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- 103 units
- On the quiet end of the island
- Guest rooms & kitchenettes
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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 830 people entered our sweepstakes. The winner was **Mary Ann H. of Williamsburg, VA**. 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, sixteen 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?

What you don't have to do
on Sanibel Island in the fall

West Wind Inn Family

This quarter we feature our Night Auditor — Bob Dea. Bob first joined us in 1991 as a part time (later full time) night auditor. He is one of those mystery employees that most of the other employees have never met, since he's at the helm for the "graveyard shift" — 11 PM to 7 AM. However, the guests who arrive from the airport in Miami in the middle of the night are most happy to see his smiling face — as well as the guest room he has ready for them. Bob hails from the northeast (born in Andover, MA with a fraternal twin), got his degree from Tufts University, spent some time in Korea as a radio operator and then entered his chosen field—computers. He worked for several firms as a computer programmer, including Datamatic Corporation, and in 1964 shifted to government service (the Air Force Computer Acquisition Center) where he stayed until his retirement in 1990. He has 4 children and 3 grandchildren. His loves? Reading, classical music and cruises (started taking them in 1960 and hasn't stopped yet). Plans for the future? To spend another 30 years at the West Wind Inn as our auditor!



“Success is getting what you want; Happiness is wanting what you get!”

When a fellow tells you “It isn’t the money, it’s the principle of the thing!” It’s the money!
Elbert Hubbard



Altered Dictionary

Each year the *Washington Post* asks readers to take any word from the dictionary, alter one letter and supply a new definition—Here are some winners:

○ Bozone—The substance surrounding stupid people that stops bright ideas from penetrating.

○ Cashtration—The act of buying a house, which renders the subject financially impotent for an indefinite period.

○ Giraffiti—Vandalism spray-painted very, very high.

○ Inoculatte—To take coffee intravenously when you are running late.

○ Dopelar effect—The

tendency of stupid ideas to seem smarter when they come at you rapidly.

○ Hipatitis—Terminal coolness.

○ Sarchasm—The gulf between the author of sarcastic wit and the person who doesn’t get it.

○ Glibido—All talk and no action!

Roadway Planting Continues

In July, the City of Sanibel began the second phase of plantings to restore vegetation on our roadways caused by the devastation of Hurricane Charlie. This phase will include 1,300 trees along Periwinkle Way, and parts of Donax Road,

Tarpon Bay Road and Island Inn Road. This phase is being funded in part by the contributions of locals (\$163,000) and a State grant in the amount of \$375,000 from the Department of Forestry.

The program began

with Phase I in 2006. That phase of planting has a 95% survival rate. Work is being done by Southern Traditions Landscaping, Inc. under City supervision. This program will add over 3,000 new trees to the Sanibel scene.

Questions To Ponder!

○ Why do you have to “put your two cents in” but it’s only “a penny for your thoughts”?

○ Why do people say they “slept like a baby” when babies wake up every two hours?

○ How is it we put a man on the moon before we realized it was a good idea

to put wheels on luggage?

○ Why are you IN a movie but ON TV?

○ If electricity comes from electrons, does morality come from morons?

○ If corn oil comes from corn and vegetable oil from vegetables, where does baby oil come from?

○ Why is “bra” singular and “panties” plural?

○ How important does one have to be before they are considered assassinated instead of just murdered?

○ What disease did cured ham really have?

○ Why does a round pizza come in a square box?

New Sanibel Town Center Concept



In July, the City of Sanibel launched an effort to get public input for the future of what is officially called the Periwinkle Way West

District Plan — commonly referred to as the new “Town Center Concept”. The area in question is bordered by Periwinkle, Tarpon Bay, Palm Ridge and Dunlop. The City realizes that change is on the horizon and a plan is needed to guide any redevelopment in order that it conforms to the Sanibel

Plan. The area already contains several cultural venues (library, BIGArts, School House Theater, Community Association, Historical Museum and Civic Center), churches, governmental buildings, restaurants and businesses. What seems to be needed is a place where people can bike, walk, visit

with friends and attend special events. Some have even suggested a Gazebo style structure where people might sit on the ground and listen to a band concert or the like. Have any input? Send it to the Planning Director of the City of Sanibel, 800 Dunlop Road, Sanibel, FL.

What A View!

On July 26th, in the dark of night, without a lot of fanfare, span A (the drawbridge span) of the new causeway bridge system to the island opened to the public, along with the new toll booth building. It is quite a sight as you look out over the water and islands from the top of span A. Now that spans A &

B are complete, it won't be long before the final span C is ready for use — scheduled for a September 8 opening. What still remains of this project is the demolition of the old bridge structures and the landscaping of the causeway. An add-on benefit was approved by the Lee County

TDC (Tourist Development Council) when they funded the engineering of a fishing pier using part of the base structure of span B. This bridge project took 2 1/2 years to construct and will cost over \$135 million. The draw bridge was raised for the last time July 27th.

Thanksgiving Poem

*May your stuffing be tasty,
may your turkey be plump;
May your potatoes & gravy
have never a lump;
May your yams be delicious,
and your pies take the
prize;
And may your Thanksgiving
dinner stay off your thighs!*

Featured Recipe of the Quarter

Here's something a little different that would be fun at a small dinner party:

Hens Cooked in Clay

Wrap a dry rock Cornish hen (1 per guest) in foil, conforming foil to the hen (avoid air pockets). Mix 1 1/4 cups salt, 1 cup flour and 1/4 cup water (more

if needed) to make clay dough. Put foil wrapped hen in center of clay & seal edges around (Decorate w/cut-outs of excess dough). Note—Make only enough clay for 1 bird at a time, clay hardens fast. Bake birds at 475 for 1.5 hrs. Cover with foil if clay browns too rapidly. When you serve the birds, it is

fun to give each guest an “itty bitty” hammer in order to break the clay shell from the bird. The hens are really quite tasty being prepared this way and the guests think it's “cool”.





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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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Friendliness and Cleanliness



So You Think You Know Everything!

The following is a quick course on fairly useless factoids:

- No word in the English language rhymes with month, orange, silver or purple.
- The longest word typed only with the left hand is "stewardess" and with the right "lollipop".
- There are two words in the English language that have all five vowels in order — abstemious & facetious.
- Four words in the English language end in "dous" — tremendous, horrendous, stupendous & hazardous.
- There is only one English word that ends in the letters "mt" — Dreamt.
- Know what a palindrome is? It's a

word that is the same when reading it left to right or the opposite, such as "racecar, kayak, and level".

Let's Move On From Language

- A "jiffy" is an actual unit of time equal to 1/100th of a second.
- Almonds are not nuts, they are a member of the peach family.
- Peanuts are one of the ingredients in dynamite.
- Know who invented the scissors? Leonardo Da Vinci.
- Complaining about your gas mileage? The liner QE2 only gets 6 inches per gallon.
- The microwave, a common appliance today, was invented by a researcher who walked past a radar tube and the

chocolate bar in his pocket melted.

- The winter of 1932 was so cold (How cold was it?) that Niagara Falls froze completely solid.
 - There are more chickens than people in the world, however
 - If the population of China walked past you 8 abreast, the line would never end because of the rate of reproduction.
 - February of 1865 is the only month in recorded history not to have a full moon.
 - Babies are born without knee-caps. They don't appear until age 2-6.
 - And a snail can sleep for three years (I know people like that.)
- See, now you know everything!!!**