

La Casa del Sol

Your Home at the Coast - on North Padre Island

Winter Newsletter

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2015 BOARD MEMBERS:

President Vicki Vannatta

Vice President..... Steve Gandy

TreasurerGaylen Cox

SecretaryCandy Lamel

DirectorJerry Cigainero

Director Ben Harbour

Director Open*

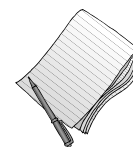
*the last year of this director's term is currently vacant. See note # 1 on page 3 for more.

Asst. Treasurer Dennis York is an appointed volunteer and does not vote on business.

To speak with any of the Board members, please call the Reservations Office at (817) 396-4676, and leave a message and contact info for the Board Member you wish to speak with, and your call will be returned.

A Message from the President:

Happy New Year La Casa owners! 2015 was a very busy year. We completed many projects as well as repairs and replacements. We have some new faces at the resort, a beautiful landscaping project finished and several rooms have had a "facelift".



In 2016 we will continue our efforts to mitigate any tax increases in the appraised value of our resort. With all the growth on The Island, property values are rising which will make this a high priority for this and future boards.

This year we will complete our work of getting all deeds recovered from non-paying owners so that they are available for transfer to new owners. The continued strong financial position of La Casa depends, in large part, upon us getting new owners paying dues along with the rest of us. We need your help! Please spread the word that ownership in our paradise resort has never been cheaper or easier.

In 2016 we will continue to evaluate our costs and expenses and make every effort to save where we can. The board approved a budget for 2016 with no increase in maintenance fees for 2016. To balance the budget we will need to transfer LCDS owned units to new, dues paying owners. This is key in ensuring that our organization will remain financially healthy, this year and in the years to come.

As always, your board is interested in hearing from you. Positive feedback as well as suggestions for improvement are welcomed. Please contact the reservations office with any questions or requests for information. I hope to see you at the annual meeting on February 27th.

Vicki Vannatta, lacasapresident@yahoo.com

WHAT: 2016 ANNUAL OWNERS' MEETING and ELECTION

WHEN Saturday, February 27th beginning at 1:00 p.m.

WHERE: Holiday Inn, 15202 Windward Drive, Corpus Christi, Texas

WHO: All owners are invited to attend or please cast your vote by proxy.

HOW: Be sure your 2016 dues (and any fees owed) are paid, sign and mail the enclosed proxy by no later than February 19th

One lucky Owner unable to attend the meeting will win a free IP week at the Resort by sending in their proxy. Another owner attending the meeting will also win a free week at the Resort. Please send in your proxy even if you do plan to attend. Proxies will be returned to owners when they check in for the meeting.

Election of Owners to the Board of Directors:

Two (2) owners submitted applications to run for a position on the Board of Directors in time to publish their information in this newsletter. There are 2 positions open for election at this time, so you will cast your vote for no more than two (2) people. If other owners would like to serve, they need to notify Secretary Candy Lamel at lacasasecretary@gmail.com by email as soon as possible so their nominations may be considered at the Owners' Meeting and their names can be written in before the final votes there are tallied. Below, in alphabetical order, are letters submitted from each candidate:

Jerry Cigainero

Phone: 817-964-3396

Email: Jcig1943@yahoo.com

My name is Jerry Cigainero, and I'm asking to be re-elected to the Board of Directors. My wife Sue and I have been owners since 2004, and enjoy our little resort very much. I've been on the Board the last three years, and we have many challenges in the coming years.

- Our Owner base has gotten smaller, and with the Board continuing to work and cut our cost, it's still very hard. We still have to take care of our owners.
- We need everyone's help in getting new owners. New Owners will help increase revenues and keep our Annual Dues reasonable, while allowing us to keep our resort looking good and well Maintained.
- We need to continue to analyze our expenses and cut where we can, hold our operational expenses down, and work within our Budget so that we continue to run our business in the best interest of our owners.

I believe that I have the education, business experience, and the skill sets to help our Board achieve these goals for you. I'm a retired business man with 48 Years Experience. I have been fortunate to manage large budgets of over 28 million dollars, goals, and people, and have a history of success in all areas. I won my company's highest award for Excellence, and many other awards throughout my career. With your vote, I pledge to work on the Board for our owners, and to run our resort as a business for you. I can be reached at the above email address or phone number.

Your support will be appreciated! Sincerely, Jerry Cigainero

Steve Gandy

Phone: 214-354-9221

Email: lacasavp@gmail.com

My name is Steve Gandy and I am currently serving on the La Casa Del Sol Board of Directors as Vice President. I have been in charge of the resort operations since July of 2014. I have received a great deal of positive feedback concerning the many upgrades and changes made at the resort, and I am asking for your vote allowing me to continue serving on the Board. Your LCDS Board has great plans for the future of our resort, and I hope you will allow me to be part of those plans and the honor to serve another term. Thanks again for your continued support.

