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FROM THE PRESIDENT

WE ALL HAVE OUR PART IN KEEPING OUR LAS VERDES COMMUNITY BEAUTIFUL

Willie, along with Oge and Wi do a great job keeping Las Verdes looking great. Please remember and remind your guests that no eating or drinking is allowed in the pool areas and no glass items of any kind are allowed at the pools. This is mandated by the Florida Health Department. Water bottles are allowed. Please dispose of any trash in the garbage cans provided. We have a new issue that could be a big problem if not stopped. Please do not throw any bottles or garbage into the main lake or any ponds. Thank you for your cooperation.

Tom Massey
President, Las Verdes POA



The Italian American Club hosted Carnivale on February 19.



The Snowbirds Club enjoyed "Painting with a Twist."

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UPCOMING EVENTS

“IT TAKES TWO” WILL ENTERTAIN US ON SATURDAY, MARCH 11

Save the date for our early St. Patrick's Day Party which will be on Saturday, March 11 at 6:00 p.m. We will have boxed suppers, catered by Mario's Deli, with your choice of a corned beef or turkey sandwich. Coffee and soft drinks provided. BYOB. Our dinner starts at 6:00 p.m. and the music and dancing begins at 7:00 p.m. You will enjoy dancing with “It Takes Two” as they play music through the decades and take requests.

Reservations should be made in the Clubhouse and the deadline is Monday, March 6. We look forward to another fun evening together!

Diane Andruski

SLAVERY IN AMERICA AND THE ORIGINS OF THE U.S. CIVIL WAR

Learn the history of slavery in America and how it led to the U.S. Civil War.

The U.S. Constitution was adopted in 1789. Slavery long pre-existed the creation of the United States.

How did slavery arrive to America? What key events in American history tell the story of slavery on our shores? Did the U.S. Constitution address the issue of slavery? Was slavery only in the South? What laws affected slavery in America? What did the founding fathers think of slavery?

Did California cause the U.S. Civil War? Was Cuba almost annexed by the United States? If so, why? What was John Brown's impact on the discussion of slavery? Why is the Dred Scott case considered the worst decision ever by the U.S. Supreme Court? What did the Dred Scott case hold? What impact did it have on the U.S. Civil War?

What did the book “Uncle Tom's Cabin” have to do with the U.S. Civil War? What role did the Kansas-Nebraska Act have on the Civil War? What was the result of the Lincoln-Douglas debates of 1858? How did Lincoln win the Presidential election of 1860? What was the reaction of the South to that election?

Was the Civil War about state's rights or slavery? Come get the answers to all of these questions and more on March 15 at 7:00 p.m. This presentation by Michael L. Oddenino is free and open to all.

ITALIAN AMERICAN CLUB

Our next regular meeting is March 12 at 7:00 p.m. in the Clubhouse.

Our annual picnic is on Sunday, March 19, at 5:00 p.m. Reservations can be made with Chickie Stettner (561) 866-0575. We look forward to you joining us!

Carolyn Giovannini
President, Italian American Club

FREE ARGENTINE TANGO DANCE CLASSES OFFERED

Dance is music made visible. Join us beginning Sunday, March 26 at 4:00 p.m. in the Clubhouse for Argentine Tango dance lessons. This will be an eight-week class and there is no charge. All levels welcome. You do not need a partner. The instructor is our neighbor Adriano Zucco.



SNOWBIRDS CLUB WRAPS UP

The Snowbirds plus season is coming to an end. Our first three events were a success and we are looking forward to our Year-end Luncheon at Indian Springs Country Club on March 14th.

Please bring a self-addressed legal size envelope either to the lunch or you can leave it in the Clubhouse Office. We are already looking into the 2024 Season!

Pat Delaney
President, Snowbirds Club

BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP

The next book club meeting will be on Tuesday, March 7, at 7:00 p.m. We are currently reading “The Lion's Courtship” by Annelie Wendeborg.

If you enjoy reading, you will enjoy this group. All are always welcome to join us!

