PRESIDENT'S REPORT  
By Bob Rose

Terrific News! Coachella Valley Water District (CVWD) is greatly interested in what our Association has done to reduce water usage. At a recent meeting with our Lake Committee, CVWD representatives requested permission to publish an article outlining the Association's successful landscaping project along both sides of the Country Club Drive wall. CVWD was also excited about our aggressive splitting of the turf, shrub and tree watering cycles, an idea that originated with Cindy Shoemaker. It appears that our Association is far ahead of most other HOAs in the Coachella Valley in meeting the challenges threatening the underground water supply.

Your Board is committed to continually search for ways to save expenses. And, we are having significant successes in this endeavor. For example, the Board, with the help of the Lake Committee, has made important adjustments in our water usage. During the meeting with representatives of the CVWD mentioned above, Bruce Dorne confirmed that our savings were 160.5 acre feet of water in 2009 over the amount we used in 2008. That equates to nearly 53,000,000 million gallons of water saved in our well's aquifer and over $16,000 saved in our Association's checking account. Further, if you factor in the saved electrical use of our well pump and irrigation pumps, it is over twice that dollar savings!

Every chance I get, I ask for volunteers to staff our committees. The reason that I so often make this request is best illustrated by Bob Kapell. Immediately after I was first introduced to the workings of our Association, and long before I was elected to the Board, I received a long, detailed written analysis of how the Association could save money by making certain specified landscape changes. After Bob's appointment to chair the Long Range Planning Committee two years ago, Bob gathered all the water, gas and electric bills for recent years and made a spreadsheet of each of the many, many Association utility meters. It is from this beginning that the Lake Committee became involved and, ultimately, the water savings I have just described came about. Roy Olsen continues to physically read meters to make sure that our bills contain the correct usage.

If you ever had doubts about the benefit of having committees at Lake Mirage, Bob Kapell's story should prove their benefit. A current list of all of our committees appears at the end of this newsletter. If you are not already on one, please volunteer by calling Lucy at the management office and indicating how you would like to help.

The hinges on our front gates are wearing out and several now require replacement. The Board is soliciting proposals to install replacements for the ones that have failed. In
order to accomplish the repairs, each individual gate must be removed for a day. However, only one will be done at a time, so there will be one operating gate on each side of the gatehouse during this repair period.

When all the homes had new flat roofs installed, the flat roof area of both the gatehouse and the clubhouse were skipped for monetary reasons. Now, the time has come for these to be repaired and renewed. Although there will be little or no inconvenience when the clubhouse is reroofed, unfortunately, the gatehouse reroofing will not be that simple. All four front gates will not be usable for about three days. Because foam will be installed, it will not be safe to have autos use the gates during the foam's application. Advance notice will be given and information has been inserted into your HOA tubes beneath your mailbox. During the application of the foam, the Cholla side gate will remain open which should keep the inconvenience manageable.

Because of the various vacation plans of some of the Board members, there will be no July Board meeting and there will be no August issue of LAKE VIEW.

LAKE MIRAGE YACHT CLUB
by Marshall Rice

Summer is upon us and evening cruising on the lakes is becoming very popular. Be sure you remember to turn on the running light after dark and remember to bring a flash light. A cell phone is also a good idea any time you are out on the lake. Also, I have noticed that that boats need a little more cleaning in the morning after an evening outing. Please remember to clean up after yourself and be sure the cord is plugged in and the batteries are charging for the next member.

We still have a few things left to sell. We have a limited inventory of visors @ only $10.00, Caps @ only $12.00, Women’s shirts @ only $20.00 and Men’s polo shirts @ only$15. To purchase Apparel, contact Detliff Eymer @ 760.340.5241.

Anyone interested in joining the Lake Mirage Yacht Club may pick up an application from the HOA Office. The one time initiation fee is only $350 and the annual dues are only $156 a year for unlimited use of all 3 club boats. In addition, since we are members of the Southern California Yachting Association you may have access to Yacht Clubs all over the country by showing your Yacht Club membership card. For more information, please feel free to call me personally at 619.857.3666.