Proposed Bylaws Change:

(Regarding Item 2 under VOTE on the enclosed Proxy)

All Board Members, regardless of position, are unpaid volunteers and serve for the benefit of the entire Council of Co-Owners of La Casa del Sol. In 2006, a Bylaws change reduced elected terms from (5) years to three (3) years, and established term limits of 2 consecutive (3-year) terms of service, and a Director willing to serve again could not run for election again for 3 years, and then could serve one additional 3-year term.

Recently, few owners have been willing or able to contribute the time, effort and skills needed to perform the work of the Board, so the paragraph on page 3 is proposed to replace entirely the existing Section 4.03 under Article IV in the Bylaws, regarding the BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

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Proposed Bylaws Change (continued):

“Section 4.03. Election, Appointment and Term. Directors are elected to serve for a 3-year term on the Board and terms are staggered, so 2 or 3 places are up for election each year. Nominations are solicited in the Fall Newsletter, sent to all owners each year, to present the opportunity to volunteer themselves or nominate others to run for election instead of, or against, any incumbents who might choose to run for re-election. Each Director may run for re-election for up to two (2) additional 3-year terms if re-elected. After serving three (3) consecutive 3-year terms, an owner willing to serve again is eligible to be nominated for election to the Board again after being off the elected Board for one (1) year, provided he/she meets all other eligibility requirements.”

If you agree with the proposed change, indicate YES on the enclosed Proxy, or indicate NO if you do not. If you have no opinion, please assign your Proxy either to another owner who will attend the meeting or to the current Board of Directors to act on your behalf. If you wish to discuss this proposed change with a particular Board Member, you may contact the Reservations and Accounting Office and either Andy or Charlene will have that person contact you to discuss this further.

PLEASE:

SIGN YOUR PROXY AND MAIL IT (EVEN IF YOU DON'T VOTE) SO IT WILL COUNT TOWARD THE QUORUM NEEDED TO TRANSACT BUSINESS AT THE FEBRUARY MEETING.

Additional NOTES of Interest:

- 1) As indicated on page one, the final year of a 3-year term on the Board of Directors is open at this time. If you or someone you know is interested in serving the last year of this term, with the ability to run for election to a regular 3-year term in 2017, contact President Vicki Vannatta, or include a note about this when you mail your Proxy to Secretary Candy Lamel by February 19th.
- 2) Regarding the recently passed Open Carry Law in Texas: La Casa del Sol will NOT allow Open Carry of firearms at the resort in any of the public areas outdoors, including the parking lot as well as the fishing piers. Official 30.07 signs will be posted on the walls outside as well as at the Resort Office to make this rule obvious to anyone entering the property.

IMPORTANT NOTICE TO OWNERS from the ACCOUNTING OFFICE:

REMINDER: The unit/week you own is real property. When an owner dies or is divorced, the deed needs to be updated! We still have some owners who need to update their deeds to reflect the life changes that have occurred.

If the property was in the parents' name and one or both is deceased, the will(s) need to be probated and the deed changed by an attorney. Until this is accomplished, the heirs have no legal right to use the resort.

If the property is awarded to you in a divorce settlement, the attorney(s) will need to update the deed on file in Nueces County. This isn't something we can do for you.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the Reservations and Accounting Office.



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Fraud Alert:

Many different scams exist associated with timeshare sales. Please be very cautious if you are approached with a scheme for renting, selling or trading your timeshare ownership. **NEVER PAY UPFRONT FEES.** Pay only after your transaction has been completed. **You may want to contact your Attorney.**

La Casa del Sol (the resort):

15113 Leeward Dr., Corpus Christi, TX 78418

Phone: 361-949-6050

Resort Manager: Shelly Franklyn

IF YOU WILL BE ARRIVING LATE: you must call the RESORT OFFICE before 8:00 p.m. on Friday to make arrangements for obtaining a key to your unit.

Reservations and Accounting Office:

18757 S. Highway 377, Cresson, TX 76035

Phone: 817-396-4676

Fax: 817-396-4740

Office hours: 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. (Monday – Friday)

TO MAKE A RESERVATION: call AT or AFTER 9:00 a.m. (CT) and leave a message and contact phone number. Calls will be returned beginning at 9:15 (CT) in the order received. **BE SURE TO BE AVAILABLE – if you do not answer, a 2nd attempt will be made only after the others on the list are called first.**

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Note to RCI Members: Visit the link <http://app.rci.com/landing/InsideRCI> for their latest information online.