

La Casa del Sol

Your Home at the Coast - on North Padre Island

Fall Newsletter

website: www.lacasaresort.com

November 2015

2015 BOARD MEMBERS:

President..... Vicki Vannatta

Vice President .. Steve Gandy

Treasurer Gaylen Cox

Secretary..... Candy Lamel

Director..... Jerry Cigainero

Director..... Ben Harbour

Director..... Ray Leidig

Plus Assistant Treasurer:
Dennis York (appointed)

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 with, and your call will be returned.

A Message from the President:

Greetings, La Casa Owners,



As 2015 comes to a close, we reflect on what a year it has been. We completed a “mini-refurbishment” on several units and they look fabulous. The landscaping in the breezeway and at poolside is lush and beautiful. We continue to receive positive feedback from you along with suggestions for improvements and we thank you for both.

Our collective challenge as owners, going forward, is to increase the size of the LCDS family. We need you to spread the word that ownership in LCDS is a great vacation value. In fact, it has never been less expensive, or easier, to own a little piece of our paradise resort. For as little as \$625 plus a \$250 transfer fee, your friends and family can join the LCDS family of owners, and this cost includes the 2016 maintenance fees. For a limited time, we will waive the \$250 transfer fee when transferring any of the weeks owned by the LCDS Council of Co-Owners. This offer expires on 12/31/15 and certain rules and restrictions apply. For details please check our website or give the reservations office a call.

Our website, www.lacasaresort.com, and our Facebook page, La Casa Del Sol Council of Co-Owners, are active and constantly updated. Please check out the website and like us on Facebook. Both are great ways to let folks know about the best kept secret on The Island – La Casa del Sol Resort.

As always, your board is interested in hearing from you. Please contact the reservations office with any questions or requests for information

Vicki Vannatta, lacasapresident@yahoo.com

MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW:

JANUARY 2, 2016

LAST DAY to Email your Application for Candidacy if you wish to run for election to a seat on the 2016 Board of Directors (see instructions on page 3)

FEBRUARY 27, 2016

Annual Owners' Meeting to be held on *The Island* (more information on page 3)

RESERVE YOUR DEEDED WEEK:

Count backwards **SIX (6) MONTHS** on your calendar, from the date of the week you own, and notify the Reservations Office, by phone or fax, by THAT date if you wish to use your own week – or it will be available for others wishing to trade their deeded week inside the 6-month timeframe.

PAY YOUR 2016 DUES on time:

Reservations are not confirmed unless your dues are current and any fees are paid.



2015 YEAR IN REVIEW

February 28, 2015 Annual Meeting and Election of Board Members

President Vicki Vannatta called the meeting to order at 1:33 PM at the Brookside Center in Hurst, Texas. Although very few people braved the icy roads to attend, enough owners' proxies had been mailed in to constitute a quorum. The February 2014 Annual Meeting minutes were read and approved. Treasurer Dennis York presented financials for 2014, answered questions, and the Treasurer's Report was accepted; the Budget for 2015 was also presented. Our cash position remains strong, but he emphasized that for revenues to cover spending in 2016, several units need to be transferred to new owners. Steve Gandy, VP in charge of Resort Operations, reported on the status of staffing and activities at the resort, including many remodeling and landscaping improvements completed last year and those also planned for completion in the current year.

Four applicants were running for the three positions open for election to the Board: Robert Barron, Gaylen Cox, and Candy Lamel were considering a first term on the Board and Ben Harbour was running for re-election to a second term. Mr. Barron and Mrs. Cox were not able to get to the meeting, so their letters of introduction were read to the audience by Dennis York and Vicki Vannatta, respectively. Mr. Harbour and Mrs. Lamel then introduced themselves to those in attendance. The vote was taken, ballots were counted (including all the proxies mailed in by owners not in attendance) and the results were announced: Gaylen Cox and Candy Lamel will serve their first 3-year terms and Ben Harbour will remain on the Board for his second 3-year term.

PLEASE NOTE:

Board Members are all unpaid volunteers and this is a *working* Board. Effective management of the resort and business operations, on behalf of all owners of La Casa del Sol, involves many hours of independent effort by each Board Member. Board meetings are held about every six weeks in the Fort Worth area, with the exception of the February meeting, which is held in conjunction with the Annual Owners' Meeting which alternates between the DFW area and North Padre Island.

A question and answer session followed, as well as drawings for the free IP weeks. Those whose terms were expiring (Jerry Lamel and Dennis York) were thanked for their service, Dennis was thanked for generously agreeing to continue to support the group, and the meeting was adjourned at 3:33 p.m.

In accordance with our by-laws: the next Annual Owners Meeting will take place on the last Saturday in February of 2016, in Nueces County (on *The Island*).

Visit our updated website: www.lacasaresort.com - to read the minutes posted for all meetings.

