

## 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 598 people entered our sweepstakes. The winner was **Bradley W of Chandler, AZ**. 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, seventeen 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?



The lineup for flights to Sanibel Island in winter

## West Wind Inn Family

This quarter we feature our new kitchen manager — **Victor Sanchez**. Victor first joined us in 2001 as a part time (later full time) prep cook and worked his way up to Kitchen Manager. He hails from Morelos, Morelos, Mexico and initially started his cooking career (8 years now) in Tampa and Naples prior to moving to our area. Talk about a large family — Victor has 6 brothers, 3 half-brothers, 1 sister and 4 half-sisters. Four of his siblings still live in Mexico. He, however, is starting his family at a little slower pace; he and his wife (Anna) have only 1 daughter (Crystal) and as of this writing, they are awaiting the birth of a son. In addition to his family and his work, which he enjoys, he relaxes with reading and music. When we describe him as family-oriented, we can prove it by Victor's relatives who also work for the Normandie Seaside Café; his half-brother (Armando) and his two cousins (Jose & Ruperto) also work in our kitchen, now under his supervision. His immediate goal is to acquire a home with a rather large yard — sounds like he is planning on expanding this family a little more.



“The woods would be very silent if no birds sang except those who sang best”……

Henry Van Dyke

“We are what we repeatedly do. Excellence, then, is not an act, but a habit.”

Aristotle



## Only In America!

- Only in America do drug stores make the sick walk all the way to the back of the store to get their prescriptions, while healthy people can buy cigarettes at the front.
- Only in America will we order a double cheeseburger with large fries and a diet coke.
- Only in America do we leave our cars (worth many thousands of dollars) in the driveway and put our useless junk in the garage.
- Only in America do banks leave both doors wide open and then chain the pens to the counters.
- Only in America do we use the word “politics” to describe the process so well — “**poli**” from latin meaning many — and “**tics**” meaning blood-sucking creatures.
- Only in America do we have drive-up ATM machines with Braille lettering.

## What’s New at West Wind Inn?

In the off-season, a lot goes on at the West Wind Inn, albeit a lot of it you do not see. Some examples are: the major sewer repair project that took place this summer — you might notice new bridge railings over the koi pond that had to be dismantled for the

sewer work; A lot of cement structural work (primarily around the balcony edges) has been accomplished as well; Numerous porch screens have been replaced; 20% of the rooms got new carpet. We are also hoping to

have a new pool deck in place by season (as well as the stairs leading up to it); Some major tree trimming has been done; And we continue to fix up and paint as we go along. I would define all our efforts as “**multi-taskings**” but I heard this defined as “**screwing up several things at once.**”

## Math Magic!

Here is a math trick so unbelievable that it will stump you. Get a calculator ready — you can’t do this in your head. (Well, I can’t do it in my head).

1- Key in the 1st three digits of your phone #

(not the area code)

2- Multiple by 80

3- Add 1 (one)

4- Multiply by 250

5- Now add the last 4 digits of your phone #

(not the sum thereof)

6- Add the last 4 digits

of your phone # again

7- Subtract 250

8- Divide the result by 2 (two)

**Do you recognize the answer?**

# Duck Stamp Competition on Sanibel



For the first time in its 75 year history, the competition to select the 2008-2009 Federal Duck stamp was held on October 13

on Sanibel Island. The island was selected to honor J. N. “Ding” Darling, who designed the very first duck stamp. 247 wildlife artists submitted duck portraits for the competition and all were on display at the Big Arts exhibition hall on the island. The annual \$15 duck stamp will be out next

June (2008) and is purchased by duck hunters, art & stamp enthusiasts and conservationists. The holder of a current Duck Stamp can visit any national wildlife refuge free. Since its inception, the duck stamp program has raised \$700 million for the purchase of 5.2 million acres of wetlands at 233 national wildlife refuges.

After getting down to a 3-way tie, the judges selected the work of Joe Hautman, an artist from Minnesota, as this year’s winner. His submission was an acrylic painting of a male & female Northern pintail duck. He has won twice before. Between Joe and his brothers James & Richard, they have won the competition 8 times.

## A Good Sense of Humor!

It is refreshing to see flight attendants who can add a little spice to the routines and boredom of passenger travel. Southwest Airlines seems to be ahead of the pack. Some examples:

○ “Ladies & gentlemen, if you wish to smoke, the smoking section on this aircraft is on the wing — and if you can light ‘em, you can smoke

‘em.”

○ “People, people, we’re not picking out furniture here — find a seat and get in it.”

○ “To operate your seat belt, insert the metal tab into the buckle & pull tight. If you don’t know how to operate one, you probably shouldn’t be out in

public unsupervised.”

○ “Weather at our destination is 50 degrees with broken clouds (but we will try to get them fixed before we arrive). Thank you for flying with us and remember, no one loves you or your money more than Southwest Airlines.”

“We aim to reach the children of the poor, especially those who have to work through the day and acquire knowledge at night. The richest ore is most often found deep down in the mine — and so it is in the low stratum of human life where we will find the jewels that will glisten for ages.”  
*Andrew Carnegie’s Scholarship Program*

## Featured Recipe of the Quarter

I guarantee that this will be a big hit at your next cocktail party — and it’s easy (It has to be if our GM can do it):

### Cocktail Crabbies

Here’s what you will need:

1 stick of butter; 1 small jar of Kraft “Old English” cheese

spread; 1 1/2tsp of mayonnaise; 6 English muffins; 1/2 tsp of garlic powder; & 1 6-7 oz can of crabmeat (drained).

Now soften the butter and cheese spread to room temperature. Mix all the other ingredients together — then add the butter and cheese

spread to it. Blend well by hand. Split muffins in half and spread each with mixture. Now cut into quarters & put on cookie sheet. Broil until bubbly & crisp (@ 4-5 minutes). Yields 48 crabbies.





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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*



## More Things To Ponder!

... Why does the sun lighten our hair but darken our skin?

... How can a funeral home or cemetery raise the cost for burial and blame it on the cost of living?

... Why is a fine a tax for doing wrong — but a tax is a fine for doing well?

... Is it true that since light travels faster than sound, some people appear bright until you hear them speak?

... Why is “abbreviated” such a long word?

... Why is lemon juice made with artificial flavor yet dishwashing liquid is made with real lemons?

... Why is the time of day with the slowest traffic called rush hour?

... Why do they feel it necessary to sterilize a needle for a lethal injection?

... Isn't it rather odd that the man who invests all your hard-earned money is called a “broker”?

... If the little black box that they use on airplanes to record the last minutes of a catastrophe is so indestructible, why can't they make the entire airplane out of that stuff?

... Why is it that sheep do not shrink when it rains?

... Is it not strange that we call them “apartments” even though they are

all stuck together?

... Are you ever concerned that when you go into court, you are putting yourself in the hands of 12 people that weren't smart enough to get out of jury duty?

... Did you know that the “shin” is the part of the anatomy that's prime purpose is to find furniture in the dark?

... Do you find it ironic that everyone lies, but it makes no difference since nobody listens anyway?

... If “con” is the opposite of “pro”, then is “Congress” the opposite of “Progress”?