



West Wind Inn

Quarterly Newsletter

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..... the best of Sanibel Island

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.....*sunshine..... seashells.....and memories*

THE WEST WIND INN

An island escape with over 500 feet of beach frontage

At the quiet end of the island

Guest rooms & kitchens available

Friendliness & cleanliness

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Sweepstakes Winner

Each quarter we select one entry from our sweepstakes contest on our web site. The lucky winner receives a free one-week stay (off season) at the West Wind Inn. During the last quarter, over 280 people entered our sweepstakes. The winner was **Janice A of Cedar Rapids, Iowa**. A word to the wise - the GM selects the winners by personally reviewing the submission list. Duplicate entries are **never** selected.

Keep those entries coming and you could be a winner as well. Since we started this program in the winter of 2003, thirty three people from the UK, Germany, Canada, Switzerland and all over the US have received a free week at the Inn. Is it your turn to win?



Your lounge chair is waiting for you, along with a view of the peaceful Gulf of Mexico

West Wind Inn Family

This quarter we feature Laurie Shannon, who has worked on our Front Desk since 2007. She comes from the Minneapolis area and must have (as a lass) enjoyed that cold weather. After attending St. Stephens College in Columbia, Missouri she went back north (brrrr) to get an AA degree from the University of Minnesota, then transferred to Drake University in Des Moines, Iowa where she earned her BA degree in English [You can bet that her registration cards are grammatically correct]. For many years Laurie worked in the family manufacturing business, which her grandfather started. They manufactured specialty high-temperature furnaces used in moldings.

She does her share in helping out in worthwhile causes, having been a member of Friends of the Boundary Waters and the Windstar Foundation. Laurie also helped to keep our highways and Preserves clean. She is currently a member of FISH here on Sanibel. Be sure to say hello to Laurie when you see her at our Front Desk.



God grant me the senility to forget the people I never liked anyway; The good fortune to meet the people I do; And the eyesight to tell the difference!



“There was a time when a fool and his money were soon parted — but now it happens to everybody”
Adlai Stevenson

Revision Definitions:

Adult — A person who has stopped growing at both ends and is now growing in the middle.

Beauty Parlor — A place where women curl up and dye.

Chickens — The only animals you can eat before they are born and after they are dead.

Committee — A body that keeps minutes and wastes hours.

Dust — Mud with the juice squeezed out.

Egotist — Someone who is usually me-deep in conversation.

Inflation — Cutting money in half without damaging the paper.

Mosquito — An insect that makes you like flies better.

Raisin — A grape with a sunburn.

Secret — Something you tell

one person at a time.

Toothache — The pain that drives you to extraction.

Tomorrow — One of the greatest labor saving devices of today.

Yawn — An honest opinion openly expressed.

Skeleton — A bunch of bones with the skin scraped off.

Handkerchief — Cold storage.

Kitchens & Baths!

We earlier mentioned that we were renovating more baths in Driftwood Building. The 11 we undertook are now complete — units 237 through 247. This only leaves 9 more baths at the Inn to renovate (139 through 147) which we hope to complete next summer.

I’m sure no one will miss those older ceramic basins and toilets in Tuscan Tan, Sky Blue and Seafoam Green [but I guess those colors were the thing in the sixties].

As for the kitchens, all in Driftwood are complete and we are currently finish-

ing up the kitchens in the Gulf Front units of Azalea and Buttonwood buildings. Our plan is to complete the remaining kitchens in Azalea and Croton buildings next year. The new granite topped counters and smooth top stoves have been getting nice reviews.

WWI Tennis Courts:

The number of people who are playing tennis these days seems to be dwindling — at least in the Florida heat. Heretofore we have maintained two tennis courts at the Inn. In light of the reduced demand and the need to upgrade our tennis facility for those who still wish to play, we are completely re-

working the west court to bring it up to standard. We have contracted with Ballard Construction to do this for us and the project will be completed in December, 2011. Once complete, we will close the East Court and determine at a later date what we will do with that

area. The result will be one less court — but one that will be a pleasure on which to play.





The Army & Air Force maintain schools for training dogs to sniff out drugs. And it takes more than just a good nose to be successful — a dog must be willing to retrieve repeatedly without losing interest. German Shepherds (and occasionally Labrador Retrievers) are used. The dog is taught to

How Do Dogs “Sniff” Drugs?

discern a particular scent and to alter its behavior when it does so. Trying to mask drugs with perfume doesn’t help — the dogs can pick up the proper scent when there is 90% detractor and 10% narcotics.

