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News From Your Activity Association

By Tim Davis, President

The summer continues to fly by in La Casa and pretty soon it will be Labor Day and time for another fun party at the Rec Hall. This year we will be serving a delicious lunch of sandwiches, homemade pasta salad, chips, plus your favorite beverages and a scrumptious dessert. Then it's time to play the La Casa Derby with Wally and his capable crew of volunteers, so bring plenty of quarters and prepare to win a fortune. The fun starts promptly at noon on Monday, September 1st and still costs only \$5.00 per person. We will begin selling tickets before the August 13th coffee hour, Thursday night Bingo and ending sales at the August 27th coffee hour. Please buy your tickets by the cut-off date as we are cooking this meal ourselves and need to have an accurate count in order to buy enough food. We also need volunteers to help in the kitchen, serve food and clean up – there will be a **sign-up sheet for VOLUNTEERS** on the Rec Hall Bulletin Board if you would like to help.

August's dance will feature "Alex the Barber" on Saturday, August 16th. Ticket sales will also begin before the August 13th coffee hour and continue to the night of the event. BYOB, hors' d'oeuvres, a dancing partner and dance the night away under the stars (i.e., the sparkly twinkle lights in the Rec Hall ceiling). Tickets are \$5.00 and reserved table seating.

The next Wednesday Night at the Movies will start at 7:00 p.m. on August 27th. This is a free event with popcorn provided. BYOB and enjoy the show. We will post the movie selection online and on the bulletin boards closer to the actual date of the event.

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Your Activity Board would like to once again thank all the volunteers who help make our events such a success. It is impossible to thank everyone all the time, but you know who you are. The

thoughtful things you do and how much you contribute really makes our job easier and reflects on the generosity and caring that the residents of La Casa are known for. **THANK YOU SO MUCH!** Until next month!

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News From Our HOA Treasurer

Jan Danner

The dog days of August are upon us once again. As Buster Poindexter once sang, 'It's Hot, Hot, Hot'. Hope everyone is coping with the heat and rain.

I've had several people ask me to explain how our budgeting process works so I'll go over it. Our budget is a calendar year -from Jan to Dec. We are well into 2014 so the figures I'm going to quote are for 2015. Our budget consists of over 40 categories from pool supplies to mail boxes. The biggest category, of course, is salaries at \$360k and in descending order, reserves \$275k, mowing \$200k, security \$140k, electricity \$90k and insurance \$77k. Those six categories consume over \$1.14 Million. Our total budget for 2015 is, preliminarily, \$1.9 Million dollars. So the other \$760k is eaten up with landscaping, taxes, legal fees, office expenses, etc. A complete list is available from me, any board member, Gary Beeler or Randy Browning. The budget is finalized in August and then submitted to the residents for their approval in September.

Now, how do we fund these expenses? Us, of course, through our monthly maintenance fees and rental income. That provides the bulk but we also collect interest charges for those who want to finance their purchase of a share. Since the rental income goes down every year because we sell a share we're trying to develop some other sources of income.

We're going to start offering our seasonal renters the option of buying a bar code for their car. A price hasn't yet been determined but will be in place by Sept 1. Another exciting source of income is Amazon.com. By clicking on the Amazon button on our webpage, LACASAROC.COM, a portion of your purchase price is credited to us.

You must be registered on the website in order for us to collect. Please register so we can collect our share. It's doesn't sound like much but in June but we collected \$40 on just a few purchases. We anticipate that once the program is rolled out it could lead to several thousand dollars a year without any cost to us.

As Adlai Stevenson once said "a billion here, a billion there and pretty soon you're talking real money". While La Casa doesn't have quite that much you get the drift-manage your money in a responsible manner and let your money take care of you. Till next month.

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Submitted by Marilyn Kulibert, President

There are many kinds of rules in La Casa. While some people may find rules bothersome, they are really in place for our benefit and it is one of the things that make La Casa a great park in which to live.

We have rules that improve the over-all appearance of the park, like telling us how close our homes can be from the street and from each other, and that tell us which colors are allowed when painting our homes.

