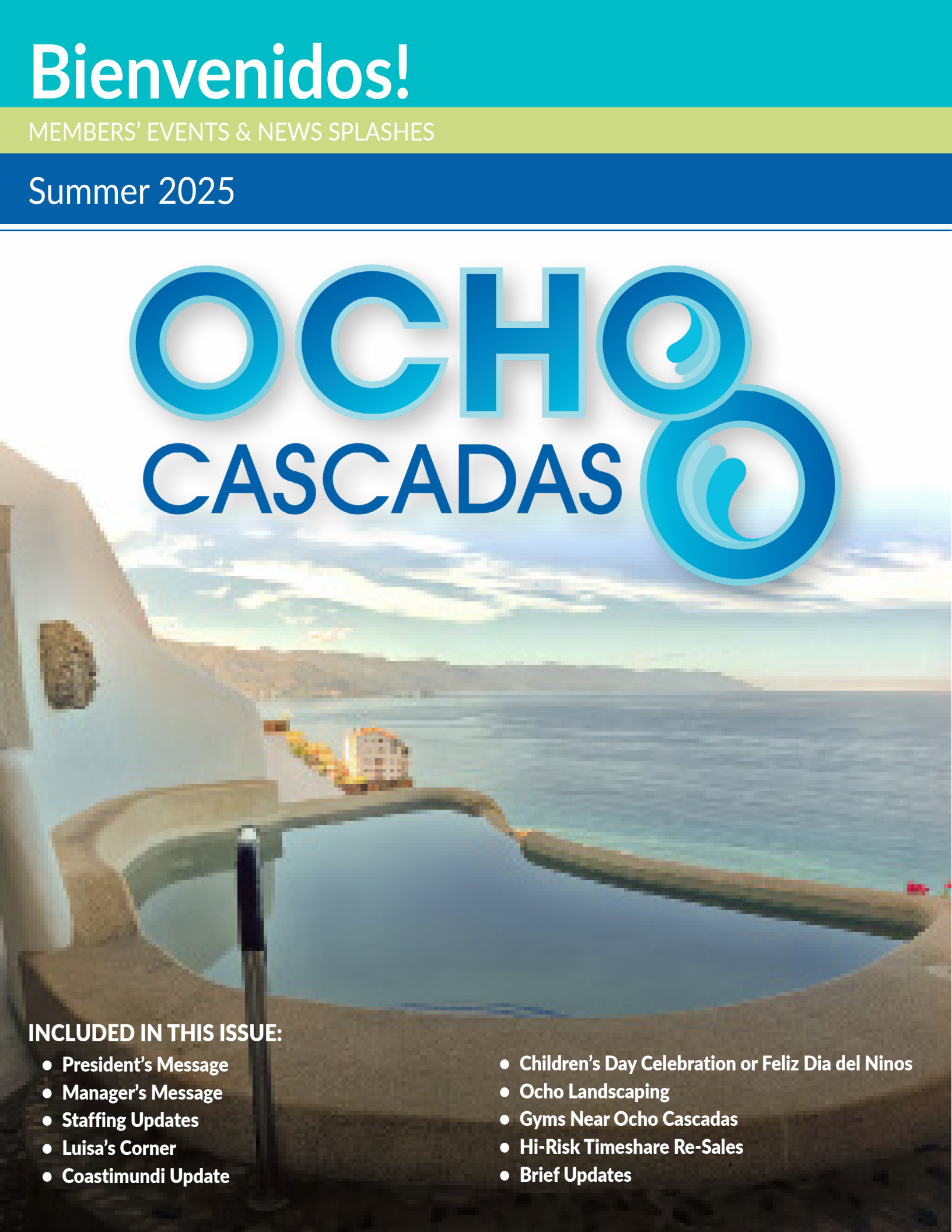


Bienvenidos!