Diane Costello

BINGO CONTINUES IN MARCH

We will be playing Bingo every Thursday evening in March at 7:00 p.m. This will conclude our season, and we look forward to seeing you again later this year. Thank you for your support.

Karen Enrico

LAS VERDES POA BOARD MEETING MINUTES

February 21, 2023

The meeting was called to order by President Tom Massey at 7:02 p.m. and we opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call: There were 15 associations present: Aspen, Banyan, Bottlebrush (2), Copperleaf, Cypress, Dogwood, Evergreen, Forsythia, Laurel Oak (2), Oleander, Oliveleaf, Palmetto, Philodendron, Seagrape, and Viburnum. Two absent. There was a quorum.

Approval of Minutes: There was a motion by Jack Walsh to waive the reading of the last minutes, seconded by Fred Jurnove, motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: Diane Andruski read the report as of 1/31/2023.

Total Operating Cash: \$1,361,759.99

Total Reserves: \$1,008,269.80

Total Operating and Reserve Funds: \$2,370,029.79

President Massey reported that our accountant Karen Lippman suggested we invest some of our money into CDs since the interest rate is significantly more favorable than regular savings account interest. We will put about \$700,000 into 12-month CDs in the next week or two.

There were no questions. A motion was made by Jim Fogarty to accept the Treasurer's Report as read, seconded by Jack Walsh, motion passed.

President's Report:

CAR BREAK-INS – President Massey reported that there has been a series of break-ins into unlocked cars, with items being stolen. We had one car stolen, but the doors were unlocked, and the key was left in the car. Please remember to always lock your cars and do not leave valuables in there. In one unlocked car here, a gun and two magazines were taken by this perpetrator. Call 911 if you see anything suspicious. Please make a police report if you have been a victim. Villa owners can help by keeping your porch lights on all night.

SECURITY CAMERAS – The remaining four condo parking lot cameras have been ordered and will be installed soon. This completes this project.

TRASH- President Massey reported that we have a problem of empty bottles and other trash being thrown into the center lake. Please remember and remind your guests to pick up after themselves.

POOLS- It is per the Florida State Health Department that no food or glass is allowed in the pool areas. No eating or drinking at the pools. Plastic water bottles are permitted. Please discard your trash in the garbage cans that are located at the pools.

There was a motion to accept the President's Report by Nat DeVardo, seconded by Harvey Schwartz, motion passed.

Old Business:

BATHROOM RENOVATIONS- President Massey reported that all the materials for the Clubhouse bathroom renovations have been delivered. Since there are several events in March, including Bingo throughout the month, construction will begin April 1.

CANALS- We have contracted with a vendor who has a "spider" machine, which "walks" down the canals to help clean them out better. We have a few canals left to dig out and clean up, and that project will begin soon.

PIPES- The last big pipe that goes under the Clubhouse parking lot into the center lake will be relined next. This pipe is important to get completed, as we risk collapse of the road and parking lot if not addressed. The relining is supposed to last ninety years. The remaining pipes are much smaller and in grassy areas, and we will address replacing them after this final big pipe project is completed.

A motion was made by Jim Fogarty to accept the Old Business Report, seconded by Nat DeVardo. Passed.

New Business:

FINING COMMITTEE- We need one more person on the committee. We have a dog owner here who refuses to pick up after her dog. We have her on camera and video and she has been asked hundreds of times to pick up after the dog. She also is required by law to have the dog on a five-foot leash but uses a 20-foot leash. She received a letter in 2020 asking for compliance, which she has refused. The next step per Florida law is to fine the violator. A fine can be issued at \$100 per violation and the maximum fine can be \$1,000.00. Since she has had hundreds of violations, President Tom Massey called for a vote, by a raise of hands, as to whether to fine Adele and Lorenzo Antonino \$1,000.00. The vote passed unanimously. The next step if this doesn't bring compliance, is to have the dog removed as a nuisance.

