

## THE WEST WIND INN

- Established in 1968
- 500 feet of beach frontage
- 103 units
- On the quiet end of the island
- Guest rooms & kitchenettes
- Meeting space 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 860 people entered our sweepstakes. The winner was **Robert P. of Scarsdale, NY**. 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, twenty 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?



Don't forget to do your  
duty on November 4th!

## West Wind Inn Family

This quarter we feature our Restaurant employee— **Karri O'Donnell Foreman**. She has been with us since March of 2006, and in that time has done various jobs in the food and beverage area — waitress, pool bartender, dining room manager and administration. Coming from New Haven, CT and upstate NY, Karri brings a wealth of experience with her — at age 14 she began work in an A&W Family Restaurant. Afterwards she moved to a local hangout, "The Inn Between" as a bartender. But the warm weather called her and in 1994 she moved down here and worked for South Seas and Sundial honing her skills in cashiering and banquets. She even spent time in her field at Useppa Island and Fort Myers Beach. She started at the West Wind Inn as a "fill-in" for someone who was sick and fell in love with the place and her fellow employees. Lucky for us she was able to fill-in until a permanent slot became available. She continually strives to improve and is currently finishing up college courses in Medical Transcription. You can't miss Karri — look for the gal with the broad smile, curly red hair and lots of freckles.



Do illiterate people get the full effect of Alphabet Soup?

*The things that come to those who wait, may be the things left by those who got there first!*



## Some Fixes in the Works!

We continue to make repairs and upgrades for your comfort while staying here at the Inn. Those green headboard walls are all gone — repainted.

Driftwood building has new artwork over the beds and all the furniture in that building now have granite tops. New bedside lamps, bedspreads

and skirts have been put into place as well.

New furniture is en-route to complete the last 16 units in Buttonwood building.

While unseen, some major sewer repair work has been accomplished on the east side of the property.

We are finishing up the

installation of crown molding throughout. All units are complete with the new style blackouts, sheers and valences on the window wall.

We continue our projects of new closet hardware; open hook hangars; new TV swivels; adjustable shower heads and so forth.

Little by little!!

## Sanibel Island Happenings

Between November 6 and 9, the **Sanibel Island Writers Conference** will be held at BIGArts (next to City Hall). The conference is sponsored by Florida Gulf Coast University and features some fantastic talent that you won't want to miss. Some examples!

- **Sena Jeter Naslund** (Keynote Speaker)
- **Lynne Barrett** (Fiction)
- **Jim Brock** (Poet)
- **Eve Bridburg** (Literary Agent)
- **Ron Carlson** (Fiction)
- **Camille Cline** (Editor)
- **John McNally** (Screenwriting)
- **John Samson** (Songwriting)
- **Neal Pollack** (Comic Memoir), and many more!

For details go to:

[www.fgcu.edu/siwv](http://www.fgcu.edu/siwv)

## Gas Crunch Solution?

It's time to get serious about a solution to the problems of using gas and other fossil fuels. It's a challenge but why not develop a car that operates on a small uranium chip. In the 50's, Ford trotted out such a concept car called the Ford Nucleon—

a little before their time. Today, 1 lb of enriched Uranium 235 equals the energy of 1 million gals of gas. If we can run aircraft carriers and submarines (the original hybrids) with a nuclear reactor, why not a car on a smaller scale? A sub can

operate for decades without refueling. The military has never had a mishap in decades of operation. For a car, my guess is we could go @ 20 million miles before refueling. Not bad!

Perhaps the brains at MIT are working on this.

# The Rules from the *Male* Side



A good laugh for **both** sexes:

- Men are not mind readers
- Crying is blackmail
- Come to us with a problem only if you want help solving it— that's what

we do! Sympathy is what girlfriends are for

- Christopher Columbus did not need directions and neither do we
- Men see only 16 basic colors; peach is a fruit, not a color; same for pumpkin; we have no idea what mauve is
- If it itches, it will be scratched—we do that
- When we have to go somewhere, absolutely anything you wear is fine—really!

