

PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Dear Ocho Cascadas Members,

I wanted to wish everyone health, happiness, and love of family and friends through the Christmas and Holiday season. It seems that the Holiday Season just comes out of nowhere and that we are all in such a rush to get all of our shopping done and preparing for Christmas dinner and then suddenly we are looking at a new year. Quite frankly it is overwhelming! But it is one of my favorite times of the year where we can be with family sharing time together in the spirit of the season. There is something so unique and beautiful about the Holiday Season that it's hard to put into words. At the same token, there are people who are less fortunate that struggle through the holidays, so I would urge everyone to take time to help and think of making others holidays brighter and more meaningful for them.

Ocho Cascadas holds a very special place in my heart for my family and myself and for the thought of my partner and late husband, Edward Giddings. I truly marvel at all the experiences and memories that I have shared with my family, friends and members over the years at Ocho. As we approach a New Year that is filled with promise and new beginnings, it seems that the Holiday season is one of reflection and review of the past year. We had a great year in sales adding many more members to our home! I was just recently down with my sons for maintenance weeks and we had a great time with our staff going over many details about Ocho. We were able to spend important quality time with Dave Stoenner, Ulises Alfaro, Luisa Anderson, Odette Preciado, and Marina Barajas and all of the



staff who find new ways to provide the best experiences for all of our members and guests. We had productive sales meetings, on-site facility meetings, and resort operation meetings with the entire crew, and although a lot of work, it was exciting and exhilarating and I loved it!

Thank all of you who make the dream happen and I look forward to the new year with optimism and excitement!

Feliz Navidad!

Patricia Giddings

President
Board of Directors



Resort Activities

Monday Tequila Tasting 4 p.m.

Tequila anyone? Beautifully hand painted bottles of various flavors of tequila, from the town of Tequila, Jalisco are brought right to the beautiful Ocho Cascadas lobby for a tequila tasting and social hour on Monday afternoons. This is a great opportunity to learn more about the tequila process, pick up a souvenir to take back home, and of course you are able to sample the delicious tequila that is undoubtedly part of our beautiful Mexico culture. Next time you are here at Ocho come up and join in the fun.

Join us in the Lobby

If you are interested in watching a sports game, shows, movies or just watching the sunset, come to the lobby! We invite you to spend a pleasant moment with us. We serve popcorn five 5 days a week, so please check with our front desk team for the weekly program or to check if the event you wish to watch is available. 🍷

Staff Update!

Noe Jauregui, one of our front desk team members, held a team building training session for the Ocho current staff. The training focused on improving communication, problem solving, planning and customer service.

During maintenance weeks in September, Marcell Calderon was hired to support us with the maintenance tasks. He was hired for the night guard position, but we have come to learn that he is knowledgeable in many different areas including construction, electrical and has excellent English speaking skills.

Thanks to this new program lead by Noe, Marcell Calderon, our new night guard person, was also able to get trained as a new employee. 🍷

Gaby Cortez

Gaby Cortez awarded as a team member from the housekeeping department



Upcoming Events in Puerto Vallarta

- Flea Market every Saturday at Parque Lazaro Cardenas
- Art & Market Marina Vallarta 2017 every Thursday from 6:00 to 10:00 p.m.

For even more information about local events taking place in Puerto Vallarta, please drop by the front desk. We are happy to help you! 🍷



On-Site Manager's Message

Hello everyone,

Winter season is around the corner! We are back after a maintenance period and busy preparing everything to make your stay a pleasant one. Our team is very enthusiastic and is being very detailed oriented to make sure things are in a great shape. We could not wait any longer to see you back enjoying the gorgeous weather down here in Puerto Vallarta at your home away from home. This year the whales have joined us early here in paradise since they usually don't show up until the end of December.

Your Ocho staff is ready to assist you! We would like you to enjoy the many activities taking place in Puerto Vallarta including the food, music, atmosphere, beaches, botanical gardens and so much more. Your front desk team has been busy preparing a longer list of new activities, restaurants and places to visit down here!

See you soon!

Please feel free to contact us for any assistance,

Ulises Alfaro 🍷



Information on your Resort

Improvements are always being made here at Ocho Cascadas. Here are a few that have taken place this past year:

- All villas now have a new manual garlic and orange juice press.
- An energy back up system was installed in the elevator as part of our safety program.
- We upgraded the penthouse kitchen area and installed a very convenient removable sun sail on the terrace area. The sun sail offers relief from the sun on those extremely sunny days.
- Curtain rods in all villas were changed to make opening and closing easier.
- Saving our planet program is in place, and we ask that you help us with this initiative while you stay at your Villa in Ocho. 🍷

Sales Update

This winter we will completely sell-out in several weeks. If you have friends that may like to own during your week, now is a good time to let us know! Once the week sells out, the only way friends and family can come down is to stay with you, or rent from a fellow owner if they decide not to stay. We've seen many members add a week or two so they can stay at Ocho Cascadas more than a week. Again, if we have a villa open before or after your time, you may want to consider purchasing that extra week before they're gone. Contact Dave Stoenner in the California office or Luisa Anderson on site for current availability and member pricing. 🍷