HOA DIRECTORY IS HERE!
By Sr. Staff Reporter

By now you should have received your new HOA Residents Directory. Many residents have requested a convenient directory and the Board approved its release in accordance with State and Federal privacy laws. This was done at minimal cost to the HOA and no additional burden to the office staff. Homeowners were given two opportunities to participate with requests for information in December 2009 and a follow-up in May 2010. The resulting directory design, data input, proof reading, copying, stapling, stuffing and sealing were all done by volunteers. They left you something to do - fold the directory in half! Thanks to Kaycie Dolezal and Dee Forgetter for putting this directory together and getting it out.

If you wish to participate in future directories, or want to update your information, please promptly fill out and return the form that will be sent to you in advance of the next publication.

This paper directory is an interim step until the Website directory is fully completed by the homeowners. It is much easier and more current to have the data updated on-line by the residents. Please sign on to www.lakemiragehoa.com and complete your profile giving authorization for the on-line directory.

You may want to note that the management data base used for the website and the mailing labels is derived from information on the title to your home. If you have had a change in
circumstances (marriage, divorce, death, change of name) you may want to consider if a change of title is appropriate. Management will be happy to tell you how to do it.

**Editor's Note:** Special thanks to Dee Forgette and her crew of dedicated volunteers for putting this wonderful new directory together and editing all the information therein contained. This was not an easy job and we are lucky to have had their help.

### RECALL ELECTION UPDATE
by The Editor

Both Board members Clif Cole’s and Jim Forgette’s names have been withdrawn from the recall election by those who originally petitioned for their removal from the Board. This leaves only Bob Rose's name on the recall ballot. Ballots, along with his response to the Petition, will be mailed to each homeowner on or about July 13th. The election will take place on August 17th. Please make sure to return your ballots so as to insure that there is a quorum as otherwise, another election date will be required.

### EARTHQUAKE INSURANCE REVIEW
By Sherman Furlong

The purpose of this article is to advise homeowners of the extent and cost of the Association's earthquake insurance. There are two policies in place with the first covering the clubhouse and infrastructure (such as walls, bridges, etc., but with lakes excluded) in the amount of $5,000,000 and with a deductible of $250,000. The second policy covers our homes and garages in the amount of $1,000,000 with a deductible of $150,000. Therefore if Lake Mirage Racquet Club is completely destroyed the residential policy would pay $850,000 ($1,000,000 minus $150,000 deductible). This means that each homeowner would recover roughly $3,600. These two policies, combined, cost approximately $45,000 per year. Your Board is suggesting that sometime in the fall, well before these policies renew on January 1, 2011, a Town Hall Meeting be held to discuss the earthquake insurance issue and also initiate a referendum as to whether or not we should continue with this insurance. Our CC&R's state, "The Board must have the prior approval of a majority of a quorum of the members before choosing to cancel or not renew any existing earthquake insurance policy for the insured property." If we leave the policies in place, we face the possibility of receiving an invoice in December reflecting a huge increase in our cost with no option other than to renew the policies. The Board will keep you continually informed on this matter.

### WE NEED HELP
by The Swan Committee

The swans that grace our two lakes are hearty eaters. At one time the Association did not provide food for them and they fed themselves by coming up on shore and eating our flowers and any other plant or bug life that looked tempting. The problem became that as their population increased, they became aggressive pests due to the competition for available food. To avoid these problems, swan feeders were erected in several places on both lakes and the Association provided swan food to fill them. Most often, the homeowner by the feeder kept them full of food which was supplied and delivered by the Association.

We are now in the position of needing more residents to volunteer to maintain the swan feeders. It is not a difficult job, but it is an essential one if we wish to keep our swans in good health. So, please, if you enjoy seeing these wonderful birds glide by your home, volunteer to help keep their feeders full by calling Lucy at 760.773.3522.

### IT'S SUMMERTIME, SUMMERTIME, SUM, SUM, SUMMERTIME...
by Social Committee

The Social Committee kept the summer festivities at Lake Mirage going with a Happy Hour on June 25th. Approximately 35 of our
toasty residents partook of hors d’oeuvres and adult beverages. New owner, Jim Huff, tickled the ivories of the clubhouse piano. We see a sing along in our future!

