

La Quinta Beach Resort

Winter 2007 Newsletter

Board of Directors

This year has brought several changes in the direction of the resort.

We bid farewell to two members of the Board who have served the resort faithfully for many years. Our deep gratitude goes to Tom McCarthy and Bob Van Houten for their many years of service.

When Tom McCarthy resigned, his position as Treasurer was accepted by Carmela Morrissey, a Board Member for ten years.



Debbie Kuhn was appointed to the Board of Directors when Bob Van Houten resigned. Her appointment was approved by the vote of the membership at the Annual General Meeting in October 2006.

Debbie has worked for 24 years in the Radiology Department of a Medical Center and has held management positions for the last 13 years, during which time she has been an important resource in decision-making within the department. Debbie has participated on several committees targeting improved workflow and customer satisfaction.

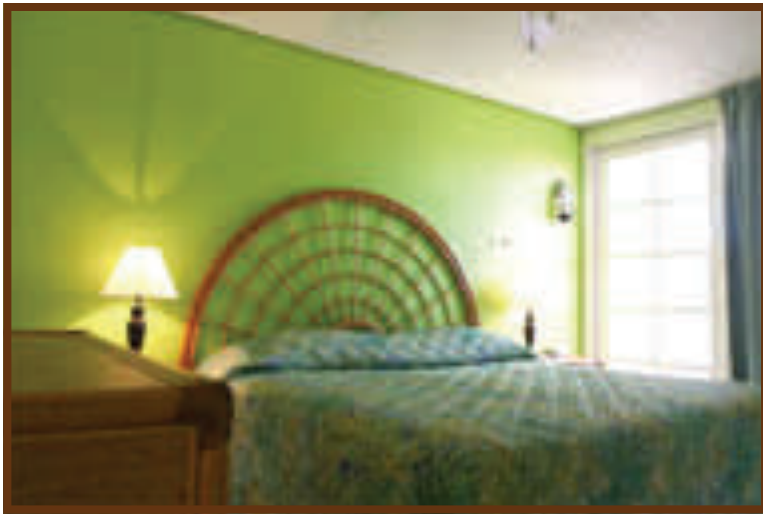
Debbie's is also a tax preparer and has worked for two years now in a family business. She and her husband John have been owners at LaQuinta for ten years. They have two children, Alyse (17) and Emily (7).

The Board of Directors has appointed **Nick DeMaio** to the position of Board Member. Nick will be placed on the ballot for approval at the next General Meeting in October 2007.

Nick has been Director of Operations for the third largest Electrical and Data Contractor in New York City for 25 years.

Nick is married, has two sons, and two grandchildren. They all love Aruba and consider LaQuinta their "home away from home"





Facelift Begins.....

Painting of the interiors of the units in a new "Caribbean" color scheme is almost complete .

New furnishings, including dinettes (for Phase I), dressers, mirrors, buffets, and armoires have been ordered and are beginning to arrive at the resort.





And a new look for the newsletter, too

Beginning with this issue, your newsletter comes directly to your email Inbox in an Adobe Acrobat file, which you can open and read with Adobe Reader.

With Adobe Reader you can securely view, and print your newsletter and even save a copy on your own computer.

Use of this format gives a level of security and privacy to our newsletter that is impossible on the internet. The newsletter now will be mailed directly to each email address on the distribution list. Some of the content will be reproduced on the website as well. This format, however, allows for sharing of owner-only information that would be inappropriate for the internet.

Owners can save a copy or print the newsletter out at home, easily.

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Flag Raising

A new flag depicting the La Quinta Logo was raised at the resort following the General Membership Meeting in October 2006.

It flies proudly next to the Aruban and American flags in front of the Reception Area.

New Aruban Laws Increase Resort Expenses



On Jan 1, 2007, a new 3% tax went into effect in Aruba. It is called a "turnover tax" . Essentially it is levied on all goods and services that change hands in Aruba. This tax will affect all the workings of the resort from goods purchased to maintenance fees assessed.

The Aruban minimum wage also increased on Jan 1, 2007 and the resort may see some increased employee costs due to it also.

ARUBA BARTENDER OF THE YEAR



Urwin Loefstop, bartender and co-owner of Shon Gecko at La Quinta has earned an international reputation ! In a competition, sponsored in Aruba by Kong Hing and held at the Seaport Convention Center, Urwin's drink, Gecko Kiwi, was judged the best.