We have rules for our own safety, such as walking on the proper side of the road, stop signs at intersections, walking dogs on leashes, and driving at the speed limit.

We have rules controlling access to the park by visitors, sales people, and workmen. We don't get bothered by door to door salespersons, and our residents feel safe in their homes.

While we may grumble and complain at times about rules and regulations, they are there for a reason, and they do contribute to our great La Casa lifestyle. Buyers have commented that they are looking for a well managed park, and one that includes rules and regulations.

Welcome to LaCasa

By Shirley Barnes

Greg and Debby Kopp, 489 Loma Linda, (317) 490-0855 are from Indianapolis, IN. Greg's career has been in cardiac testing and his last position was as a manager of a cardiac testing center. Greg retired from that position in 2012. Debby has always worked in a hospital setting in a managerial position in the business office. Debby recently retired from there in 2013. Greg and Debby have three children and four grandchildren. They both enjoy walking, biking and playing pickle ball. Greg likes writing and Debby enjoys reading and bowling.



Mike and Jo Wells, 216 La Rosas, (812) 734-5449 are permanent residents in LaCasa and are formerly from Lanesville, IN. Mike was a sheet metal worker for years before retiring in 2012. Jo spent many years as an administrative assistant in personnel at many different places. Jo has worked in the juvenile court system as well as in defense contracts. She still hasn't retired as yet. Mike and Jo had a twenty-four year old child, a son who they lost in a traffic accident years ago. Mike likes doing many jobs around the house and fishing. Jo likes volunteering, computers, reading and yard work.

Monthly Food Drive

Submitted by Norma Beach

*Supporting Salvation Army North Port
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Tuesday - August 12th

Please have your donation bag hung on your lamp post by 9:15 am.

HELP

by Connie Listman

The HELP Dispatcher for the month of

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Anna Tyler - 426-7610

Coffee Hour for August

By Tim Davis

Coffee Hour Starts at 9:15 am

There will be two Coffee Hours in August - **August 13th & 27th**. The summer Coffee Hours will include **Blood Pressures** being taken. **Please circle August 13th & 27th** on your calendars and watch Channel 195 or the LaCasa Web Site for further information.

In Memoriam

Arlene Guthrie
in Early June
Former Resident

Bob Doshan
on June 22nd
Husband of Josie

Barbara Keys
on June 23rd

Boating & Fishing Club

Cayo Costa Beach Party

The Boating and Fishing Club is planning a day at Cayo Costa Island. This unspoiled barrier island state park is accessible only by boat. We will leave Fisherman's Village in Punta Gorda at 9am for a two hour boat trip to Cayo Costa. We will spend three hours on the island and return to Fisherman's Village about 4pm.

The island has 9 miles of beautiful white, soft sandy beaches with acres of pine forests and spectacular displays of bird life. You will be able to enjoy shelling, hiking, swimming in the surf, sunbathing and picnicking in the shade. A picnic pavilion, tables and restroom facilities are available. You would need to provide your own picnic lunch. The Boat Club will provide beverages. Kayaks are available through the Park Rangers.

This event is for Members only and is limited to 75 people. The cost for the boat ride is \$10.00. As this is a state park, there also is a \$2 per person entrance fee; total cost for a ticket is \$12.00. No alcoholic beverages are allowed in the park; however, you will be able to imbibe on the boat trip to and from the island.

So pack up your beach chairs, umbrellas, sun screen, bug spray, Dramamine and lunch. Join us for a day's adventure on Thursday, October 30. As this is limited to 75 people, call Sandy Danner, 941-429-9809, or Linda Baskerville, 941-258-2334 to reserve your space.

Mark your calendar for the upcoming Boating and Fishing Club events:

Mon., Oct. 20, 2014, Election Dinner & Dance

Thurs., Oct. 30, 2014, Cayo Costa Boat Trip

Mon., Dec. 8, 2014, Christmas Dance

Have a fun, safe summer and we will see you soon.

