

# Las Palmas Grand Residents' Association

# LPGRA Observer

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## Residents' Association Meetings

### CLUBHOUSE BALL ROOM

**DEC 7, 2023, 9:30**

**JAN 4, 2024, 9:30**

**FEB 1, 2024, 9:30**

To view minutes of meetings, go to  
**lpgra@org.**

### CURRENT BOARD MEMBERS

Peggy Marcone #418  
585-752-8279

Sue Smith #110  
801-628-0025

Diana Cline #196  
480-299-6865

Cheryl Jorban #83  
253-224-4453

Dennis Miller #525  
612-801-4299

### ELECTION OF BOARD MEMBERS

The annual election of officers for the Residents' Association was held on Nov 2 and Diana Cline and Cheryl Jorban received the most votes and will be serving on the board for the next two years.

Congratulations to you both. The board is made up of 5 members and at the November 30 Board Meeting positions will be decided upon and announced at the December 7 General Meeting.

### LPG Recycling News

We've come across a new recycling issue that should be easy to correct. Please separate the aluminum beverage cans from the clear plastic beverage bottles. Some people are saving them both in the same plastic bag and tossing it into a recycling barrel for Bob Williams and his crew to separate. This is a volunteer position, and it makes more work for them to do the separating.

Also, as a reminder we do NOT recycle glass. Bob and his crew are still getting "tin" cans, wine bottles, plastic clamshell take-out

containers, soft drink cups, medicine bottles, and diet supplement bottles.

The LPGRA Recycling program only takes **CLEAR PLASTIC BEVERAGE BOTTLES** and **ALUMINUM BEVERAGE CANS**.

If you have any questions, please call Bob Williams at 559-269-3022.

## **VETERANS DAY – SATURDAY, 11 NOVEMBER 2023**

Your Thesman communities are populated by an abundance of veterans representing all branches of service and conflict eras ranging from World War II, the Korean War, Vietnam, and the Global War on Terror. The group is represented by veterans and military retirees who served on active-duty, Reserves, and National Guard during periods of both peace and war. And for their honorable service, our nation is most grateful.



Communities across the country pull out all the stops to honor their veterans through a variety of programs and events. In fact, each of our Thesman communities have planned a Veterans Day program to honor the service of these exceptional men and women we call neighbors. You are encouraged to attend these events if possible and pay homage to those who have previously worn the cloth of our great nation.

As we reflect back on the history of Veterans Day, we discover that the celebration evolved from Armistice Day proclaimed in 1919 by President Woodrow Wilson, and is observed nationally every year on November 11. Armistice Day recognizes the end of World War I, when fighting ceased at the 11th hour, on the 11th day, of the 11th month in 1918. (November 11th at 11 A.M, 1918).

Years later, on November 11, 1947, Mr. Raymond Weeks, a World War II veteran, took it upon himself to organize a “National Veterans Day” parade in Birmingham, Alabama to recognize veterans of all wars. Then in 1953, as a follow up to the success of the Birmingham celebration, a Veterans Day program was organized and celebrated in Emporia, Kansas, just one year prior to the first nationwide observance on November 11, 1954.

These celebrations may have influenced Congress to change Armistice Day to Veterans Day in 1954 to recognize veterans of all U.S. wars. President Dwight D. Eisenhower made November 11 the official national observance of Veterans Day after Kansas Congressman Ed Rees (who was from

Emporia, Kansas) proposed the bill in Congress to change Armistice Day to Veterans Day.

But the observance of Veterans Day wasn't always held on November 11. In 1968, Congress passed the Uniform Holidays Bill, moving Veterans Day to the fourth Monday in October beginning in 1971. However, due to public outcry, in 1975 President Gerald Ford returned the observance to November 11, and thankfully so.



To our beloved veterans we say, “Thank you for your personal sacrifices, for your valor, for the burden you carry, for protecting us, and for defending our rights. Thank you for your courage, strength, and dedication to keeping us safe and out of harm’s way. We are forever grateful.”

**Submitted by Dick Nations**  
**CSM (US Army Retired)**

## ADVICE

Advice -- it's freely available and given, but not always accepted. Below are some stories of advice and a few one-liners. If we'd only heed the advice. Thank you all who submitted their “advice”.

### Clear a path to the door

My grandmother told me to “clear a path to the door every night before bed.” It makes for a smooth escape if there's ever a fire in the night. But “clearing a path to the door” came, in time, to mean so much more. I learned I'll be much happier tomorrow if I tidy all the clutter tonight. And it's a good habit when getting involved with new people or activities. Trying mountain climbing or whitewater rafting becomes possible when I know I have a safe exit plan if it becomes too risky. That “clear path” is always a wise plan.—Glynda Hamilton

### Bring the Ball

My family moved to a small Virginia football town when I was in fourth grade. I loved football, but I had three strikes against me. I was the “new kid,” from “up north” and—gasp—“a girl.” When I came home from school dejected that nobody would let me play, my mother said, “If you want to play football, you bring the ball.” I never forgot the lesson. I've been “bringing the ball” ever since. Anonymous



### **Know When to Go**

I was on a four-day float trip down the Colorado River with a large, fun group. At the end, when I said I didn't want to get off the river, another woman said to me, "It's always best to leave while you're still having fun." It changed my outlook that day, and I've applied it to many other circumstances since. Anonymous

### **Correct Way to Listen**

Do not listen with your mouth. Anonymous

### **Silence Your Inner Critic**

While learning to paint landscapes with my boyfriend, I complained that I couldn't turn off the critic in my head. He told me, "When that happens to me, I say 'Be quiet, I'm painting here. I'll talk to you later.'" It worked for me that day, and later in graduate school while I was writing papers. His advice made me a more confident person.

