

Las Palmas Grand Residents Association

LPGRA Observer

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Residents' Association Meetings

CLUBHOUSE BALL ROOM

DECEMBER 1, 2022, 9:30

JANUARY 5, 2023, 9:30

FEBRUARY 2, 2023, 9:30

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

CURRENT BOARD MEMBERS

Dennis Miller #525
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An election for 3 new board members was held at the Nov 3, 2022, meeting. The outgoing board members were Peggy Marccone, Pam Williams, and Sue Smith. Peggy Marccone, Sue Smith, and Dennis Miller were voted in as new directors for two years. All the directors will decide at their next Board Meeting, Nov 28, 2022 what position each person will hold for the next year. Three board members are voted in one year, and the next year two board members are voted in.

LPG RECYCLING NEWS

The blue recycle barrels are located by the Green Waste dumpster on Juniper Hills inside the gate. The gate is open during normal business hours and locked at all other times. The LPGRA Recycling program only takes **CLEAR PLASTIC BEVERAGE BOTTLES** and **ALUMINUM BEVERAGE CANS**. These are the only types of items accepted. Questions?? call Bob Williams 559-269-3022.

The big green dumpster is for **lawn clippings** only. It is not for anything else such as old couches, barbeque grills, water heaters, and other household items or for renovation waste. You may see these items in the dumpster or alongside of it, but that is not what the green dumpster or the area is for. Please don't be one of those "I don't care about the rules" people

COME SUPPORT LPG AT THE ANNUAL VETERANS DAY PARADE

Las Palmas Grand's RED Friday Patriots have secured an entry in the 17th Annual Veterans Day Parade on Friday, November 11th in downtown Mesa. Let's show how proud we are at LPG and support our vets. Together we can demonstrate how grateful we are for their dedication and service. The parade provides an opportunity for the community to gather in honoring, thanking, and celebrating local Veterans, active Military, and their families.



The LPG **RED** Friday Patriots Group will have two vehicles in the parade lineup, both **RED**

in color naturally. Our theme: **REMEMBER EVERYONE DEPLOYED**. The lead vehicle will be preceded by bearers of the American flag and **RED** Friday banners. Following the lead vehicle will be LPG **RED** Friday members on foot displaying **RED** Friday banners and posters. This group will be followed by the tail vehicle displaying the **RED** Friday logo. The parade will kick off at 11:00 AM and will last for approximately 1.5 hours. It will start in downtown Mesa at the intersection of Center Street and University Drive. It will then continue south on Center Street to 1st Street. It then turns west onto 1st Street and continues to Robson. The parade route is approximately $\frac{3}{4}$ mile.

The East Valley Veterans Parade Association is an all-volunteer 501c organization that produces the annual East Valley Veterans Day Parade. The organization has done an outstanding job each year since its inception. If you wish to check out the association's website, directions to the parade, parade route, and spectator parking areas, go to <https://evvp.org/>. See you there. Bring a folding chair and refreshments. Wear **RED**.

(Submitted by Dick Nations)

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

The newly renovated Neighborhood Watch Program had its first Block Captain's meeting on September 20, 2022. The goal of the meeting was to provide information, tools, and advice the Block Captains might

need to keep the block residents updated and involved in our community neighborhood watch program.

A Neighborhood Watch program is a group of people living in the same area who want to make their neighborhood safer by working together and in conjunction with local law enforcement to reduce crime and improve their quality of life.

Not all sections of LPG have a Block Captain. New Block Captain badges were handed out, and a new resident letter to give to the block residents that explains the neighborhood watch program was revised. We need more Block Captains. The more we have the fewer homes each Block Captain has. For more information, please contact our new Neighborhood Watch Volunteer Coordinator Bob Crouse at (847) 912-4085 or by email newbee1622@gmail.com

(Submitted by Bob Crouse)

AAMHO – ARIZONA ASSOCIATION OF MANUFACTURED HOMEOWNERS

AAMHO is the Guardian of Manufactured Housing Communities and is YOUR Advocates for Fair Landlord/Tenant Regulations! As a large state-wide group, AAMHO is a viable political force working at the State Legislative level. Our Legislative Committee reviews, writes and alerts

AAMHO members when they need to contact their legislators to support or vote against a Bill that is being considered for manufactured homes, our senior citizens, families, and those with disabilities. AAMHO works closely with both Homeowners and Park Managers to answer questions about Leases and the Landlord Tenant Act (LTA) to avoid conflicts and misunderstandings. With your membership and donations AAMHO volunteers can continue this important work. AAMHO is planning monthly meetings at the LPG Clubhouse to cover a variety of topics so watch for the Meeting announcements. The next meeting is Nov. 16th in the card room. Your LPG AAMHO contact is: **Arthur Hidde II**, Associate Director District 1.

