

THE LPGAZETTE

**Las Palmas Grand
2550 South Ellsworth, Mesa, AZ
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Residents Association

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General Meeting Dates

Clubhouse

**Thursday, March 4th
Thursday, April 1st
9:30am**

Welcome!

This is the first edition of the LPG Residents Association quarterly newsletter. We hope you will find it entertaining and somewhat informative. We also are counting on LPG residents to submit short articles, recipes or photos to share with readers.

Shirley Anne Crane is our hard-working Newsletter Editor and is looking forward to receiving your thoughts. You can email Shirley Anne at annie2u16@gmail.com or you can send it to LPGRABoard@gmail.com.

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COVID-19 Inside LPG

This last year has been difficult for many of us here in LPG. Several residents have suffered through a bout of COVID-19 and we have even lost a few of our friends and neighbors. Most residents are conscientious about wearing masks and staying 6-ft apart when gathering mail or playing cards, attending Book Club or enjoying the Monday Food Trucks.

Activities have been slow to come back but there is a hearty group of folks playing Bocci Ball and Shuffleboard. They are wearing masks and socially distancing while playing outside. The pool was a welcome relief during the summer months and even now those polar bears are taking advantage.

Here's to a change in 2021

We have an opportunity to be together again but this will occur with restrictions. We will remain hopeful that this pandemic will subside. Meanwhile wear your mask, stay safe and healthy.

HAPPY 2021

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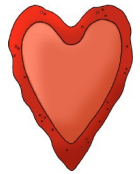
I was born in Trenton, New Jersey and lived my life in small town called "Roebbling." This town was named and owned by the John A Roebbling & Sons Company, builders of the Brooklyn Bridge – the oldest suspension bridge in the U.S. The company also spun the wire rope for the Golden Gate and George Washington bridges. Residents of Roebbling lived in company-owned homes until around 1945.

I moved to California in 1984 and lived there till moving to Mesa in 2007. My spouse and I moved to Las Palmas Grand in November 2017. We had considered retiring and wanted to downsize in order to leave more time for travel. When we entered the Ellsworth gate, we were struck by the "resort" feel of the community. The grounds and the homes presented a picture of relaxation and comfort. We were sold!

I have always worked in administrative positions with human resources in my portfolio. In November of 1999, I formed my own consulting practice focused on human resources support for small and emerging companies and non-profit organizations. I retired from my practice in March of 2019, although I still retain a handful of long-time clients that I serve virtually.

When we arrived in LPG, I became interested in learning more about the LPG Residents Association and had an opportunity to fill an unexpired term in 2018. As I learned more about the governance of LPG, I felt that my administrative experience would be a good fit for the group. I ran for my first two-year term at the end of 2019 and currently serve as your president. My hope is that more residents will take an interest in the LPGRA and support our efforts to make LPG a safe and desirable community in which to retire.

To end on a sweet note, I bake quite a bit and my favorite pie is French Apple (ala mode, of course), although chocolate cake rises to the top of my list.



Margaret

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All the way from Town of Greece in the state of New York, comes Peggy. It is located along the shores of Lake Ontario, green and many beautiful lakes.

Her husband retired and she had health issues from that climate so they visited here in 2011 and again in 2018 looking for their ideal new home. They visited at least 50 other communities and they now feel blessed to live in their beautiful home.

Her last job was for a national debt management company helping people to get out of debt and restore good credit. Prior to that she was a stay-at-home mom and home schooled her three children. Previous positions were management and paralegal.

She wanted to be on this board for the love and concern for LPG. She enjoys hearing others' issues and working with other board members.

She could not name just ONE favorite pie so she listed cherry, pecan, chocolate cream, apple, pumpkin, peach, banana cream, lemon meringue. She says with only two people in the house, baking pies is dangerous.



Peggy



**Your
Resident
Officers
2020-2021**

Pam Williams

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I was born and raised in Visalia, CA until moving to LPG in June of 2013 when we decided we wanted to be closer to our only son and grandson who live in Queen Creek.

March of 2-13 my husband. Bob, and I chose to move to LPG after spending time with a realtor looking for a stick build home. We spent a day looking at houses. We were extremely depressed with what we saw in the housing market. As we were driving down Ellsworth toward Queen Creek we saw the sign, "Homes from \$70,000" and we made a U-turn and drove through the main gate. Immediately it felt like we were home. We went to the Sales Office and met Emily; she showed us some houses and we were sold. We went back to Visalia, sold our home and moved here. We are so glad we did as we've met and made such wonderful friends.