Ahoy from your LaCasa Boating & Fishing Club Board,
Linda Baskerville, Commodore



Top Ten Facts About Ice Cream (From the Internet)

Do you love ice cream? So do I. Here are ten things you never knew about...ice cream.

1. New Zealanders eat more ice-cream than any other nation; an average of 28.4 litres per person per year.
2. This is more than four times the UK average of seven litres per person.
3. On Jun 13, 1789, George Washington became the first US president to eat ice cream.
4. The ice cream cone was patented by Italo Marchioni of New York on December 15, 1903.
5. According to Nasa, ice cream is among the top three items most missed by astronauts on space flights. The others are pizza and fizzy drinks.
6. The European patent office lists a total of 11, 715 ice cream-related inventions, plus another 421 with icecream spelled as one word.
7. Ice cream came fifth in a list of favorite snacks while watching TV in 2001 in the UK.
8. Joey Chestnut won the 2014 World Ice Cream Eating Championship with 15 pints in six minutes.
9. Around 25 percent of all ice cream sales are vanilla.
10. It takes an average of 50 licks to eat a single scoop ice cream cone.

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LaCasa Genealogical Society

Submitted by Leona Farris

We've had a great summer watching World Cup. We watch futbol (soccer) on a regular basis so this has been wonderful. These days people are crazy for all kinds of sports so I wondered when all this started. In the Americas in the 17th century, early settlers were pretty busy and had little time or equipment for sports. The young people did play games so here are some of the most popular:

Blind Man's Bluff was played with 4 – 12 players. I remember playing this game as a kid.

Hunt the Slipper was played with 6 – 18 players. It reminds me of button, button that we played only this one uses a slipper. Blow Out and Ring Taw were marble games. I didn't play with marbles so I don't know if they were anything like the marble games played when I was young.

Lacrosse was a game played by Native Americans who loved competition of all kinds. My niece plays Lacrosse for her college team in Minnesota. They travel a lot because not too many colleges play Lacrosse. She loves the game.

"Football" has been played for over 3,000 years. First played in China then the Romans and Greeks and finally to England. In 1815 English schools came forth with a new set of rules, known as Cambridge rules. Football was divided into two groups. One group is Rugby which allows tripping, shin kicking and carrying the ball, all are prohibited by the Cambridge rules. The other group is football in England (soccer here) which gives penalties for tripping, shin kicking and touching the ball. I prefer the soccer over rugby. I hope you watch some of the World Cup along with millions around the world.

The Top Movie Songs of all Time – 1950's
 Singin' in the Rain – Singin' in the Rain
 The Man that Got Away – A Star is Born
 Diamonds are a Girl's Best Friend –
 Gentlemen Prefer Blonds
 Jailhouse Rock – Jailhouse Rock
 High Noon – High Noon
 Some Enchanted Evening – South Pacific

I Got Rhythm – An American in Paris
 Luck Be A Lady – Guys and Dolls
 That's Entertainment – The Band Wagon
 Whatever Will Be Will Be (Que Sera, Sera) –
 The Man Who Knew Too Much
 Make 'em Laugh – Singin' In the Rain
 Rock Around The Clock – Blackboard Jungle
 Summertime – Porgy and Bess
 Shall We Dance – The King and I
 Thank Heaven for Little Girls – Gigi
 Get Happy – Summer Stock
 Good Morning – Singin' In The Rain

Wow, great songs. If it's too hot outside watch a movie. That's what I do.

BUNCO

Katie Bauer (423-0204) and Karen Hoepfner (429-0521)

Bunco is game that you can play and talk and have an entertaining evening. We love to have first time players. It's very easy and a lot of fun.

The winners for June 9th were as follows:

Travelers:	Linda Wiser
Most Travelers:	Linda Wiser
Most Buncos:	Joyce Breton & Karen Hoepfner
Last Bunco:	Katie Bauer
Most Wins:	Nathalie Reininger
Most Losses:	Anna Martin

The winners for June 23rd were as follows:

Travelers:	Barbara Cronin
Most Travelers:	Carol Parmentier
Most Buncos:	Katie Bauer
Last Bunco:	Katie Bauer
Most Wins:	Jean Goins
Most Losses:	Linda Wiser

Please come and join us. You don't have to know how to play; it's very easy and there's always someone ready to show you how.