It takes about 10 weeks to train a “marijuana” dog. Moving up to hard drug detection such as heroin takes longer. Early attempts to train dogs on heroin failed utterly. The dogs became addicted by sniffing the stuff during training and eventually died. Today, in laboratories, they are able to break

down the drugs components and manufacture a substance bearing the scent of heroin without the consequences. This product is highly classified.

Step one is to get the dog interested in an ounce of marijuana (placed in a small plastic bag). The trainer tosses the bag about 10 feet and encourages the dog to fetch — with praise and rewards for a successful retrieve. Later the trainer asks the dog to “stay” while he hides the bag at a particular distance — here the dog has

to depend on its nose, not eyesight. This goes on for about a month before the dog is ready to check luggage and packages. The complexity increases over time — cars; buildings; marijuana that’s masked with perfume, formaldehyde or some other scent dope smugglers like to use.

A good dog with a capable handler can be cross trained in all types of drugs as well as black powder, sulfur and other materials used to make bombs.

The Greek Financial Bailout Explained!

It’s a slow day in a little Greek village — rain is beating down and the streets are deserted. Times are tough. Everybody is in debt—and everybody lives on credit. On this particular day a rich German tourist is driving through the village, stops at the local hotel and lays 100 Euros on the desk, telling the hotel owner he wants to inspect the rooms upstairs in order to pick one to

spend the night. The owner gives him some keys and, as soon as the visitor has walked upstairs, the hotelier grabs the 100 Euros and runs next door to pay his debt to the butcher. The butcher takes the 100 Euros and runs down the street to repay his debt to the pig farmer. The pig farmer heads off with the 100 Euros to pay his bill at

the supplier of feed and fuel. The guy at the Farmers Coop takes the 100 Euros and runs to pay his drinks bill at the tavern. The publican slips the 100 Euros to the prostitute drinking at the bar, who has been giving him “services” on credit. The hooker then rushes off to the hotel and pays off her room bill to the hotel owner with the 100 Euros. The hotel proprietor

Places the 100 Euros back on the counter. The rich traveler comes back down the stairs, picks up the 100 Euro note, says the rooms are not satisfactory, pockets the money and leaves town. No one produced anything; No one earned anything; Yet the whole village is now out of debt and looking to the future with more optimism. And that, my friends, is how the bailout package works.

Featured Recipe of the Quarter

Here’s a quick & easy dessert for the busy holidays (from Gerry Burkell — Front Desk staff):

Cherry Angel Dessert

- 8 cups of cooked angel food cake (cut in 1/2” cubes)
- 1 #2 can (2.5 cups) cherry pie filling
- 1 pkg instant vanilla pudding

- 1 1/2 cups (12 oz) milk
 - 1 cup (8 oz) dairy sour cream
- Place 1/2 the cake pcs in large baking dish. Spoon 1/2 of the cherry pie filling over the cake pcs. (Save the rest) Now add the remaining cake pcs over the existing mixture.

Combine pudding mix, milk & sour cream & beat until

smooth. Spoon over cake; Chill it for 5 hrs.

Cut into squares & garnish with the rest of the cherry pie filling and some Cool Whip.





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The West Wind Inn has been serving its guests who have been coming to the island since the doors opened in March of 1969. It is the perfect place to relax, decompress, unwind, chill out or to get reacquainted with your family. Our goal is to make each guest's stay a most pleasant experience.

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Where I Have and Haven't Been!

I have been in many places, but I've never been in Cahoots. Apparently you can't go alone. You have to be in Cahoots with someone.

I've also never been in Cognito. I hear no one recognizes you there.

I have, however, been in Sane. They don't have an airport; you have to be driven there. I have made several trips there, thanks to family, friends and work.

I would like to go to Conclusions, but you have to jump — and I'm not too much on physical activity anymore.

I have also been in Doubt. That is a sad place to go, and I try not to visit there too often.

I've been in Flexible — but only when it was very important to stand firm.

Sometimes I'm in Capable, and I go there more often as I'm getting older.

One of my favorite places to be is in Suspense. It really gets the adrenalin flowing and pumps up the old heart. At my age, I need all the stimuli I can get.