There was some discussion about other violators and process to report. Please take pictures or videos

MEET YOUR NEIGHBORS: THE MASSEY BROTHERS

Many of you know Tom Massey, our POA President, and may know he has two brothers that own villas here as well: Wally and Bill. How did three brothers end up all buying properties here in Las Verdes?

The story begins in Worcester, Massachusetts where they are from. This close-knit community boasts many friendships lasting for a lot of years, with many beginning in Kindergarten.

Some of these Worcester friends bought a restaurant/bar here in Delray Beach, called "Boston's on the Beach." These ambitious owners would host a couple parties there each year and invite their friends from up north. As many as 80 people would come down for these events. Over the years, many hundreds of people from Worcester go to Boston's and many of those have purchased places in Delray Beach, quite a few here at Las Verdes. This was Tom's introduction to the area.

Tom came down for about 15 years, prior to purchasing a place. Many of you may remember Mel (Franny) and Rose Redmond. They bought a villa in Laurel Oak many years ago and invited Tom over for a visit. He liked their place and was impressed with Las Verdes, so in 2008 he purchased his villa. The feel of the community was friendly and well-cared for, and that appealed to him.

Brothers Wally and Bill and their wives were down for a visit in 2010 and saw there were some villas available in Philodendron that both couples liked. A realtor was happy to show them some units, and Wally and Linda purchased one. Bill and Carol were all ready to purchase too, but sadly Bill got very sick with pancreatic cancer, so had to put off this dream. After he recovered, he and Carol found another villa in Philodendron that they were able to purchase in 2012.

All three brothers were snowbirds initially, and Tom made the move to be here full time about five years ago. Wally and Linda are here about six months, and up north the other six months and this is Bill and

Carol's first season spending significant time here as Carol recently retired. The brothers and their families get along well and enjoy hanging out with each other.

Delray Beach has really developed since the brothers started coming down here. The Avenue has been built up dramatically, as Delray used to be a rather "sleepy"



little town. All three brothers enjoy eating out, and some of their favorites include: Nino's, Papa Guiseppi's, Nana Noodles, Lindburger's, The Bird's Nest, Chaiyo Thai, Jack's Pizza, Hacienda, and Brighton Bagels at Night for seafood. They like Sandee's for breakfast over on Federal Highway as well as Poppie's across the street. They enjoy golfing and golf two days a week. Carol enjoys the water class, and when Rose Redmond was alive the Worcester girls would take the Monday class together, and on

Wednesdays and Fridays, Rose would unofficially lead the class for all.

The Massey brothers enjoy having family and friends visit, with many lifelong friendships continuing. Las Verdes is so conveniently located to golf courses, great restaurants, shopping, and other fun things to do. They recommend the Water Taxi in Ft. Lauderdale if you have guests or want to have a fun day. Ft. Lauderdale is the "Venice of the US," and the water taxi makes about 14 different stops. You buy a pass for \$20.00 and can hop on and off all day sightseeing, shopping, dining, and enjoying time out on the water. It is an awesome day for out-of-towners.

Las Verdes continues to improve in appearance and in growing friendships. It is quite an active community now, with many people walking around the circle, day and night, and a lot of people playing pickleball. The POA events are attracting more and more people and Tom, as President, is happy to see people becoming more involved and getting to know their neighbors better.

As more people are living here year around, we welcome you to get involved and enjoy your Las Verdes neighbors and community.

Sonja Nelson, Editor

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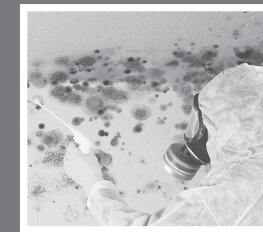


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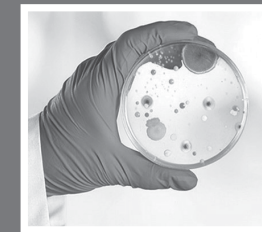
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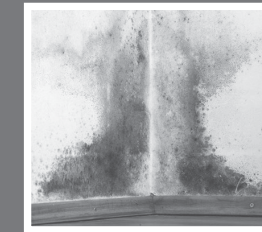
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so we have proof. Then the Fining Committee can address these concerns. There was a question as to people fishing even though we have "No fishing" signs posted. President Massey said that presently fishing is not allowed, but this could be brought up at a future meeting, should there be good reasons to allow fishing.

