# 2014 Spring & Summer Newsletter



# Direct Exchanges Now Available from the resort!

We are pleased to announce a direct exchange program approved by the Board of Directors for resort **owners only**. This program will allow our owners to exchange their owned week in place of another week for that year at Four Seasons. The only upfront cost for our owner will be the exchange fee of \$150.00 (more affordable



than RCI's fees) for the Weeks 1 – 20 & 37 - 52. For those interested in exchanging for a Summer Week, the cost is \$750.00 (which includes a discounted rental rate of 25% off with the \$150.00 exchange fee credit). Anyone interested in the exchanges must contact the office and pay the fees via credit cards only.

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#### Paul Spellman Treasurer (Incumbent)

"I have a BS in Accounting from Indiana University and am Controller at a fire sprinkler company that employs 150 people. My duties include human resources as well as all accounting functions. I am also involved in CGL and workers compensation insurance.

I have served on the board of Four Seasons for the last 15 years in the position of Treasurer. During that time we have performed the partial renovations of building 1 and 2.

We have navigated through the problem of Hank's retirement and the replacement of managers. Part of my duties as Treasurer is the calculation and remittance of all payroll taxes and reporting.

I will be honored to serve if the homeowners decide to reelect me to the board."

#### Don Lawrence Director (Incumbent)

"I am a retired Sales Manager for a manufacturing company. My wife and I live in Bellville, TX. We have been owners since Four Season originated. I have been serving on the board periodically for over 15 years."



## **ANNUAL MEETING DATE HAS BEEN SET.**

This year's annual meeting is set for June 17<sup>th</sup>, 2014 @ 6:00pm AT 4000 Seawall, Galveston Texas. The Board of Directors will be discussing the plans on moving forward with the repairs to the exterior of the property. It is highly recommended that you take part in this and many other decisions that will be discussed. A Ballot and a proxy is included with this newsletter, please review and return by June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2014 for those who will not be in attendance. Those owners who plan on attending the meeting we will see you on the tennis court at 6:00 PM. We have included some information on the owners listed on the attached Ballot in the "2014 Candidates Spotlight (*located on left column and right column of the follow page*)". If you attend you will also be able to ask the candidates questions directly prior to voting.



# **KEEP YOUR CONTACT INFO UPDATED**

Now is the time to ensure your contact info is still current with the resort. Whether you changed your address, phone numbers, or use a new email. All owners are responsible for ensuring that their contact and billing info is current with the resort. If any of your information has changed (*ex. Email, phone, and address*), contact the resort by either phone 409-763-7138, fax 409-763-7152, email salvi@fsotg.com, or mail the updated and current info to the office.

# **OTE YES**

# VOTE FOR THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO HAVE CHECK-INS ON FRIDAY

Galveston is a tourist hot spot throughout the year. As the economy of the island has changed, there are major improvements still on the horizon. The resort needs to maximize on this from a revenue stand point. All the major festivals on the island include Friday, Saturday, and Sunday – such as Mardi Gras, Lone Star Rally, and Dickens of the Strand. Owners have been struggling for years to maximize on weekend traffic to get their condos rented in their absence. One main reason for this is due to the fact that the resort has a Saturday to Saturday operation. Just like any hotel around the world weekend rates are higher on Friday & Saturday, with regular rates Sunday through Thursday. Being that the resort is centrally located and directly on the Seawall, it will be good to offer everyone a full weekend experience. This can be incorporated by putting the discussion up to vote to all owners, and changing from a Saturday to a Friday stay. Late arrivals can be scheduled in advance at the office.

No owner would lose any time off their ownership, as the change would go in effect in January 2015 during our Maintenance Week. This movement would require a 70% vote approval, so your vote is crucial to the success of the proposed amendment change. Four Seasons is the only RCI Week resort that has a Saturday to Saturday changeover on the island. Included with this newsletter is the proposed amendment and ballot, please return the ballot with your vote for this change.



"I would like to run for one of the positions for the Board. I am very interested in helping with the ongoing efforts to revitalize and upgrade the conditions at Four Seasons on the Gulf.

#### I am a(n)

- Houston area resident of 40 years
- Vietnam Veteran --USMC
- International Flight

Attendant United Airlines – 13 years

• Real Estate agent 18 years – specializing in property management / foreclosed properties

• Real Estate Broker since 2000

• Certified Professional Interior Design Stager

• Bachelor of Science – University of Houston – Criminal Justice

• Member Blue Ridge Lions Club

Fort Bend CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocate) for abused/ neglected children
President Home Owners Association – 5 years



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FOUR CEASONS

**Summer in Galveston** 

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