- If we ask “what’s wrong?” and you say “nothing”, we’ll act as if nothing’s wrong — knowing you’re lying but its not worth the hassle
- Anything said 6 months ago is inadmissible in an argument (all comments null & void after 7 days)
- Sunday sports—it’s like the full moon or changing tides—let it be!
- Yes and No are perfectly acceptable answers to almost every question

- You have enough clothes but you have too many shoes
- Ask for what you want. Subtle hints do not work; strong hints do not work; obvious hints do not work; just say it!
- If something we say can be interpreted two ways & one makes you sad or angry, we meant the other way
- I am in shape—round is a shape!

## Gettysburg Address

145 years ago this November, Lincoln gave what has become the most quoted speech in US history. We all memorized it in grade school. What most do not realize is that Lincoln was not the keynote speaker that day — 4 1/2 months after that decisive battle of Gettysburg. (160,000 soldiers had clashed on that battlefield leaving over 7,500 dead.) On that Thurs-

day afternoon, 15,000 people (including 6 sitting Governors) came to see and hear the keynote speaker, Edward Everett, for the dedication of a new National Cemetery. Everett, a former Congressman, Senator, Secretary of State, President of Harvard, and US VP candidate, was a widely acclaimed orator. After some band music and the prayer, Everett spoke for two

hours (over 13,600 words). His lengthy remarks were well received as erudite and well-delivered but only moments later these words would be eclipsed by President Lincoln, when he would give his “few appropriate remarks” amounting to only 10 sentences or 271 words. This 2-3 minute speech recreated a unified nation in which state’s rights were no longer dominant.

*Middle age is when the broadness of the mind and the narrowness of the waist change places!*

## Featured Recipe of the Quarter

Fall’s a great time of year to make a good Vegetable Soup. Want a great recipe? Try Darlene’s (our Executive Asst) :

### L.O.L Soup

Here’s what you will need: 6 oxtail pcs; 1 onion & 3 carrots (chop’d); 1 lemon

(seedless); 1 orange bell pepper & 1 yellow summer squash (chop’d); 1 minced garlic clove; 32 oz ea of vegetable & beef broth; 1 qt canned tomatoes; 2 tbls fresh cilantro and parsley; 1 chop’d avocado; 1 6-oz pc cooked bite-size tilapia or white fish (opt). Now, brown the ox-

tails (20 min); add onion & carrots (+5 min); add lemon/peppers/squash (+5 min); add garlic (+ 30 sec/stir on low); add broth/tomatoes/water to cover (simmer 45 min; toss the lemon; add cilantro/ parsley (+5 min); add avocado/tilapia (warm 5 min) and serve with or without noodles.





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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



## Where does the time go?

Do you realize that the freshmen beginning college this autumn across the nation:

- Were born in 1990
- Are too young to remember the space shuttle explosion
- Have known of AIDS all their lives
- Have had CD's since their birth
- Have always had screw-off plastic bottle caps
- Have had answering machines since their birth
- Yes, cable TV as well
- Cannot fathom not having a remote
- Have seen no one but Jay Leno on the Tonight Show
- Believe popcorn has always been cooked in the microwave
- Can't imagine what hard contact lenses are
- Have no idea who *Mork* was or where he was from
- Never heard ads like "where's the beef; I'd walk a mile for camel; or de plane, boss, de plane"
- Don't care who shot J.R. — they don't know who J.R. is
- Have no clue how to use a type-writer
- Were born 20 years after the last time we had gas rationing
- Think that they can correct all life's problems by pressing "Ctl/Alt/Delete"
- Can't understand why in the 60's people took acid to make the world weird — and now these same people take Prozac to make it normal
- Think that the easiest way to find something that is lost around the house is to buy a replacement
- Think a BMW is a requirement, not a luxury