Everyone is on their own for the month of July, but mark your calendars for Friday, August 20th. The Social Committee will be hosting our first Ice Cream Social. We’ll have the cold stuff, the sticky stuff, nuts (at Lake Mirage!!!), whipped cream and lots of napkins. We’ll even work in those adult beverages. It will be a great way to cool off on a hot August night. Watch your tube for more information about the time which will be a little later than normal.

The Committee has great events scheduled for the Fall. Start looking for your Halloween costume now.

BOAT LIGHTS
by Junior Staff Reporter

Of Boats and Lights and all things in the Night...Not long ago, we barely avoided a major accident on the lower lake. There were several boats out on that calm, cool evening. All but one, the larger of the two lower lake Yacht Club Boats, had lights on fore and aft.

Maritime “rules of the road” are identical to those on the highway; whether the water craft is underway, or anchored, lights are to be easily visible both from the bow and the stern.

No one appreciates “water police,” but a lawsuit over a death, serious injury or property damage would likely involve the HOA and the party at fault.

Please.... If you’re enjoying our lakes, do the right thing and turn ON your running lights at dusk.

CONTROL OF THE GEESE
by Associate Staff Reporter

We all know that we have a problem here at Lake Mirage with the control of our population of Canadian Geese. This year, the number of our resident geese has increased dramatically due to the disappearance of the company that we have used for several years to control them. A search of the web indicates that the Federal Government may allow the eggs of Canadian Geese to be broken if a license is obtained from the appropriate agency. We need volunteers to take on this challenge to the community through the understanding of what can be done lawfully. If you have a background in dealing with government licensing procedures, or if you are willing to learn, please contact Lucy in the management office and offer your help to meet this challenge.

PERSONAL PROFILE
By Bob Rose

Did you know that we have a celebrity in our office? Well, we really do. Lucy Shamlian was the private secretary of the South Korean Ambassador to Egypt for 22 years. During that time, the Korean government sent her to South Korea in order to better understand that country and to meet with foreign office personnel with whom she had distant communication. What an interesting job that must have been!

Lucy was born in Egypt and lived there until 1988 when she and her husband decided that they wished to "explore new horizons and better our lives." Upon leaving Egypt, they briefly moved to Australia. From there, they came to this country where Lucy proudly obtained US citizenship 19 years ago. Lucy and her husband were caught in the 1994 Los Angeles earthquake and their apartment was completely destroyed. As they also had a home in Palm Springs, they decided to move to our beautiful valley as their permanent home.

Perhaps you have noticed a slight accent when you have spoken with Lucy. That's certainly understandable since Lucy fluently speaks Armenian, French and Arabic besides English.

Lucy's hobbies are reading, ballroom dancing and cooking. She tells me that she is impressed with our beautiful grounds, wonderful homeowners and her great job here.
If you haven't had the pleasure of meeting Lucy yet, please make it a point to stop by the office and say "hello." You will also see her in the morning driving our streets to insure that there are no apparent problems that need her attention. If you see her, give her a cheerful wave.

Assistant Manager Lucy Shamlian

BURRTEC RECYCLING PICKUP
by Staff Report

Every once in a while, Burrtec sends their recycling truck early on Thursday morning rather than at its usual mid afternoon schedule. When these early pickups occur, those residents who have become used to putting their recycling at curbside around lunchtime find the still full containers when they go to put the containers away Thursday evening. Twice management has called Burrtec and asked that they come again on Friday to empty the containers.

Burrtec has informed management that homeowners are required to have recycling containers street side by 6:00AM and that they will not make any further second trips to empty containers not put out on time. Unfortunately, they get to call the shots, so everyone had better remember to put the bins out early on Thursday mornings or take the chance that they won't be emptied. And, don't be lulled by their still coming in the afternoons as they did on the day I wrote this article. The one time you fail to take it out will be the one time they come early.

LANDSCAPE COMMITTEE REPORT
by Cindy Shoemaker

The culmination of the palm tree trimming will happen during July as will the re-trimming of our Fan Palms that this year chose to re-bloom after it was determined that they had finished. FC Maintenance will be doing this at no additional cost to Lake Mirage. It was just a happening of mother nature!

