoints and authorizes **ONE** of the following to represent and to vote this proxy, the membership interest in La Casa del Sol Council of Co-owners, Inc. held of record by the undersigned on December 31, 2013 or any adjournment thereof. This is valid for this annual meeting only.

MARK ONE OF THE FOLLOWING TWO CHOICES TO ASSIGN YOUR PROXY:

___ 1. The Board of Directors

Or

___ 2. Other Owner _____
(Print Other Owner's name)

I/we own Unit _____ Week # _____ **I/we also own** _____ other unit weeks _____ I/we plan to attend the meeting

THIS BALLOT/PROXY, WHEN PROPERLY EXECUTED, WILL BE VOTED IN THE MANNER DIRECTED BY THE UNDERSIGNED. IF NO DIRECTION IS MADE, IT WILL BE VOTED AT THE DISCRETION OF THE PROXY HOLDER. IF NOT MARKED, OR MARKED IMPROPERLY, IT WILL BE COUNTED TOWARD A QUORUM ONLY.

When ownership is held by joint tenants, both should sign. When signing as an attorney, executor, administrator, trustee or guardian, give full title. If a corporation please sign full corporate name by authorized officer. If a partnership, please sign in partnership name by authorized person. **Proxy is invalid if not signed.**

(Signature) (Please PRINT name) (Date)

(Signature) (Please PRINT name) (Date)
(Please return to the address on the reverse side)

If you would like to receive future correspondence including the Newsletters and Proxy documents from LCDS by Email, please provide your Email Address, Print and Sign your Name below: If you choose to receive information by US Mail you do not have to do anything.

Email Address: _____ Name: _____

..... **Fold Here**

Place
Stamp Here

Steve Gandy
457 High School Drive
Lewisville, TX 75057

..... **Fold Here**

Please tape edges after folding and before mailing

Election Information:

Currently three candidates have submitted their intent to run for one of the two open Board positions. Applications can still be made by sending your Resume to the Secretary of the Board, Steve Gandy (at lacasasecretary@gmail.com) up to 48 hours prior to the election. Your resume will be read (subject to the submission limitation of 250 words) at the meeting or if you are in attendance you may make a brief introductory statement to the audience. Nominations can also be made from the floor at the Annual Meeting.

It is extremely important that you return your proxies as a minimum number of members must be present either in person or by proxy to form a quorum. This quorum is necessary to conduct the business of the Association. Each proxy can 1) vote for two candidates to fill the open positions or 2) write in up to two candidates or 3) allocate one or two of the choices to either an individual who will be attending the meeting or to the Board of Directors, who in turn will cast the vote. If you are present at the meeting you can decide at that time how you wish to vote.

Candidate Resumes / Statement

Vicki Vannatta

306 CR 4683, Boyd, TX 76023

Phone: 940-433-3415

Vvannatta@embarqmail.com

My name is Vicki Vannatta and I ask for your vote to serve another term on the Board of Directors of La Casa Del Sol. I have served for the last two years as the Treasurer of our organization, utilizing my background in accounting. I have also taken the lead in our project to remodel and update the interior of the units. We have completed one and are currently working on 3 more. If re-elected, I will continue to devote my time and energy to serve the owners of LCDS. Thank you.

Mary Elizabeth Lopez

219 W. Emerson Ave., San Antonio, TX 78226

Phone: 210-436-8230

marylopezsax@aol.com

I have been a timeshare owner since 2000 and currently own three units at La Casa del Sol and two units at a timeshare in Las Vegas, Nevada. I retired from federal employment with 34 years of service and from the USAF Reserve with 33 years of service. My experience includes managing a multi-million dollar annual budget, overseeing manpower allocations and authorizations, and management of seven maintenance facilities for the 433d Maintenance Group, C-5A cargo aircraft. I have also done property management for about 10 years. I have two associate degrees and am currently pursuing a Bachelor's degree in Management at Our Lady of the Lake University in San Antonio, Texas. I feel my knowledge and experience will prove to be an invaluable asset to the Board of La Casa del Sol.

Ray Leidig

3792 Hwy. 26, DeRidder, LA. 70634

Phone: 337-463-6736

Greetings to all who read this message. The purpose of this message is to introduce myself to you and to announce my candidacy for re-election to the Board of Directors for La Casa Del Sol. For the last two and a half years I have been in charge of resort operations and during this time we have made many positive changes. (See the fall newsletter) The past three years have been an exciting time to be on the board, especially when I think that four years ago we were discussing whether or not to divest ourselves of the resort. (Continued on page 6)

I have met many of you and have not only listened to your problems, solutions and suggestions you have had, I have also tried to address them in a timely fashion. I have tried to be as fair to everyone in doing what is needed for La Casa and the owners.

By now you are probably saying, "Who is this guy?" Well, my name is Ray Leidig, Jr and I live in DeRidder, La. I am 77 years old, and widowed (not an advertisement, just a fact).

I am asking for your vote, during this exciting time, to return me to your Board of Directors for the next three years

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Second, the board approved a small increase in maintenance fees for 2014. The increase, along with some current cash reserves, will be used for continuing upgrades to units. The plan for 2014 is to complete an upgrade of three or four additional units at an approximate cost of \$13,500 per unit.

Third, 2014 will require the board to maintain our diligence to mitigate any potential increase in the tax appraised value of the resort property. With the development of the new water park, it is reasonable to expect the taxing authorities to continue to escalate the appraised values of property on the island. This will continue to be a matter of board effort for the foreseeable future.

Finally, increased efforts will be made to promote and secure new and younger owners who will be able to sustain the continuation of La Casa del Sol as economically as can be achieved.

As always, the board seeks your comments, input, suggestions and assistance in managing the resort for the benefit of all. Please feel free to email me at lacasapresident@yahoo.com regarding any matter concerning the property or your ownership in La Casa del Sol.

Wishing all of you a happy, prosperous and healthy 2014.

Dennis York

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FRAUD ALERT!

Many different scams exist associated with timeshare sales. Please be very cautious if you are approached with a scheme for renting, selling or trading your timeshare ownership. Call the Weatherford office with any questions and have your attorney review the documents before you sign them.

La Casa del Sol (the resort):

15113 Leeward Dr., Corpus Christi, TX 78418

Phone: 361-949-6050

Resort Manager: Mikel Bilano

IF YOU WILL BE ARRIVING LATE: you must call the RESORT OFFICE before 8:00 p.m. on Friday to make arrangements for obtaining a key to your unit.

Reservations and Accounting Office:

P.O. Box 130, Weatherford, TX 76086

Phone: 817-341-1488 or toll free: 888-949-6027

Fax: 817-594-2770

Office hours: 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. (Monday – Friday)

TO MAKE A RESERVATION: call AT or AFTER 9:00 a.m. (CT) and leave a message and contact phone number. Calls will be returned beginning at 9:15 (CT) in the order received. **BE SURE TO BE AVAILABLE** – if you do not answer, a 2nd attempt will be made only after the others on the list are called first.

Note to RCI Members: Visit the link <http://app.rci.com/landing/InsideRCI> for their latest information online.



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