There was a motion to accept the New Business Report by Rob Peltier, seconded by Bill Moffa. Passed.

Good and Welfare:

President Massey suggested that although we will soon have all the parking lots with security camera coverage, that Condo buildings should consider adding cameras in the courtyard, at the elevators, and ideally at the stairwells. A comment was made that with all the new technology there are many options.

Joe Downey moved to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Dimitra Tebano, motion passed.

The meeting adjourned at 7:36 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Sonja Nelson, Secretary Las Verdes POA

**Join us for our
St. Patrick's Dance Party!**
**Saturday, March 11
6:00 p.m.**

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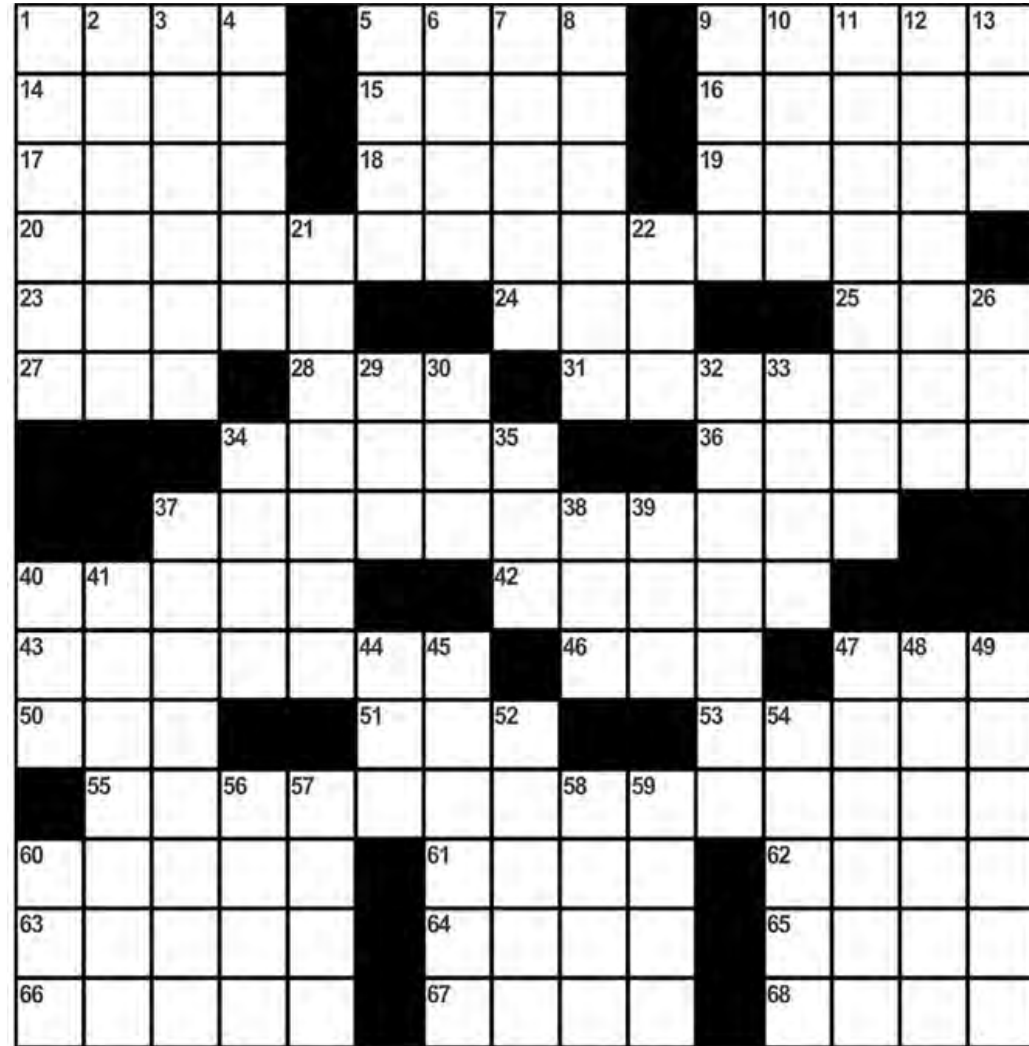
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1. Muffin type
5. Does impersonations of
9. Story with a moral
14. Legal gambling site
15. Brig room
16. Small land masses
17. Chamber music instrument
18. Threesome
19. Brownstone feature
20. Outcome for Mary and Joseph?
23. Owned apartment, for short
24. Baby carrier?
25. One thousandth of a liter, briefly
27. Mel, "The Little Giant"
28. Kind of water or dance
31. Acts quickly
34. Felt lousy
36. Made waves, in a way
37. A void an angry kitty?
40. More than a scuffle
42. Indian flatbreads
43. Content
46. High degree
47. Victorian, for one
50. Position for many a future pres.