Web address: www.aamho.org

Email: info@aamho.org

(Submitted by Arthur Hidde)

LPG CHORUS CHRISTMAS SHOW

Announcing the LPG Chorus Christmas Variety Show on Wednesday, November 30, at 7:00 PM in the ballroom. An old-time radio show of Dickens "A Christmas Carol" will be presented. There will also be group and solo singing and other acts to follow. Closing out the program will be an audience sing along time with fan favorite songs. Tickets are \$8.00 and are available in the Activities Office. Tickets will be available at the door but for a slightly higher price. Other Thesman communities are invited. Director is Cathy Wehrwein.

VETERANS DAY NOVEMBER 11, 2022

*Veterans Day is observed every year on November 11th. It evolved from Armistice Day, which was proclaimed in 1919 by President Woodrow Wilson. Armistice means when warring parties agreed to stop fighting. Armistice Day in the U.S. recognizes the end of World War One when hostilities ceased on November 11th at 11 A.M, 1918 (**11th hour, of the 11th day, of the 11th month**).*



Following World War II, a Veteran by the name of **Raymond Weeks** had the idea to expand Armistice Day to celebrate all Veterans rather than just the ones who died in World War I. On November 11th, 1947, Mr. Weeks organized a “National Veterans Day” parade in Birmingham, Alabama to recognize Veterans of all wars. This celebration may have helped influence President Dwight D. Eisenhower and Congress to change Armistice Day to Veterans Day in 1954 to recognize all U.S. Veterans. The observance was designated for November 11th and the Day is intended

to thank all those who honorably served in the military – in war time or peace time. In 1982, prior to his death, he was honored by President Reagan with the Presidential Citizenship Medal. Mr. Weeks was also named the ‘Father of Veterans Day’ by Elizabeth Dole. Mr. Weeks continued the practice every year in Birmingham until he died in 1985. The observance hasn’t always held on the 11th of the month. In 1968, legislation known as the *Uniform Holidays Bill* was passed by Congress, moving Veterans Day to the 4th Monday in Nov in 1971. This didn’t last long and in 1975 President Gerald Ford returned the observance to November 11, due at least in part to the historic nature of the date.

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Embarrassing Moments

From Our Past

We’ve all embarrassed ourselves at work at some time. Whether it was tripping and spilling coffee everywhere...Accidentally insulting someone with a stupid, misjudged comment...Mistyping a word on social media so that it ends up saying something rude...it has happened to all of us and now we can laugh.

Diets and the Workplace

I must start by saying this did not happen to me in my workplace, but it did happen to a

very good friend of mine back East. It happened many years ago, but we still laugh about it. My friend was overweight and was trying a new diet she had heard about. She had to eat 2 hardboiled eggs for breakfast, lunch and dinner and she would lose weight. She was impressed with the first couple days because she was losing weight. So, one morning she went to work and got there before her boss (he was a professor). His office was in the lower lever of the University. She sat down at her desk and had felt she really had to let one rip and since no one was there, she did. Well, hardboiled eggs make some pretty wicked gas. She said it was like a putrid green cloud just escaped her body and hung in the air. Well, about 5 minutes later her boss walks in, says good morning and stops dead in his tracks right next to her desk and asked if she could smell the awful smell. She said she could but had no idea where it was coming from. He went into his office and closed the door. She was relieved that he didn't ask any more questions. He comes back out a few minutes later to inform her that he called maintenance to come and check the plumbing because their area was below the 1st floor restrooms. Sure enough, the maintenance guys come in and take down the ceiling tiles so they can get to the pipes to make sure everything is ok. Over an hour later, they put it all back together and said they couldn't find anything amiss with the plumbing. She quit the diet right then and there.

(Submitted by Peggy Marccone)

Workplace Confession

I accidentally charged a customer for an item twice and didn't realize until he came back for a refund a few days later – making a scene while he was at it. While I was processing the refund, I accidentally charged him again! Safe to say he didn't shop at our store anymore. **Anonymous**

Bathroom Problems

In my first week at my new job, I blocked up the toilet. Far too shy to admit my mistake, I



There's a fine line between a numerator and a denominator.

(Only a fraction of people will get this joke.)

attempted to re-flush. WHY??!! I've never left a room so quickly; just listening to the splashing sounds of water spilling out onto the bathroom floor. **Anonymous**

Civic Duty

I was fulfilling my civic duty and was ready for Jury Duty. I had to take time off from work, so this did happen on a workday. The judge asked a few standard questions before the attorneys could get their jab at us. When asked if I knew any attorneys, I told the judge that my company hires attorneys, so I knew a few.