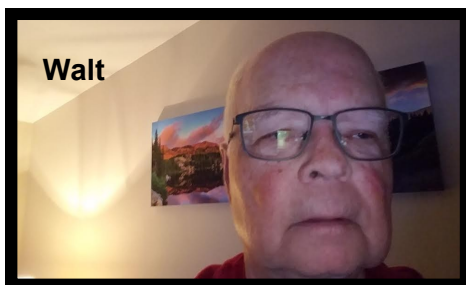
During my working career I had several jobs, my favorite being an elementary school teacher's aide. I worked with students helping with reading and math besides a playground and cafeteria monitor. My old job was eliminated and I was offered this position. I loved this position because I had such close connections to the children. They were so respectful and showered me with love for four years.

After attending the 2019-2020 Resident General Meetings I was gently coerced to become more active and at that time I decided to run for a board position.

My favorite pies are peach and lemon meringue. It is really hard to decide which is my number one.



Pam



Walt



Sue

Sue Smith

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Born in Alton, IL, a small river town across the Mississippi River from St. Louis, MO. I lived 26 years in Layton, UT before coming to LPG. We chose to live here because of the size of the homes and activities.

Most of my career was being the program manager for the drug testing program on Hill AFB. Our office did all the drug testing for both civilians and military. I saw military and civilians lose their job or military status because of using illicit drugs.

I wanted to be a part of the Resident's Association because I enjoy living here so much that giving back to the community in this way just seems like the right thing.

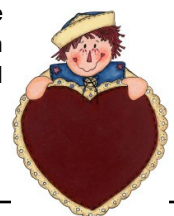
When it comes to pie, nothing can seem to beat my lemon ice box pie made from lemons from our own park.

Walt Smiles

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Walt is from Romeo Michigan.... He says he was driving through the main gate seeing the palm trees, waterfalls and clubhouse, Pool and he decided this was the home for him. He previously was the owner of Christianson Inc and Aircraft Industry. His idea of being an officer on the Resident board would be a good way to learn more about the community and it would aid him in keeping LPS a great place to live.

Editor note: Guess he doesn't like pie....



Walking & Biking

With so many people walking and bike riding, here are some good things to remember:

WALKING: If you are on a road either with or without a shoulder you should always walk against traffic ... that is, vehicles should be driving toward you. According to the National Center for Safe Routes to School www.saferoutesinfo.org, the reason is this: "(walking against traffic) presents opportunities to establish eye contact with approaching motorists and make quick judgments to protect oneself." Plus, in the evening it would be great if the walkers wore light or reflective clothing and carried some sort of light.

BIKING: When you are on a bicycle, think of yourself as another vehicle on the road. So, if you are another vehicle, you should be biking **WITH** traffic. Don't make up traffic rules as you bike along because erratic biking behavior puts you at risk for crashes (studies have shown that a risk of a crash increases FIVE TIMES when you ride without regard for rules of traffic). Your goal is blend in with the traffic and help it flow easily. While there may be a fear that you'll be hit from behind by oncoming traffic, the reality is that rear-end collisions between vehicles and bicycles are rare; the most frequent cause of car-bike crashes are from bicyclists riding on the left side of the road. So, remember: Ride on the Right!



Peggy Says

Peggy Marcone

Our friends moved to LPG from Rochester, New York. They called me asking if there were any homes near us for sale. Long story short...they looked at a video of a home and bought it the next day! Five weeks later we picked them up at Sky Harbor airport with their dog and two suitcases. Before they arrived I had asked, on the LPG Friends and Neighbors the forum on Face book if anyone had a walker we could borrow. My friend's husband is disabled and they couldn't bring his walker. Well, three minutes after posting, we had someone offer a walker. Since they weren't going to have their "stuff" for five days. (continued next column)

Sweet Potato Casserole

By Peggy Marcone

3 cups cooked sweet potatoes (mashed)
(5 medium potatoes)
1 cup sugar
1/2 tsp salt
2 eggs beaten
1/2 stick butter (melted) or 4 TBSP
1/2 cup milk
1 1/2 tsp vanilla
1/4 tsp cinnamon
1/4 tsp ginger



Whip potatoes with rest of ingredients. Pour into lightly greased casserole dish. This should be consistency of pudding.