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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 51. Builder's acquisition 53. Evening hour 55. What a begging dog might give you? 60. Pertaining to the unborn 61. Numbskull 62. Hang_ (keep) 63. MSG, for one 64. Like Bo Peep's sheep 65. New driver, often 66. Company possession, e.g. 67. Weapon with a bell-shaped guard 68. Mini-whirlpool | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Rodeo mount 2. Start over after a crash 3. Apply oil and pray 4. Incessantly 5. Doesn't just sit there 6. Persian spirit 7. A type type 8. Shed (with "off") 9. Closed hand 10. Italian wine area 11. Bygone attire 12. Ferociously feline 13. Psychic's gift, briefly 21. Bulletin board array 22. Palindromic honorific 26. Source of some strange visions, for short 29. King's introduction? 30. Get-up-and-go 32. Dirty rat or dirty dog | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 33. Fancy shooting marbles 34. Enjoying the salt air 35. Cub Scout division 37. Raises in rank 38. Gown's partner 39. "Well_-di-dah" 40. Car sticker stat. 41. Gretna Green visitors 44. Shoemaker's helper, in a fairy tale 45. Scribble aimlessly 47. Made square 48. Wasn't a buyer 49. Cleopatra's love 52. Army unit 54. Be theatrical 56. Wax's opposite 57. Blind part 58. Cathedral part 59. Allocate (with "out") 60. Air-traffic control org. |
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1		9		3	4			
					8		1	3
				1	2		9	
	3					1		8
	5						7	
6		2						5
	9		1	7				
5	4		8					
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14	R	E	N	O	15	C	E	L	L	16	I	S	L	E	S					
17	O	B	O	E	18	T	R	I	O	19	S	T	O	O	P					
20	N	O	I	N	21	S	I	T	U	A	T	I	O	N						
23	C	O	N	D	O	24	E	G	G	25	M	I	L		26					
27	O	T	T		28	T	A	P		31	H	A	S	T	E	N	S			
					34	A	I	L	E	D			36	O	A	R	E	D		
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40	M	E	L	E		42	N	A	A	N	S									
43	P	L	E	A	S	44	E	D		46	P	H	D		47	E	R	A		
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63	A	R	E	N	A		64	L	O	S	T		65	T	E	E	N			
66	A	S	S	E	T		67	E	P	E	E		68	E	D	D	Y			

Sudoku Puzzle Solution

1	2	9	7	3	6	4	8	5
4	6	7	9	5	8	2	1	3
3	8	5	4	1	2	6	9	7
9	3	4	5	2	7	1	6	8
8	5	1	6	9	4	3	7	2
6	7	2	3	8	1	9	5	4
2	9	8	1	7	3	5	4	6
5	4	3	8	6	9	7	2	1
7	1	6	2	4	5	8	3	9



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