

- 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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# West Wind Inn

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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 730 people entered our sweepstakes. The winner was **Beatrix G. of Reichenbach, Switzerland**. 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, fifteen 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?



Enjoy quiet Sanibel Island beaches this summer

## West Wind Inn Family

This quarter we feature our Assistant Guest Relations Manager — Audrey Slind. When we hired Audrey in 1994, we were hoping that we could use some of her talent from a former career and help us to print our own money. Yes, Audrey had worked for 25 years with the Bureau of Engraving. She surely had the talent to make some first class plates for us but reneged.

Audrey hails from the real north—Minnesota; it is no wonder she wanted to move for a life in the warmth. Arriving on the islands in 1989, she worked at some other resorts before joining us.

For any of you who have had the responsibility of cleaning up after people (yes, your family counts) you can imagine the challenges she faces each day with 103 units to get ready for the next occupant—day after day. That's about 50,000 people per year. But she just keeps her "cool" and methodically gets the job done. We all appreciate her dedication and extraordinary effort in making each guest's stay more enjoyable.



**Acupuncture:**  
"A job well done!"

*"Health is the  
greatest*

*possession;*

*Contentment is  
the greatest*

*treasure;*

*Confidence is the  
greatest friend"*



## Somebody Has To Pay!

A man (let's call him Mr. Jones) suffered a serious heart attack and had open heart surgery to correct the problem. He awakened from the surgery to find himself in care of nuns at a Catholic hospital. As he was recovering, a nun in charge of administration at the hospital, asked him questions regarding how

he was going to pay for the surgery and follow-on treatment. She asked if he had health insurance. He replied in a raspy voice "No health insurance." The nun asked if he had money in the bank. "No money in the bank" he replied.

The nun finally asked "Do you have a relative who could help you?" Mr.

Jones replied "I only have a spinster sister—who is a nun."

The nun became indignant and announced loudly "Nuns are not spinsters! They are married to God."

Mr. Jones calmly replied, "In that case, send the bill to my brother-in-law."

## Sea Turtle Season Is Here

Many are aware that between May 1 and October 31 each year Sea Turtles return to our beaches to nest and hatch their young. The nesting ritual of the Loggerhead Sea Turtle is a remarkable natural phenomenon occurring on

Sanibel's 11 miles of Gulf beaches.

The young hatchlings have a very difficult time surviving due to predators, dehydration and human activities as well. A sea turtle hatchling has only one chance in a thousand to survive. To

help them avoid disorientation as they make their way back to sea, we ask our guests in Gulf Front units to keep their drapes drawn at night, since the artificial light further disorients the hatchlings.

## So You Want The Day Off!

Let's take a moment to look at what you're really asking for.

There are **365** days available for work. There are **52** weeks per year of which you already have **2** days off each week—leaving **261** days left available for work. Since you spend **16** hours each day away from

work, that accounts for **170** days leaving **91** days left available for work. You spend **30** minutes each day on breaks accounting for **23** days each year, leaving **68** days available for work. You spend **1** hour a day at lunch which equals another **46** days per year, leaving **22** days available for work.

You spend **2** days per year on sick leave, leaving **20** days available for work. You take **9** holidays per year, leaving **11** days available for work. You take **10** days vacation each year leaving only **1** day left for work — and **NO WAY** are you going to take that day off!

# Sanibel Receives National Award



On April 17th in Philadelphia, former Sanibel Mayor Carla Johnston and Planning Director Robert Duffy accepted an award

from the American Planning Association’s National Planning Conference at a special luncheon award ceremony. It was the first award of its kind for a municipality having an historic planning vision (The Sanibel Plan) that truly balances economic development with protection of precious natural

resources and environmental conservation. The Sanibel Plan, which dates back to July 1976, is based on the island’s 9 distinct ecological zones and carrying capacities. It allows only as much growth as the island’s ecology can manage without becoming overburdened. This foresight blended public and

private partnerships and effectively changed early county-wide plans to develop 30,000 units on Sanibel into a limit of 9,000 units—a land use balance that makes it attractive to home buyers, snow birds and of course our eco-friendly tourists like you.

## 1/3rd Down & 2/3rds To Go

Yes, it actually happened. In the darkness of a night in April, the traffic on the Sanibel Causeway was routed over the recently completed Span B (the middle span) of the new structure in a rather seamless move — quite nice actually. No more bumps and metal grates, etc. What’s next? It is cur-

rently planned for Span A (the drawbridge span) to be completed and open to traffic by the end of May (or thereabouts). The final span (Span C—closest span to Sanibel) should be ready for our use in time for the September 2007 ribbon cutting ceremony. The Lee County

Parks & Recreation Department plans to begin landscaping the Causeway in the fall of this year once the demolition of the old bridge structure is completed. This causeway/toll plaza project will have taken approximately 2 1/2 years from start to finish.

*Did you know that at least one member of a 65 yr old couple has a 25% chance of living to age 97? Better save some \$\$\$.*

## Featured Recipe of the Quarter

Looking for a refreshing afternoon or evening summertime meal? How about a nice salad right out of the wine country of California?

### Sonoma Salad

Start with: 1/2 stick butter; 1/4 cup sesame seeds; small pack sliced almonds; 2 pkgs of

Ramen Noodles (discard the flavor pkts). Now sauté the above until golden brown.

Take 1 head of Napa cabbage (chopped) and 4 green onions (or amt to taste) — chopped. Mix the cabbage & onions with noodle mixture.

Just prior to serving, add the dressing — 3/4 cup veg oil; 1/2 cup sugar; 1/2 cup white wine vinegar & 2 Tbl of lite soy sauce. Whisk together until thickened.





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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

We're on the web!

# Economics 101

The following is a quick course on economic models using cows:

**Socialism**—You have 2 cows; you give one to your neighbor.

**Communism**—You have 2 cows; the State takes both & gives you some milk.

**Fascism**—You have 2 cows; the State takes both & sells you some milk.

**Nazism**—You have 2 cows; the State takes both & shoots you.

**Bureaucratism**—You have 2 cows; the State takes both, shoots one, milks the other, then throws the milk away.

**American Corp**—You have 2 cows; you sell one & force the other to produce the milk of 4 cows; you

later hire a consultant to analyze why the cow dropped dead.

**Japanese Corp**—You have 2 cows; you redesign them so they are 1/10th the size of an ordinary cow & produce 20 times the milk.

**German Corp**—You have 2 cows; You re-engineer them so they live for 100 years, eat once a month & milk themselves.

**Indian Corp**—You have 2 cows; you worship them.

**British Corp**—You have 2 cows; both are mad.

**Italian Corp**—You have 2 cows but don't know where they are; you decide to have lunch.

**Traditional Capitalism**—You have 2 cows; You sell one & buy a bull; your

herd multiplies; the economy grows; you sell them & retire on the income.

**Venture Capitalism**—You have 2 cows; you sell 3 of them to your publicly listed company using letters of credit opened by your brother-in-law at the bank, then execute a debt/equity swap with an associated general offer so that you get all four cows back, with a tax exemption for 5 cows. The milk rights of the 6 cows are transferred via an intermediary to a Cayman Island company secretly owned by the majority shareholder who sells the rights to all 7 cows back to your listed company. The Annual Report states the company owns 8 cows with an option on one more. No balance sheet is provided with the release. The public buys your bull!