Topping

1 cup brown sugar
1 cup chopped pecans
1/2 stick butter
1/2 cup flour

Mix all ingredients until all coated with butter. Should be like topping of a crumbly pie. Sprinkle over sweet potato mixture and bake 350 degrees for 35-40 minutes.

Can cover while baking to prevent browning.

Peggy says cont....

I also asked if anyone had a "comfy" recliner we could borrow. I received two offers. We picked up the chair and were told there was no need to return it.

When the friends arrived they turned on the hot water and a very unpleasant smell overtook the house. Back to the LPG Facebook page asking for a plumber. We got several responses telling them how to take care of that without a plumber. We tried to connect their Cox Internet and couldn't I called a friend, she spent over two hours working on it. Turns out it was a Cox problem they had to fix, but once again our friends saw what a GREAT community they have moved into. Neighbors introduced themselves and offered more helpful information. Someone even gave them a Christmas poinsettia. Joe and I have been here two years and have seen over that time what a great place LPG is to live in. Now our friends are living the dream here, too, and feel the same way we do about LPG.

Thank you all that have made this place so great!

Letter to the Editor:

Hi Neighbors from **Tom and Laurie Hauss**. We have spent our lives since last March working very hard to protect ourselves and our friends from that COVID-19 virus. As hard as we worked, we lost the fight and contracted the virus in mid January. Laurie went to the hospital first and about a week later I could not function very well so they sent me to the hospital too. Currently, I am home and recovering and Laurie is in rehab rebuilding up her strengths, (I Hope she is home soon.)

Now, I need to share the BEST! We have been blessed with LPG neighbors that are second to none. **Joan and Neil Swanson** started taking our "Dutchess" every day while we were in the hospital. When they finally released me I had to call them to come get me. They changed their plans and got me home! Little did I know that Joan had completely cleaned our home so it was ready for us upon returning. From the beginning Joan and Neil have been outstanding friends.

My second most wonderful helper and supporter is **Carol Colman**. Daily she still comes and helps me with any needs and especially takes wonderful care of Dutchess. I don't know how to explain how much she has helped.

May God Bless these wonderful people and each day it is great to be back in LPG. I don't want to miss thanking my family, too. Our daughter flew in from Texas and was super as she reported to the family everything going on. All four of our kids and two nieces in Casa Grande helped us also. Great to be in LPG!

2021 Las Palmas Grand Neighborhood Watch Program} (LPGNWP)

Get More Connected for Community Safety

Volunteers Needed:

- Street Leader for each of 44 streets (as listed in LPG Directory by Lot Number) to keep their neighbors informed via email/phone trees
- Neighborhood Watch Committee Members—Representatives for Caretakers, Street Leaders, residents with crime prevention, security and law enforcement experience, and any other interested residents to work with the LPGRA Board.

Please email **LPGNWP@gmail.com** if interested in either or both opportunities.

A Little Bit of Nonsense

DO YOU REMEMBER.....

Uncle Wiggly Game
Sparkle Plenty dolls
4-H Clubs
Double Bubble Gum
Roller skate keys
White buck shoes
Chalk bunnies for your white buck shoes
Pendleton reversible pleated skirts
Campfire beads
Marbles games at recess
View Masters



We have a BIG favor to ask of the residents of LPG – it takes a bit of money to host and update the website, offer small door prizes, and communicate through Gmail and our email list. As you may not know, in years past a small assessment was previously collected from residents to support the Association. We have not taken that step but do need your support. If you are able and agreeable, please let us know and send a check to LPGRA, 2550 S Ellsworth Road #666, Mesa, 85209 or any Board Member will be glad to pick up your check or cash donation. Just a reminder that the LPGRA mission is to enhance positive community living by providing an organized, positive approach for resident/management interaction.



We need a Heading for our Newsletter. The LPGazette is just temporary until we find the perfect one. We need your help! Please submit your suggestions to the editor, This newsletter will be quarterly. Send your suggestions via email to Shirley Anne Crane at : **annie2u16@gmail.com** or drop off at #520. Here are some suggestions:

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"She stood in the storm...and when the wind did not blow her way....she adjusted her sails."

by Eliz Edwards