We are meeting at the Club House now on Mondays until October. Be sure to watch the TV channel for any changes.

Any questions, please call Katie at 423-0204 or Karen at 429-0521.

LaCasa Veterans Association

Paul Stevens, Commander
941-525-9400

Here it is, July already. Hope all had a wonderful 4th with family and friends. We had a great 4th at LaCasa with the Golf Cart Parade, then a great dinner furnished by the Activity Association.

We were proud to be able to use our new rifles in the Honor Guard for the Memorial Day Service.



Memorial Day Service 2014

Our next Veterans meeting will be on Monday, September 15, 2014 at 1:00 pm.

Fall events:

Nov., 1. -- Karaoke

Nov. 8. -- VA Dance

Mark your calendars.

Rich Costa is still accepting your old torn and tattered flags; please bring them to 328 LaCosta and they will be taken to their final resting place.

See you soon!

We now have our own Web Site --

www.lacasaroc.com

Please sign on and register for the most up-to-date Park information.

Grandmother's Club

Barbara Jordan, Secretary

The Grandmother's Club hopes everyone had a great 4th of July, whether you're up north or at LaCasa.

The month of July is a quiet time for us. We are using this time to rest and prepare for the coming season. We had no luncheon for July due to the lack of a hostess.

The August Luncheon will be hosted by Gloria Delker of 633 Los Altos (1-760-585-5970). She has chosen West Coast Seafood Co. at 41 & Albee Rd. in Venice on Tues. August 12, 2014. Information will be posted on 195 and sign-up sheets will be posted on the Rec Hall bulletin board.

The September Luncheon will be hosted by Sally Smith, Shirley Barnes, and Marilee Taylor. They have chosen Snook Haven off North River Rd. in North Port near interstate 75. This is a fun place. Sign-up sheets are on the bulletin board in the Rec. Hall.

The next General meeting is October 14, 2014. This event will be chaired by Shirley Barnes, a Past President. We will be welcoming back our snowbirds.

On Friday, October 31st, the Grandmother's Club will be holding our first fundraiser. Our Halloween Dance is only 3 months away!!! Start thinking about getting those fabulous and creative costumes together. Prizes for individuals, couples and group costumes and more!!!

The November General meeting will be on **Monday**, November 10th 2014. This meeting is to elect our officers. Due to Election Day we will not be holding our meeting on Tuesday.

On Saturday, November 15, 2014 the Grandmother's will be hosting a Dinner Dance, "A Little Bit Of Country", from 5-10 as a fundraiser. More information will be forthcoming.

There will be a lot to do this fall, so ladies man your engines.

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A big "thank you" to our friends and neighbors for their cards and prayers for Bob's recovery from his recent hip replacement surgery.

A "thank you" also to Shirley Paro for bringing by the flowers from the Sunshine Visitors.

Bob is improving daily with therapy and looking forward to being active again.

Bob & Marilyn Cunningham

A big thank you to our LaCasa friends and neighbors for the cards, prayers, flowers and food I received after my back surgery.

It was so nice to be remembered by everyone.

*Sincerely,
Eleanor LaFrance*

Thank you seems so inadequate to express my appreciation for the many, many calls, cards, flowers, delicious meals, and all the other thoughtful things you have done for me during my illness. Thank you to all! LaCasa is indeed a special place to live.

Mary Borst

Special Thanks

The La Casa website committee wants to thank all the La Casa residents who purchased any product through the Amazon link on the community website.

Although we got off to a slow start with only one purchase during the first two weeks of June, as of today (June 28th) there have been 25 items purchased which equals a total of \$665.32 in sales that results in almost \$40 on income for the LaCasa community.

We know \$40 is not a lot of income but this is only the first month at this, and every additional dollar of income counts.

We had a question from a resident who pointed out that she didn't have to log in to the La Casa website to access the Amazon link and asked if it would be ok to direct her family

and friends to the link if they were going to make a purchase through Amazon.

