# Irish Blessings May your pockets

be heavy and your

heart be light. May good luck pursue you





### **Community Newsletter**

March 2023 www.loscocoshoa.com

The jewel of Rancho Mirage since 1973

President: Sean Chuckas
Vice President: Karl Schmidt
CFO: Don Underhill
Secretary: Sharin Orr
Member at Large: Todd Farrell

### Meet your new 2023 Board of Directors



L to R David Schuknecht, PPM Manager, Todd Farrell, Don Underhill, Sean Chuckas, Sharin Orr, and Karl Schmidt

#### From our HOA President

On February 11<sup>th</sup> the association held its Los Cocos Annual Meeting. At that time, the board seated by acclamation 3 new board members. The reason that this was done this way is that California law allows an Association to seat board members when an election is uncontested. So, when the number of potential candidates is the same as the open board positions for a given year, there is no need to hold an election.

In 2023, there were 3 open board positions and there were 3 candidates who submitted nominations for the board. The board would like to welcome back Sean Chuckas and our newest members Todd Ferrell and Sharin Orr. We want to thank them for volunteering to be on the board. As many of you may know, the board is a volunteer position where individuals give of their time to operate and enhance the community that we all live in.

I would like to thank Ken Burdette and Judy Chown for their many years of service to the board and to the community. The association appreciates their hard work on the board and their efforts to make our community a great place to live. Judy and Ken please enjoy your retirement from the board.

Also, I would like to thank those individuals who volunteer their time to be on committees, point persons, "fix it" persons, light bulb changers, social event planners and communication persons. There are too many to mention in this article, but please know that your efforts, time, and commitment to make Los Cocos a great place to live is much appreciated by the Board and all the residents of this wonderful community.

After the annual meeting, the board met to organize the positions of the board, the different committees and point persons for the HOA. Board member positions, Committee and point person assignments can be found on the Los Cocos website: www.loscocoshoa.com

At this time the board has been organized as follows:

President: Sean Chuckas Vice President: Karl Schmidt

CFO: Don Underhill Secretary: Sharin Orr

Member at Large: Todd Ferrell

If a homeowner is interested in volunteering, please contact a board member. We are always looking for individuals to help.

Sean Chuckas HOA President



Outgoing 2022-2023 Board. L to R, Don Underhill, Ken Burdette, Sean Chuckas, Judy Chown, Karl Schmidt. Thank you to our outgoing Board members, Ken Burdette and Judy Chown who ended their terms of office at the annual meeting. Both Ken and Judy served on the Board over 10 years.

#### Who does what?

#### **Standing committees:**

Architectural: Karl Schmidt, Chair

Michael Hurvitz

**Finance**: Don Underhill, CFO

Betty Phillips, Chair

Greg Mieure Todd Farrell

#### **Point Person Assignments**

**Communications** – Sharin Orr

Clubhouse Reservations, Master Calendar, Email blasts, Website content

**Emergency Radios**–Karl Schmidt/Don Underhill **Insurance**-Rod Jacobus

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Landscape/Irrigation/Tree Trimming-Rod Jacobus, Chair, Sean Chuckas, Board liaison, Cynthia McKewan

**Lights**-Don Underhill, Chair and Steve Chown, winter, William Lawson, summer

**Pools**-Sean Chuckas **Recycling** – Rit Coletta **Roofs**-Don Underhill **Social**-Julie Battista, Chair, Bill Cunningham, Myrna Gray, Sandy Dickson **Website**-Bill Cunningham, webmaster

Welcome-Sharin Orr

#### Los Cocos Homeowners Association Board of Directors Meeting

Monday, March 27, 2023

Meeting will begin at 2 PM

**Los Cocos Clubhouse** 

BOD meetings have been changed to the 4<sup>th</sup> MONDAY of each month. NO meetings are held in August & December, and the Annual Meeting in February, date TBA.

All meeting will be held at the Los Cocos Clubhouse.

#### **Landscape Committee News**

Los Cocos was constructed in the 1970's and was touted for its beautiful greenery and numerous trees. After almost 50 years we are seeing the effects of an aging tree population. We have lost several trees over the last four years and have several others that are nearing the end of their life span. The committee is committed to doing our part to save our existing trees. We are also working on a tree replacement program. We will be researching drought tolerant trees that will withstand the long-term effects of reduced watering guidelines, and yet provide us with the beauty we have become accustomed to.

Rod Jacobus Landscape Committee Chair

## **Emergency Preparedness Radio Test Tues, Mar 7th**

The Rancho Mirage Emergency Radio test will be held at 7:00 p.m. Please contact Don Underhill with questions. Thank you to Karl Schmidt for managing Radio No 1 and to Don Underhill for managing Radio No 2.

#### **Los Cocos Directory**

The 2023-2024 Los Cocos Directory will soon be printed and when complete will be placed in your mailbox by mid-March. Please look for your copy. ALL updates will now go to Sharin Orr.

.NEWS from the SOCIAL COMMITTEFF



Join your neighbors for a Friday happy hour at the Clubhouse. March 3<sup>rd</sup> 4-7 pm BYOB and bring an appetizer to share.



Fri. March 17<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm

celehrate Come St. Patrick's Day with a party at the Los Cocos Clubhouse.

Please BYOB and bring a dish to share. Remember to wear GREEN! Plates, cups, utensils provided.



The luncheon is at Noon Please meet at the Clubhouse at 11:30 to carpool

### Around the Neighborhood

The 7 am walkers all met up recently at the main gate. It's been cold this winter, so we are all bundled up. It's so nice to have everyone back together again.





### Ladies of Los Cocos Tea

On a beautiful February afternoon, the ladies of Los Cocos gathered together for a wonderful afternoon of friendship, tea sandwiches, cookies, hats, fancy dress, and lots of festive joy. A perfect way to spend the day.











### IN MEMORIUM Lynda Joanne Gates Smith June 2, 1935-January 31, 2023

With heartfelt sadness the Board has been notified of the death of our wonderful neighbor, Lynda Smith. Lynda was an original owner in the 2<sup>nd</sup> build, with she and Royal purchasing the model home.