The defense attorney later asked me about this and said, "Ma'am, you said that you employ attorneys, is that right?"



I replied, "Yes. Are you looking for a job? "It slipped out suddenly and I thought for a moment I'd be held in contempt or something as the whole room seemed to be laughing. Once I saw that the judge was laughing too, I relaxed. The attorney came back strong and replied, "No, no. Well, depending on how I do on this case..."

Anonymous

Suction Cup Toys

I worked as a graphic designer and copy editor at a travel company. When my first daughter was a few months old, we placed her in a gizmo where she was able to sit up. Thinking it would be fun, I stuck a suction-cup toy in the middle of my forehead and bent over near my daughter who then grabbed the toy and pulled.

We both had fun until I removed the toy from my forehead and my wife shrieked with laughter.

I had a perfect circle imprinted right smack dab in the middle of my forehead! When my daughter pulled the toy, the suction pulled all the blood to the surface of my skin leaving the hickey.



The dress code at work was shirt and tie, with no hats. For two weeks, I had to walk around with a 1-inch circumference hickey on my head without any opportunity to cover it up. I couldn't have a conversation

at work where the other person didn't start laughing at me. After a while, of course, it proceeded to scab, then it finally disappeared. For years afterward, whenever I was feeling or acting cocky, my wife would mimic pulling a toy from her forehead. That usually straightened me out.

(Submitted by David Manney)

Hang up the Phone First

I cussed up a storm after a phone call without realizing the person was still on the line. **Anonymous**

Work on the Roof

"Once I got sent to a client's office and somehow, I managed to get the directions up to the client's reception horribly wrong. Before I'd realized it, I'd opened a fire door out onto the roof. It shut behind me with a resolute thud leaving me no option but to walk around the roof trying to find another way in. Turning a corner, I spotted my work colleagues and the client all looking at me in bewilderment through the windows of their meeting room. They had to open a window for me to climb in, in front of everyone.

Awkward. **Anonymous**

Those Three Dreaded Words

I told my boss I loved him at the end of a phone call. I was multi-tasking while we talked and distractedly ended the call with "all right, I love you, see you later!" like I usually do with my family. I caught myself

and was very confused and started rambling with such eloquent statements as 'Oh my god! I didn't mean that. I absolutely don't love you....no, I mean, I like working for you, but I know you're married, and I'm married, and I'm not flirting so please don't report me to HR for harassment...'

At some point during my back-pedaling, he just hung up." **Anonymous**

Hopefully, you've had a nice week and a nice day, but if not, I hope some of these stories made you feel a little bit better – you're not the only one that has had moments they'd like to forget. Thank you to all those that submitted your moments to forget!

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Subsequently, the United States Senate Resolution 143 was passed on August 4, 2001, designating the week of November 11 through November 17, 2001, as **National Veterans Awareness Week**. The resolution called for educational efforts directed at elementary and secondary school students concerning the contributions and sacrifices of Veterans.

Skip forward to this year, 2022, which marks the 77th anniversary of the end of WWII, the 69th anniversary of the end of the Korean War, the 47th anniversary of the end of the Vietnam War, the 32nd anniversary of both the end of the Panama

Invasion and the beginning of Desert Shield, and the 1st year following the USA withdrawal of our remaining troops from the 20-year war in Afghanistan. So yes, our Veterans are an elite group of men and women who met the U.S. Armed Forces enlistment qualifications, completed military training in their specialty fields, and often deployed and fought for their country when ordered to do so. For their commitment, we are and will forever be most grateful.

Please consider that as of last year, an estimated 624,000 American Veterans were dying every year, most from natural causes. A recent study from the National Institutes of Health estimates that half of the males who die every day in the U.S. are Veterans. So, take the opportunity to stop by and visit a Veteran this week. Inquire about their military service. Listen to their stories and express our sincere gratitude for their service to our great nation, because they may not be around come Veterans Day next year. God bless our Veterans.

(Submitted by Dick Nations)

VIDEO VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Hello folks, Larry Smith here, and I am looking for some help. Lee Huls and I are looking for volunteers from time to time to run the video cameras from the back of the ballroom. You may have seen us putting close up shots on the TV's during concerts and other events. No experience is required as training will be provided. This is a fun time, and it provides a nice service to the audience as they get a closer look at what is happening on stage.

If you are interested, you can call me at 1-801-628-2032 or email me at larrysmith1958@yahoo.com. If you email me, please put Video Volunteer in the subject line as I don't open emails with an empty subject line.

Thank you and we look forward to hearing from you.

Larry & Lee

**Next Newsletter
February 15,2023**

Deadlines for articles is February 1, 2023

Don't like to write, call me, and tell me your story, joke, or recipe. Next quarterly issue will be "Funny Stories about the Holidays."