Reservations and Accounting Office Update:

The office was moved to Cresson, Texas last spring. Andy Moore continues as the full-time Office Manager and Charlene Glaub continues also on a part time basis, now that the majority of work on deed foreclosures has been completed. These hardworking ladies make your reservations, invoice and apply your payments, and perform numerous administrative duties required to handle the business end of our organization. Please refer to the website (www.lacasaresort.com) for the rules regarding reservation of Deeded Weeks, Interval Plus (IP) weeks, and Owner Bonus time. If there are still questions, call either Andy or Charlene and ask to have a Board member call you back for clarification. If you are unable to reserve the accommodations you desire, remember that they have been directed to follow the Rules and Regulations established by the Board of Directors, so please avoid asking for special consideration.



Prior to calling for your reservation, please refer to the website for a complete list of the Rules and Regulations and penalties for non-compliance. Especially remember that: except for Service Animals, no pets are allowed anywhere on the Resort Property at any time; smoking is prohibited inside ALL units; boat trailer parking spaces must be reserved when you make your unit reservation or you will have to park on the street; unit occupancy limits are strictly enforced, and there are specific rules and limitations regarding guests who may visit you while you are at the resort.



Greetings from the Resort!

2015 has been a busy and productive year for the resort staff, with several projects completed. If you visited the property after April 2015, you would have immediately noticed the landscaping upgrades, especially the breezeway area. The staff worked hard on this and the feedback from our guests has been very positive. We performed upgrades on nine units this year. The upgrades were basically the same as those done in Units 104 & 110, but without the major kitchen and tile tear out. Two new grills were authorized by the Board and installed in early summer and the office was renovated with a fresh new look.



New signage has been installed at the resort entry and on the back wall of the resort facing Lake Padre. Our security system has been updated and several small projects were completed that we hope will increase security for our guests. We received requests from several guests asking to bring back the weekly get together at the pool area, and I'm happy to report the weekly "Meet the Manager" lunch at the pool is back. The staff does a great job every Wednesday during the busy season with hot dogs, burgers and other goodies for lunch. The guests can, and do, bring their own recipes and share the love. The feedback from everyone has been awesome!

We experienced personnel changes at the resort again this year: Shelly Franklin is now the Resort Manager and oversees all day to day resort operations. Adrian Zamora and Filomeno (*Phil*) Saldivas are now the maintenance personnel. Sarah Manittello assists Shelly in the office.

The resort continues to operate smoothly and we welcome any suggestions for improvement. Please remember: the proper care and respect for our property is the responsibility of every owner. If you notice something that needs attention please inform the staff or myself.

Steve Gandy, Vice President – Resort Operations, lacasavp@gmail.com

MEETING NOTICE:

WHAT: 2016 ANNUAL OWNERS' MEETING AND ELECTION
WHEN: Saturday, February 27, 2016 at 1:00 p.m.
WHERE: on North Padre Island – look for details in the January Newsletter
WHO: All Owners are invited to attend, or you may vote by proxy.
HOW: Candidate information and a proxy will be included in the January Newsletter with instructions about voting rules and deadlines.

**2016 ELECTION:**

The Board of Directors of the LCDS Council of Co-Owners meets about every 6 to 8 weeks in the Fort Worth area, and is comprised of seven (7) elected volunteers, serving staggered 3-year terms, with service limits of two (2) consecutive 3-year terms each.

Two (2) seats on the Board will be up for election at the February 2016 Annual Owners' Meeting on North Padre Island and we welcome your interest. To be considered for one of these positions, you should plan to attend that meeting and you will need to submit an application for candidacy by Email to Secretary Candy Lamel at:

lacasasecretary@gmail.com

no later than **January 2, 2016.**

APPLICATION FOR CANDIDACY

Instructions:

- 1) State your La Casa del Sol Owner Information:
 - Your Full Name
 - The Deeded Week(s) you own
 - Your full Mailing Address
 - Phone Number(s) where you can be reached
 - Your Email Address
- 2) Provide a brief article (250 word limit, please) that can be published in our January Newsletter. Please type it in **Microsoft WORD** format so it can be electronically copied onto the newsletter document without changes. Your article should introduce yourself and state why you wish to serve on the Board. Include experience or attributes you can contribute to our team to actively help with efforts to oversee the resort and business operations of our wonderful La Casa del Sol.

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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. **NEVER PAY UPFRONT FEES.** Pay only after your transaction has been completed. **You may want to contact your Attorney.**

La Casa del Sol (the resort):

15113 Leeward Dr., Corpus Christi, TX 78418

Phone: 361-949-6050

Resort Manager: Shelly Franklin

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:

18757 S. Highway 377, Cresson, TX 76035

Phone: 817-396-4676 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.

Visit our updated website at **www.lacasaresort.com.**