MEMBERS' EVENTS & NEWS SPLASHES

Summer 2025

OCHO CASCADAS

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President's Message

Dear Ocho Familia,

I hope you have had a wonderful year so far! I'm fortunate enough to be writing to you from Ocho Cascadas this week and what a beautiful week it's been! Nothing compares to the peaceful morning sounds of birds and waves while enjoying a cup of coffee and looking out over the vast ocean and lush mountain sides. It's hard to believe that Ocho was first opened 45 years ago! I can't help but reflect on all my parent's created such a long time ago and how their passion for design, hard work and dedication has changed so many lives since then.

Though I'm here on business, my wife, Cristy, and I have been able to take some time to relax and enjoy ourselves. We had a great time visiting with other members at the Friday night cocktail party where Rosario, David and Luisa did an outstanding job entertaining the guests, the Penthouse chef, Lalo, provided delicious appetizers and Victor's margaritas took it all over the top!

Another highlight was spending an evening with fellow Board member, Deb Greenberg and her husband Mike Karll. We had an exceptional dinner at La Capella with all its charm and mystique; it was a night to remember. The view of the iconic Church of Our Lady Guadalupe chapel from the open-air dining room is unsurpassed as is the sound of the violinists serenading guests as they enjoy their dinner. A truly unique dining experience that I highly recommend if you haven't already been there. When we were leaving the restaurant that night I realized I had not spent much time in this area of the hills which brings me to our next adventure.

A few nights later just before sunset we met with a historical tour guide at the main square to take a 1.5-hour walking tour called, "Exploring the History of Puerto Vallarta." Though I have spent so much of my life here, I'm often distracted by work, planning hotel projects or just enjoying my villa. It was such a pleasure to learn about the various statues and artworks in the square and along the Malecón. I suddenly saw things I've walked past so many times in a new light. From there we diverted through the tranquil Isla Cuales botanical garden areas and learned about various plant species and then up the bridge through the historical Gringo Gulch and Hills areas where the famous homes of Elizabeth Taylor and Richard Burton still exist. This particular area holds a special place in my heart because this is where my parents lived during their early times in Puerto Vallarta. It was truly enchanting to explore and learn about the first architectural works in this area. Here is a link for reservation for the tour we took thru AirBnB: [Walk through the history of Vallarta · ★4.98](#) . Angie at the Front Desk, also can offer recommendations for various expert tour guides.

I want to thank Rosario and all the Ocho staff for keeping Ocho in such great condition and the Board members who continue to dedicate their valuable time to keeping Ocho as my parents first envisioned!

Until next time, enjoy the summer season and I look forward to hearing about your fun times spent with family and friends!

Sincerely,



Mark Giddings,
Developer and Board President



Manager's Message

Dear members and guests, welcome to Ocho Cascadas!

We are excited about the opportunity to assist you in realizing your dream vacations here in Ocho. I am more than grateful for your confidence in us. The Ocho Staff and I are committed to providing our members and guests with exceptional service, insightful guidance of Ocho and surrounding areas.

We look forward to making more dreams come true here in paradise!

Sincerely,
Rosario Chávez



Staffing Updates

Front Desk and Night Watchman

David Uribe – Operation Assistant, has re-joined the management staff of Ocho Cascadas:

My name is David Uribe. I'm passionate about nature. I enjoy going to the mountains and enjoying the green landscapes.

I'm the father of a 14-year-old son, and I dedicate as much time as possible to him. I've worked in the hospitality industry for 20 years, working at hotels like Westin, Dreams Resorts, Velas Vallarta, and others.

I enjoy reading and cooking and I also play guitar: Spanish rock, and mariachi music. I'm very happy to be part of this great Ocho Cascadas family.



Jorge Alejandro Berdon – Concierge & Front Desk Edgar Casillas – Nightwatchman

Hello, I'm Jorge, born and raised in beautiful Puerto Vallarta, I'm 42 years old. I really enjoy playing soccer with my friends, spending time with my family, and having fun with my two kids.

I am the father of two children: Gael, 15 years old, and Esteban, 11 years old, who are my adoration.