Kate Johnson

### **Don't Impress, Express**

The choir I was in was stressed before a big competition. Right before our turn to sing, our choir director said, "We are not here to

impress; we are here to express." It made all the difference. Shawn Mecham



### **Create a Home you Love**

"Fill your home with things you love, not things you think other people will love." That was something my mom always said. My home is full of flowers, rabbits, birds, nature, lovely fabrics, and elegant glassware. Others tell me it's beautiful, comfortable, and welcoming. But everything in it brings me joy, and that's what matters.

Becca Brasfield

### **Give a Gift to a Giver**

A co-worker gave me a Christmas gift and I felt bad because I hadn't gotten one for her. She said, "Every time you receive a gift, you allow someone to be a giver." She made me feel so good, and I never forgot that. Anonymous

### **Don't Waste Your Days**

If you didn't learn anything today, then you wasted a day. Anonymous

### **Let it be the Squirrel!**

I was 16 with a new driver's license. I asked my dad if I could take the car for the

afternoon. As he handed me the keys, he said, “Angela, if it’s you or the squirrel, let it be the squirrel.” I realized my dad knew how softhearted I was. I thought I’d hidden it well.  
Anonymous

### **See the Work**

My mom was a woman of few words, but one phrase of hers that stuck was “see the work,” which meant see what needs to be done without being told. If toys are left out, put them away. If dishes are being washed, grab a towel and dry. If litter is strewn along the road, pick it up as you walk. I’ve shared “see the work” with countless students, and the halls were always clean, and the chairs stacked by the end of the day. Simple advice from a quiet woman.—Anonymous

### **Don’t be too Quick to Judge**

My Mississippian mother used to tell me, “You can’t tell the depth of the well by the length of the handle on the pump.” I think this must be the Mississippi version of “Don’t judge a book by its cover.”—Anonymous



### **Keep it Sweet!**

Make your words soft and sweet. Some day you might have to eat them. -- Sue Smith



### **Keep Moving Forward**

Several years ago, I heard actress Doris Roberts give a speech in which she said, “Look back, but don’t stare.” She had many words of wisdom that night, but that stuck with me and never left. Anonymous

### **Important Things to Remember**

1. Always make a budget
  2. Only use credit cards as 30-day cash
  3. Smile
- Joe Johnson

### **Make Time to do it Right**

“If you don’t have time to do it right the first time, how are you going to find time to do it over?” Advice from my 91-year-old dad that I’ve shared with my daughter and granddaughter. Anonymous



### **Overload**

Don’t let your hummingbird mouth overload your allegator butt. Anonymous



### **Get Your Spouse a Drink**

On planes, they always tell you to secure your own oxygen mask before helping others. That advice doesn't always apply to marriage. Years ago, I heard a wedding officiant say, "When you're thirsty, get your spouse a drink." I took it to heart and make every effort to acknowledge my husband's needs. After 40 years of marriage, he's gotten even better at it than I have. Marriage isn't 50-50. When both partners give 100 percent and put one another's needs before their own, the outcome is far greater than happily ever after. Anonymous

### **Borrowing/Lending**

Never a borrower or lender be, especially to family. – Peggy Marccone

### **Habits are like Cobwebs**

Succinct advice from my grandfather: "Habits are like cobwebs that turn into cables. They can hold you up or hold you down. Anonymous

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Here are some Thanksgiving Day thoughts for the upcoming holiday season.

### **Oprah Winfrey**

Though I am grateful for the blessings of wealth, it hasn't changed who I am. My feet are still on the ground. I'm just wearing better shoes.

### **New Game in Town**

There is a new game that has gotten lots of people excited – it's called Corn Hole. It's a very simple game of just tossing a bean bag into a hole on a slanted piece of board. Don't know how to play? It is quickly and easily taught. 3 points for a "ringer" – getting the bag into the hole without a foul. 1 point if the bag lands on the surface of the board without a foul. 0 points if the bag hits the ground or touches a bag on the ground. This includes bags that are half on and half off the board. It's played on Wednesdays at 3:00 pm at the club house. 60 people showed up on the first day to play. Have a corn hole game -- bring it with you.

### **Lionel Hampton**

Gratitude is when memory is stored in the heart and not in the mind.

### **Henry Van Dyke**

Gratitude is the inward feeling of kindness received. Thankfulness is the natural impulse to express that feeling. Thanksgiving is the following of that impulse.