Also, all shrubs that can handle summer pruning will be done in the following weeks to insure full flowering later in the year. These include Oleanders, Bougainvillea, Lantana and Pyracantha.

The lawn areas have been showing a great deal of distress as we have had many water issues. In addition to those problems, we have many areas that no longer have any Bermuda grass. FC is submitting a request to add seed and cover up to help germinate better looking lawns around the property.

In addition FC will be spraying a product called 'Monument' to deal with weeds and, most importantly, the Nut Grass which has, as per usual for this time of the year, reared its ugly head.
JOIN TOGETHER ON THE
LAKE MIRAGE WEBSITE
WWW.LAKEMIRAGEHOA.COM

The Lake Mirage HOA, in conjunction with our management company, Desert Resort Management, has developed a new website with great features. This website is one of many steps the Board of Directors is taking to improve communications with the homeowners. Here is how to take advantage of these new tools and benefits for the homeowners.

Sign up – Sign in

Log on to the website at www.lakemiragehoa.com. On the upper right corner is a “sign-in” button. Click and follow the instructions to set up your own user name and password. Then, just click on “sign-in” and you’re ready to go.

Home Page

The Home page is where it all starts. If it doesn’t open to the Home, just click on “Home” on the brown toolbar. The home page has the following:

- My Account – allows you to pay on-line and see your account history
  - Update your profile
  - Be included in the on-line directory
- News from the HOA
- Upcoming Events
- Weather
- Newsletters – current and prior
- Messages
- Classified Ads

Resources

- Resident Services – Make a payment, forms, FAQs
- Stay Connected – Links, news, photos
  - Desert Sun, LA Times, USA Today
  - Contact your government officials
  - Local entertainment and events
- Resource Center – Governing docs, Architectural and Landscape applications, welcome packet

Owner Directory

The HOA is currently working on a paper directory that meets the state and federal privacy requirements. But paper directories are quickly out of date and expensive to distribute. The website offers a secure directory that can be accessed and updated anytime.

Directory – To be included in the Directory under Contacts take the following steps.

- Go to Home page. Under “My Account” click on “Profile.”
- Go to “Edit My Profile” which will bring up all your information. You can even add your picture.
- Add or Edit to have the information you select included in the on-line directory.

More information will be coming to help you make maximum use of this community communication tool. Look forward to articles, demonstrations, and workshops.

PARTICIPATE IN THE LAKE MIRAGE COMMUNITY
CALENDAR of COMING EVENTS

SUMMER CALENDAR

July Thur  Poker - Every Thurs night
       6:00 - 9:00 pm  Lower Clubhouse
July 22  Thur  Board Study Session
       9:00 am   Lower Clubhouse
July 27  Tue  HOA Board Meeting
          TBA
August Thur Poker - Every Thurs night
           6:00 - 9:00 pm Lower Clubhouse
Aug 16  Mon  Arch. Comm.
           7:00 pm  Lower Clubhouse
Aug 17  Tue  SPECIAL MEETING
           9:00 am  Upper Clubhouse
Aug 19  Thur  Board Study Session
           9:00 am  Lower Clubhouse
Aug 20  Fri  Ice cream Social
          TBA
Aug 24  Tue  HOA Board Meeting
           6:30 pm  Upper Clubhouse
Sept 24  Fri  Margarita Party/Happy Hour
           5:00 pm  TBA
Oct 30  Sat  Halloween Party
           Upper Clubhouse
Nov 20  Sat  Welcome Back Party
           Upper Clubhouse
Dec 11  Sat  Annual Yacht Club Meeting
           Upper Clubhouse
Dec 11  Sat  Parade of Lights & Party
        Lower Lake & Upper Clubhouse
LAKE MIRAGE COMMITTEES AND THEIR MEMBERS

**Access & Safety Committee**
*Marshall Manthorne
*Bob Rose
Alan Rosenblatt
Gene Smith

**Architectural Committee**
Peter Bray  Chair
Tanya Burak
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*Bob Rose

**Landscape Committee**
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Joan Rose

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