I started working in the hotel industry in 2005 as a night receptionist at the Melia Hotel, where I worked for 5 years. Then, I worked at the Westin Hotel when it was part of Starwood for 9 years. There, I started as a reception agent for 3 years, and then as a reservation agent for 6 years. I also worked for Hyatt Ziva for 1 year, all in Puerto Vallarta.

I really enjoy customer service, interacting, being attentive, and making people feel as good as possible; my motto is to treat people the way I would like to be treated.

Being part of the Ocho Cascadas family is excellent. I've only been working here for two months, but it's felt great because I'm doing what I'm passionate about, and I have the tools I need to do my job to the best of my ability. My supervisors and immediate superiors are professionals as well as excellent people, so I feel right at home. I'm very happy and grateful for my job.



Hi, my name is Edgar Valentin Casillas Castillo, I was born and raised in Puerto Vallarta. I am a proud father of two beautiful girls, the oldest is 18-year-old and the youngest 13-year-old. I am studying for a law degree at the University of Puerto Vallarta, called the University Center of the Coast, I'm coursing the

seventh semester of 10. I enjoy reading and practicing water sports. I am glad to work with the Ocho Cascadas family and grateful for the opportunity to move forward professionally. When I was a kid, I spent my childhood hearing about the lovely Ocho from Chela Niño. Ocho is in my heart as Saturino Casillas was my uncle. Ocho count on my loyalty until God allows it. at the University of Puerto Vallarta, called the University Center of the Coast, I'm coursing the seventh semester of 10. I enjoy reading and practicing water sports. I am glad to work with the Ocho Cascadas family and grateful for the opportunity to move forward professionally. When I was a kid, I spent my childhood hearing about the lovely Ocho from Chela Niño. Ocho is in my heart as Saturino Casillas was my uncle. Ocho count on my loyalty until God allows it.



Ed Giddings with Edgar's uncle, Saturino Casillas.



Ed Giddings with his trusted maestro Saturino Casillas. Starting in 1962 with Ed's first houses in Puerto Vallarta and then the monumental tasks of the construction of Ocho Cascadas and Club Cascadas de Baja, a unique bond of love and admiration was established between the two men.

Luisa's Corner

Hola Ocho Familia!

I'm so excited that the most beautiful and picturesque time of the year in PV is right around the corner, summer!! The mountains will be vivid green and the water will be warm.

We have a few open weeks/villas between now and the end of August. If you have some bonus week certificates this would be an excellent time to use them before we run out of inventory to use them in. Did you know that you can also offer them to friends and family? Remember, when the Ocho villas are all occupied everyone is happy, especially the Ocho staff, so please reach out to me for a list of what's available at a bonus week rate. Someone will be thrilled to get a bonus week and you're supporting the Ocho staff. If your bonus week certs are expired, I know who can extend them for you ;-). Just call, text, or email me.

We still have a few weeks for sale between June and September that are at super incredible prices. Maybe you already own enough Ocho weeks (Is that even possible?). If so, you must have friends or family that would love to become part of the Ocho Familia? I have a complete inventory list that I would be happy to send to those interested in owning a slice of paradise.

Did you know that we have books, puzzles, yoga mats, and games in my office that you can borrow?

We never like to see our members leave Ocho and they don't want to go but because of life changes, some are moving on. This might just be a wonderful opportunity for you or your friends and family. We have some prime season weeks and beautiful villas for resale. Reach out to me and I'll give you the details.

A friendly reminder... please reach out to me or Dave if you're not using your week that's coming up so that we can work on getting it rented for you so that we can at least get your dues back to you and keep the staff busy.





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Coatimundi Update

A focused effort has been underway for several months now to better control coatimundi scavenging the kitchens at Ocho Cascadas. Some steps have shown progress, others have failed. Here is a summary of this work and the further work to be done:

Trapping and relocation of these critters has been only partially successful. Coatimundi are clever enough to often steal the bait, unscathed. More effective traps are being tried.

Child proof door locks on refrigerator and microwave doors have failed to stop these critters. They must be quite dexterous, as well as smart.