Urwin was awarded a trip to New Zealand to represent Aruba in the Bartender World Cup.

The bartender contest was shown on ESPN. Although at first, Urwin entered as a joke, when he looked at information and photos of New Zealand on the internet, he became very serious about his entry.

He created a drink that he calls Gecko Kiwi. The Gecko Kiwi is a five-color drink—smooth, sweet and sour, with a nice aroma. It is made with Kiwi 42 below vodka and served with a garnish of a gecko which Urwin carved out of a lime. Kiwi 42 vodka is a vodka brand from New Zealand. It comes in different flavors of fruits that are grown only in New Zealand.

A highlight of Urwin's trip to New Zealand was a bungee jumping experience !!

Congratulations, Urwin !!!



Photo: Ursell Arends



NEW VOICE MAIL SYSTEM

The telephone system at the resort has recently been upgraded. The upgrade has given us the ability finally to be able to provide guests with a voice mail system in the units.

When the reception desk closes at 11:00 pm, the voice mail system will be activated. In order for a caller to access your email, he must know the extension number for the room. This number is posted on each phone. Let people at home know the extension number of your room.

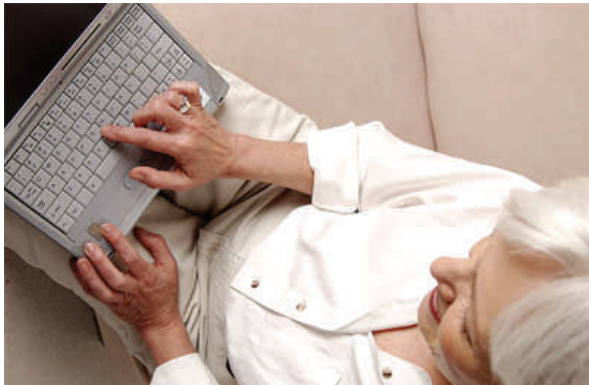
Upon check-in, make sure your room phone is turned on. As usual, out-going calls can be made at any time. Phone use instructions are provided in the guest services book which is in every room.



Pool Closure

Both pools are in need of complete resurfacing and painting, there is no "good" time to do this. Closure of the pool is always an inconvenience at the resort which is at close to capacity all year long.

The work on the pools is scheduled to begin on June 16, 2007 with the Phase II pool. The work on the Phase I pool will begin when the Phase II pool work is completed and the Phase II pool is fully operational. All work is scheduled to be complete by July 28, 2007. We are most grateful for your understanding and patience. Aren't we lucky that we have two pools and the most beautiful beach on the island !!



Wireless Internet at La Quinta

High Speed wireless internet is now accessible at the resort.

It can be accessed in the Reception area, Members Lounge, and around the Phase I pool.

Bring your own wireless-enabled laptop and pay \$25 per week. You will be provided with a password for access.

No laptop? We have two computers available in the Reception Area.

Time can be purchased from the reception clerk.

Rates:

30 minutes (minimum) \$2.50

60 minutes \$5.00

Unused minutes carry over to your next session. However, there is no refund for unused minutes when you leave the resort. Buy what you need and use it all up !

EMPLOYEE PROFILES

COCOY

Beach and Pool Attendant

My name is Roderick Militante but you all know me as "COCOY".

I was born on September 22, 1970 in Quezon City, Philippines.

I am the youngest of 12 children in my family. I have six brothers and 5 sisters.

My hobbies include playing basketball, cooking, and singing, especially karaoke.

My son, Necoy, is my pride and joy. Necoy's name is a combination of my wife's name, Neah, and my name, Cocoy.



I have been Beach and Pool Attendant at La Quinta Beach Resort since May 16, 2001

Yolanda Caraballo Housekeeping Supervisor

My name is Yolanda Caraballo. I am the mother of three children - 2 boys and 1 girl—and the proud grandmother of two granddaughters.

I come from a humble family. I attended school at Colegio Ora Ubao, and afterwards I went to Juliana High School. While in high school, I participated in co-rogams, working at various hotels in different departments such as: Housekeeping-Laundry, Restaurant, and Maintenance.

I realized that housekeeping was a job that I really liked and I could see myself doing it as a career. I began working in Housekeeping as a room-attendant. I took some courses in order to improve my skills and soon became a Supervisor.

