

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 555 people entered our sweepstakes. The winner was **Donald C. of Columbus, OH**. 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, eighteen 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?



It's time to take a break & smell the flowers

West Wind Inn Family

This quarter we feature our Reservations Staff Member — **Ryan Guzzo**. Ryan is a Florida native, born in Tampa. In 1996 he moved to Sanibel. He began working with us part time in 2004 while still in high school. Noticing he was a quick learner, we gave him the night audit duties. After graduation, Ryan came on board as a full time employee in the reservation office handling e-mails, various contract reservation systems, etc. He is very community minded, volunteering at the Shriner's Hospital for children and the Moffitt Cancer Center — both in Tampa (what a drive!). He also works with Dr. Sandy Goldberg at "A Silver Lining Foundation", an organization specializing in breast cancer awareness.

Unfortunately we are going to lose Ryan to the windy city this fall, when he moves to Chicago to attend Columbia College (Chicago) and major in film, media & radio. When Ryan has the time, he enjoys kayaking, racquetball, traveling and fine dining.



“Consciousness:
That annoying
time between
naps!”

“No man is a
leader until his
appointment is
ratified in the
minds and hearts
of his men.”
Anonymous



Things We Learn As We Age!

- Families are like fudge—mostly sweet with, a few nuts
- Wrinkles don't hurt
- You can't trust dogs to watch your food
- Growing old is mandatory but growing up is optional
- Time is a great healer but a lousy beautician.
- Forget the health food—you need all the preservatives you can get
- Wisdom comes with age but sometimes age comes alone
- You're over the hill when you get the same sensation from a rocking chair that you once got from a roller coaster
- You grasp the 4 stages of life: (a) you believe in Santa; (b) you don't believe in Santa; © you are Santa; and (d) you look like Santa
- Today's mighty oak is just yesterday's nut that held its ground

Summer Rates Start Early

Traditionally, the off-season rates at the West Wind Inn have begun on the first of May. This year (as a test) we are starting our off-season rates on April 16th. So if you want a great deal while the weather is still most pleasant, consider booking dur-

ing this two-week shoulder period.

Summer/Fall special packages will still begin on May 1st. We have made a few changes there as well. We have combined the former “Romance” package with the “Bed & Breakfast”

package — and threw in a bottle of champagne and a couple of flutes to go with the full breakfast for two. This 3-day package goes for \$525 (\$587 if you want a kitchen in your unit). Check out our web site for all of our packages, select one, pack your bags (not much) and come on down!

Mark Your Calendar!

Mar 25th—Baseball season starts.

Apr 11th—The new “Newseum” will open in Washington, DC,

May 25th—NASA's “Phoenix” spacecraft will land on Mars.

Jul 31st—Bill Gates

steps down as Chairman of Microsoft after 3 decades.

Aug 8th—The Summer Olympics begin in Beijing.

Aug 25th—The Democratic National Convention convenes

in Denver.

Sep 1st—The Republican National Convention convenes in Minneapolis.

Sep 21st—The Emmy Awards.

Nov 3rd—The Presidential election.

Bar Stool Economics



I came upon this recently and thought it appropriate for this tax time of year. It's attributed to Economics Professor David Kamerschen of the University of Georgia.

Every day, 10 men went out for beer which cost \$100. If they paid like we pay our taxes, it would go like this:

The first 4 men (the poorest) would pay nothing; the 5th would pay \$1; the 6th, \$3; the 7th, \$7; the 8th, \$12; the 9th, \$18 and the 10th (the richest) would pay \$59. The men drank daily & were happy with the arrangement until one day the

owner rewarded them for being good customers with a \$20 discount. Now the bill was \$80. The 10 still wanted to use the tax system to pay their bill. This way, the first 4 men still drank free but the other 6 had to devise a way to split the \$20 savings "fairly". If split 6 ways, each would get \$3.33, but the 5th & 6th man would be paid to drink his beer.

The owner suggested a proportionate reduction in the amount each paid as follows:

The 5th man (like the 1st four) now paid nothing; the 6th paid \$2 (33% savings); the 7th paid \$5 (28% savings); the 8th paid \$9 (a 25% savings); the 9th paid \$14 (22% savings) and the 10th paid \$49 (16% savings). Each of the 6 men were better off than before & the 1st four still drank for free. (more)

Bar Stool Economics (continued)!

Outside the bar, they started to compare savings. The 6th man said "I only got \$1 from the \$20 but he (man #10) got \$10."

"Yeah" said #5, "I only saved a buck but he (#10) got 10 times more than me."

"That's true" shouted #7. "Why should he get \$10 back when I got \$2? The wealthy get all the deals."

"Wait a minute" yelled the first

4 men in unison, "We didn't get anything at all. The system exploits the poor."

The 9 men surrounded the tenth man & beat him up.

The next night at the bar, man #10 did not show up for drinks & the 9 others had their beers without him. But when the bill came, they did not have enough money among all of

them to pay even half of the bill.

— And that's how our tax system works. Those who pay the highest taxes expect a proportionate benefit from a tax reduction. For those who understand this, no explanation is needed. For those who do not understand, no explanation is possible.

"Did you ever consider that while ham and eggs is only a day's work for a chicken, it's a lifetime commitment for a pig?"

Featured Recipe of the Quarter

The following is a favorite of Charlene, our Sales & Marketing Director — and it's easy:

Vodka Penne

Here's what you will need:

- 16 oz Penne Pasta
- 1 jar tomato & basil pasta sauce (26—28 oz)

- 1 can diced tomatoes & green chilies (mild)
- 1/2 cup heavy (or whipping) cream
- 1/4 cup vodka

Prepare the pasta according to directions. Meanwhile, in a 3 qt saucepan, mix the remaining ingredients. Bring to boiling

over medium heat. Reduce heat; simmer uncovered 15 minutes (or until sauce is slightly thickened). Serve sauce over pasta. Makes about 6 servings. Enjoy!





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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



A Few "Why" Bullets to Make You Smile!

- 1- Why do we press harder on a remote control when we know the batteries are dead?
- 2- Why do banks charge a fee for insufficient funds when they know there's not enough money?
- 3- Why does someone believe you when you say there are four billion stars but check when you say the paint is wet?
- 4- Why do they use sterilized needles for death by lethal injection?
- 5- Why is it that no matter what color bubble bath you use, the bubbles are always white?
- 6- Why is it that no plastic bag will open from the end of your first try?
- 7- How do those dead bugs get into the enclosed light fixtures?
- 8- Why do people constantly return to the refrigerator in hopes that something new to eat will have materialized?
- 9- Why do people keep running over a string a dozen times with the vacuum cleaner, then reach down, pick it up, examine it, then put it back down to give the vacuum one more chance?
- 10- Is there ever a day that mattresses are not on sale?
- 11- If people evolved from apes, why are there still apes?
- 12- Why did Kamikaze pilots wear helmets?
- 13- In winter, why do we try to keep the house as warm as it was in summer—when we complained about the heat?
- 14- How come you never hear of "father-in-law" jokes?
- 15- Why doesn't Tarzan have a beard?
- 16- Statistics on sanity state that one out of every four people is suffering from some sort of mental illness. Think of your three best friends — **if they're okay, then it's you!**