Jorge Luis Medical Update

Most of you know our long-time maintenance man, Jorge Luis, was seriously injured in a bi-cycle accident in October. Our loving staff and members donated almost \$6,000 to help with his medical expenses and rehabilitation. Jorge Luis was in a medically induced coma to reduce brain swelling, but he has since come home from the hospital and is improving day by day. If you were not aware of his serious injuries and would like to help out, we set up a Go Fund Me page that is still active:

<https://www.gofundme.com/jorgeluis> 🍷

Summer Invitation

Many of our owners have only been to Puerto Vallarta in the prime winter season. Summer has its own benefits.... like the afternoon showers, rich, lush jungle, and stunning sunsets to name a few. Our members or their guests are invited to take advantage of special low rates to come experience Vallarta this summer. We'll even provide a floating chef service and a couple of massages to help get your stay off to a great start. To check dates and open villas, send a note to sales@cascadaslegacy.com or speak to Luisa on site or Dave Stoenner in the California office. 🍷



Back in the Day

BY DAVID GIDDINGS

Looking back on my memories when my parents brought my brothers and myself to Puerto Vallarta in the late 70's, I can only smile and feel so lucky. It was this small topical fishing village appearing out of the jungles of mainland Mexico. There was a sense of a lush and wild land that could suck you in and you would never want to leave. The romantic fishing village, the dusky smells of the cobblestone streets, the scent of tropical flowers in air, the unusual and myriad abundance of different animals, reptiles and interesting bugs inhabited this foreign land. There was a certain magic that was palpable, alluring all the early visitors to Puerto Vallarta, including my parents.

My parents arrived in Puerto Vallarta in the mid-sixties with a Bohemian perspective and an extremely creative mind set. It was not long that my dad, with the design help of my mom, was building homes in "Gringo Gulch" for ex-pats, writers, actors, and business people for their own personal Shangra-La! This experience ultimately led to the building of my father's personal life defining achievement of Ocho Cascadas and the rest is history!

I remember many unbelievable vivid memories of the early days of Puerto Vallarta. We would surf perfect waves out at Punta Mita untouched with no one around for as long as the eyes could see. We would watch the electric lightning storms fill the hot and humid summer nights over the Bay of Banderas only to deliver thunderous down pours that would cool down the tropic nights. My Dad would take us spear fishing out with Mexican Pangeros out of Boca de Tomatlan to dive the rich waters off of Yalapa. On winters nights, we would sit up on the lounge chairs in the Penthouse and look at the bats flying around devouring anything they could. It was a Mexican paradise and we were fortunate to somehow end up in this exotic and inspiring place!

The funny thing is, even though there are more hotels and more tourists, much of Puerto Vallarta remains and feels the same, especially with Ocho Cascadas. I was just recently down with my brother Mark, my son Joshua, and my mother for maintenance weeks and we had such a great time. The summer lighting storms blessed us with their arrival a couple of nights, we walked the Malycon in town and dined at the River Cafe. We swam around the rocks at Conchas Chinas and better yet found some untouched perfect surf south of Puerto Vallarta. It was like a page out of a movie and I feel blessed to be a part of this whole experience. Yes, I came to the realization that the magic is still in full effect!

David Giddings 🍷

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"Pure Magic"

We spent a long weekend in May here, and were enchanted. If you love architecture, that alone is worth the stay. The space is so comfortable and charming, we went out a few times, but honestly, with the outdoor kitchen (stocked in advance per our shopping list) and private soaking pool, I could have never left the property and been happy. The views are excellent, and it's deliciously quiet in the hilltop neighborhood. We had a chef come in for several meals, and that was an absolute treat. Perfect place to decompress, and so easy from LA, can't wait to get back. | Amy P.

"Beautiful"

My wife and I stayed at Ocho for our honeymoon. It was the best trip her and I have ever been on. The view was unbelievable. Every villa is like a presidential suite. The place really blew our minds from the architecture to the view, to just how great the employees are. The internet was great. We had a personal chef come to our villa and make us dinner at sunset which is a moment I don't think I will ever forget. I highly recommend Ocho we will for sure be back hopefully sooner then later. | zbaker200

"Paradise above the bay"

Ocho Cascadas is a cliff-side architectural wonder, with open-living decks providing 180 degree views high above the bay with a/c in the bedrooms and baths. It is about 2 miles south of the old town in an area called Conchas Chinas. We stayed in the 2-level, 2-bdrm Penthouse with a good sized pool on the deck. The Penthouse comes with a chef and houseboy who prepare and serve breakfast and dinner on the deck. Lalo, the chef is a sushi master, and we ate fabulous, world-class sushi and sashimi using local fish every night. It's so relaxing and outstanding, who wants to take the 5 minute cab ride to the old town; just sit back, read, and enjoy the view... | LarryG1334