I have been working as a Housekeeping Supervisor now for twenty-two years. I have been working almost five years for La Quinta Beach Resort as the Housekeeping Supervisor.

I am very happy with the staff that I am working with and I am very happy with the staff I am working for. I love my job and will continue to do my utmost to make sure the housekeeping department continues to perform at their best.



Convocation
Annual General Membership Meeting
October 29, 2006

President Cosmo Rossi called the meeting to order at 10:05 AM. Board members present were Secretary Stephen Scaturro, Treasurer Thomas McCarthy, Board Members Carmella Morrissey and Debra Kuhn. Also present were Resort Manager Erika Arends and Attorney Maura Brown,

President Rossi welcomed all present and introduced the above mentioned Officers and the formalities of the attendance register and meeting procedures were finalized. There were 27 owners in attendance.

Attorney Maura Brown cast the Proxy Votes which were as follows:

Agenda point #2. A motion to accept the minutes of the General Meeting held on November 13, 2005 was made by Ruthanne Scaturro and seconded by Joseph Sinacori. It was approved by a vote of 1142 (97%) plus 10 raw votes for.

Agenda Item #3. A motion to approve the financial report for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2005 was made by U.S. Attorney Arnold Proskin and seconded by Doctor Gary Lynn. It was approved by a vote of 1113 (95%) plus 10 raw votes for.

Agenda Item #4. A motion to approve the Budget for the fiscal year of 2007 was made by Marge Berlinski and seconded by Carolyn Lees. It was approved by a vote of 1075 (91%) plus 10 raw votes for.

Agenda item #5. A motion to approve the Maintenance fees for the fiscal year 2007 was made by Joseph Sinacori and seconded by Nicholas DeMaio. It was approved by a vote of 1049 (89%) plus 10 raw votes for.

Agenda Item #6. A motion to appoint Debra Kuhn as a Director replacing retired Director Robert Van Houten was made by U.S. Attorney Arnold Proskin and seconded by Ruthanne Scaturro. It was approved by a vote of 1107 (94%) plus 10 raw votes for.

Under Resort matters, President Rossi advised the members that new furniture was ordered and was under the \$100,000. Dollar threshold. Gloria Rossi explained the furniture that was ordered. A motion to approve the President's decision was made by Marge Berlinski and seconded by Doctor Gary Lynn. All were in favor.

Resort Manager Erika Arends gave a state of the resort presentation and emphasized the value of notifying the resort if you are not going to be using your weeks so that we can schedule any maintenance that needs to be done. Website coverage will be done.

President Rossi discussed an E-Mail about no smoking in the rooms. This is near impossible and was referred to committee.

Another E-Mail dealt with birds and Iguanas in the pool and common areas of the resort. Bird flight cannot be controlled and Iguanas are a protected species.

The base of the pools need to be redone and work at Phase II will begin approximately the 2nd or third week of June and will be closed for approximately 6 weeks. Upon completion Phase I will be started but will not take as long. A discussion by members suggested that while work on a pool is being done members should be tolerant of the situation at the open pool. Use of the ocean is also encouraged.

Treasurer McCarthy stated that we need to increase members' use of Crustaceans & Steaks Restaurant. They need the revenue and we need them to be successful in order to pay their rent and thus keep our maintenance fees down. David Miale suggested that we institute a fee similar to the pool bar use for Crustaceans & Steaks. President Rossi thought this was a good idea however we should remember the outcry when we did the pool bar. This will be looked into further.

President Rossi stated the Island may have a 3% sales tax January 1, 2007 and could affect our maintenance fee. Attorney Maura Brown stated that this has not passed yet and there is much descent. She stated much is being said of the Government cutting costs and this would cause problems. We will monitor this very closely said the President.

Freeword: Diane Schmit said she has been an owner for eight for 8 years and our staff is just wonderful.

Carolyn Lees said she has been at other places and this is the best.

Treasurer McCarthy advised all members to use the safes in their rooms, to be careful on the beach leaving your valuables in your room safe.

A motion to adjourn was made by Arnold Proskin and seconded by Marge Berlinski. All in favor and the meeting was adjourned at 10:33 AM.

Cosmo Rossi, President
Carmela Morrissey, Director

Stephen Scaturro, Secretary
Debra Kuhn, Director

Thomas McCarthy, Treasurer