She was correct, of course, the Amazon links on the community website are not protected information, so they can be accessed by the public who come to the website.

So if you have friends or family who purchase through Amazon please feel free to direct them to the community website and their purchases will support La Casa and generate additional income for the community.

Thank you again.

The LaCasa Billiard Club would like to thank the LaCasa Activity Board for approving funds requested to replace billiard balls and other needed accessories. Your consideration is appreciated.

*John Lawrence, Vice President
LaCasa Billiard Club*

Amazon.com

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If you already shop at Amazon.com, you will want to access it through the LaCasa website (LaCasaRoc.com). You may have noticed an Amazon advertisement on the home page of the LaCasaRoc.com website. We have chosen Amazon because it is one of the largest and most trusted online suppliers (they have everything!). **If you make any purchases while there, they would generate a 4 to 8% sales commission on your purchase and that would be paid directly to LaCasa.** Advertising income from Amazon goes directly to the LaCasa community for community improvements.

If you are not registered on the LaCasa website, you will want to register NOW. The directions are included in this newsletter and are also available from any Website Committee Member. We hope that you will register for your website and support this advertising initiative which benefits your community. Thanks from the LaCasa Website Committee.

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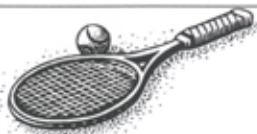
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August 2014 Tennis Tidbits

by Hugh Wheeler

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Oct. 21, 2014: Next Tennis Club General Meeting

Nov. 5, 2014: Lobster Dinner, if someone volunteers to do it.

Nov. 16, 2014: Fall picnic hosted by **Deuces Wild**.

Dec. 7, 2014: Wimbledon Tournament, 9 am to 4 pm.

USTA RULES REVIEW:

WARM-UP

3. *Warm-up is not practice.* A player should provide the opponent a warm-up of five to ten minutes. If a player declines to warm up the opponent, the player forfeits the right to a warm-up, and the opponent may warm up with another person. Some players confuse warm-up and practice. Each player should try to hit shots directly to the opponent. (If partners want to warm each other up while their opponents are warming up, they may do so.)

4. *Warm-up serves are taken before first serve of match.* A player should take all warm-up serves before the first serve of a match. A player who returns serves should return them at a moderate pace in a manner that does not disrupt the server.

MAKING CALLS

5. *Player makes calls on own side of net.* A player calls all shots landing on, or aimed at, the player's side of the net.

6. *Opponent gets benefit of doubt.* When a match is played without officials, the players are responsible for making decisions, particularly for line calls. There is a subtle difference between player decisions and those of an on-court official. An official impartially resolves a problem involving a call, whereas a player is guided by the principle that any doubt must be resolved in favor of an opponent. A player in attempting to be scrupulously honest on line calls frequently will keep a ball in play that might have been out or that the player discovers too late was out. *Even so, the game is much better played this way.*

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The next general meeting will be October 21, 2014, at 9:00 am in the Rec Hall.

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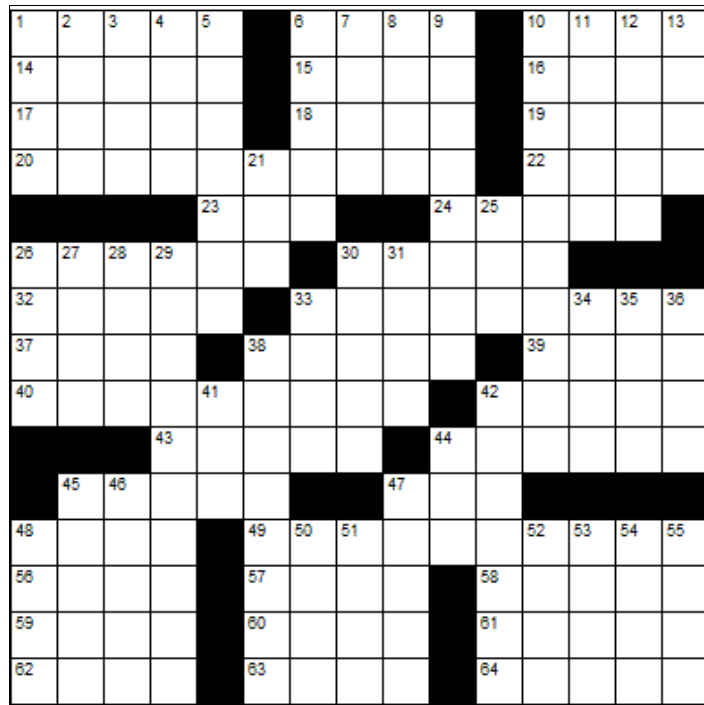
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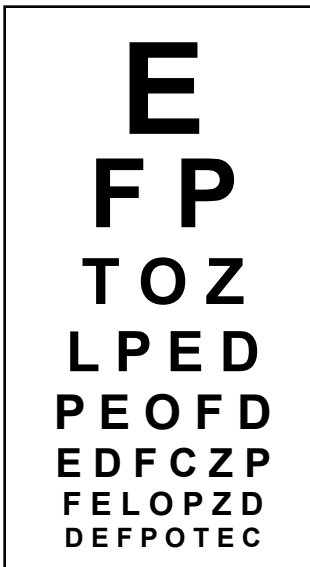
ACROSS

- 1. Cursed
- 6. Petty quarrel
- 10. Hairdo
- 14. Burdened
- 15. List of options
- 16. LummoX
- 17. Supplemented
- 18. Weightlifters pump this
- 19. Cypher
- 20. Bad luck
- 22. Applications
- 23. Tiny
- 24. Lariat
- 26. A change for the better
- 30. Watchful
- 32. Flip over
- 33. Convulsive
- 37. Tidy
- 38. City in France
- 39. Rodents
- 40. It produces electricity
- 42. A tart fruit
- 43. Donated
- 44. Rat or mouse
- 45. Welsh dog
- 47. A small piece of cloth
- 48. Magma
- 49. Authorized
- 56. Adjoin
- 57. False god
- 58. Hyrax
- 59. Man
- 60. Monster
- 61. Redress
- 62. Implored
- 63. Require
- 64. Conducts



DOWN

- 1. Close violently
- 21. Ump
- 41. 18-wheeler
- 2. Dry riverbed
- 25. Supply with weapons
- 42. Rational
- 3. Probabilities
- 26. A step on a ladder
- 44. Rodent
- 4. Coral barrier
- 27. Type of sword
- 45. A clique
- 5. Gifted
- 28. Low-fat
- 46. Small egg
- 6. Strike
- 29. Not segregated
- 47. Angered
- 7. South American country
- 30. A cook might wear one
- 48. Lantern
- 8. Nameless
- 31. Den
- 50. Border
- 9. Unmelodious
- 33. Satisfy
- 51. Pierce
- 10. Habituated
- 34. 10 cent coin
- 52. Bit of dust
- 11. Clean between teeth
- 35. Computer symbol
- 53. Dwarf buffalo
- 12. Cowboy sport
- 36. 1/100th of a dollar
- 54. Care for
- 13. Poems
- 38. Large tent
- 55. Visual organs



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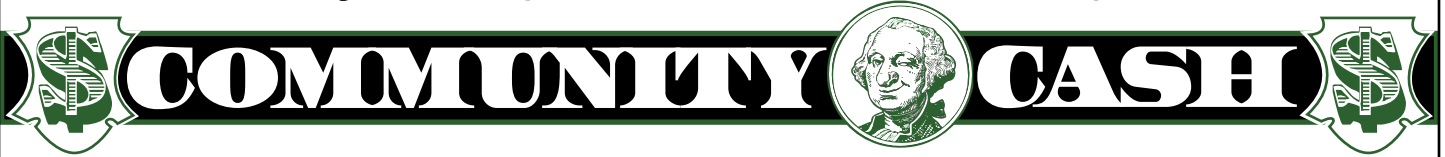
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