Ultrasonic noise devices have been tried and initially showed considerable promise. However, the critters apparently learned they could tolerate the noise. A more sophisticated version of this type of device is going to be tried.

The coatimundi's presence in our neighborhood is exacerbated by the poor trash security of some of Ocho Cascadas' neighbors. Overturned trash cans and scavenged trash are, unfortunately, common in the neighborhood.

The most effective way of avoiding these unwanted intrusions in our villas is to leave NOTHING eatable out in your kitchen at night. FOLLOW THE GUIDELINES POSTED IN EACH VILLA KITCHEN.

Children's Day Celebration Or Feliz Dia del Ninos

Every year on April 30, the people of Mexico have a really cool celebration that is not found in the US or Canada. It is a national holiday to celebrate children. It's a day where moms and dad, grandmothers and grandfathers, take time out to celebrate and spend quality time with the children or grandchildren in their lives. A family might traditionally do some activity with their kids or grandkids that they know are special to the kids; a movie, a special meal, or perhaps an afternoon at the beach.

With the work schedule at Ocho Cascadas as it is, a special "Children's Day Celebration" was planned for the facility's staff. Everyone came in a bit early so they could all take off about noon. Rosario rented a venue that was designed for just such parties. And the staff, their kids and grandkids all met at the venue. Here are some fantastic pictures of this beautiful, thoughtful, tradition.



Rosa and her grand-daughter playing in the pool.

Victor with his son & daughter.

Celebrations in Mexico aren't complete without a Pinata.

Edgar, night watchman, enjoying the clown show.

Ocho Landscaping: FLURISHING!

The hard work of fellow Members Steve Farrell (also a member of the Board of Directors) and Ocho Member Rob Bryan last September, has REALLY paid dividends this spring (2025), as evidenced in these photos taken in mid-March:



Entrance planter



The brilliantly colored bougainvillea cascades over the planters.



The brilliantly colored bougainvillea cascades over the planters.



Spring flowers in bloom



Palms thriving!

Gyms Near Ocho Cascadas

Do you use a gym while at home? If so, read on...

Last November I had my knee replaced. The aftercare for this procedure involves physical therapy to regain both flexibility and strength. To further both goals while visiting Ocho Cascadas in April, I needed to find a gym where I could continue my 3-days-a-week strength routine.

Here are the 2 facilities I found, both in Old Town, and both within about 1&1/2 blocks from the other:

The Fit Club (TFC)	Big Apple (BA)
Ignacio Vallarta 130	Calle Francisco. I. Madero
Zona Romántica	Zona Romantic
322-223-0063	322-286-7620

Both offer Day-Passes:

TFC @ 199 pesos BA @ 150 peso

Both offer Week-Passes:

TFC @ 499 pesos BA @ 380 pesos

Both gyms also offer other, longer plans.

The TFC facility is about 1/3 the size of the BA. Both gyms have a wide array of fitness equipment, including Life-Fitness machines, free weights, yoga and stretching facilities. The BA also has a boxing rink!

The BA was busier. Their weight machines had a higher occupancy during my visit there. I found no waiting for a machine at TFC.

Both gyms place a high priority on cleanliness and personal safety. Women frequent both facilities.

If you use a gym at home, I believe you would find either of these facilities to your liking.

Gene Stangel,
Ocho Cascadas Communicatio Committee

Hi-Risk Timeshare Re-Sales Offer

Dear Members,

A few months ago, the Board of Directors advised Members of a time-share re-sale scam that has been reported, repeatedly. This scam is apparently orchestrated by one of the Mexican Cartels. My e-mail address was recently hacked and sold to a very suspicious organization that is now bombarding me with ads for all varieties of unsolicited goods and services. A recent one, below:



I did not attempt any effort to determine if this solicitation was from a legitimate business. However, the prior warnings the Board of Directors provided Members on this sort of scam, made me VERY SUSPICIOUS.

And as a reminder, should for any unforeseen reason, you feel you cannot use your Ocho Cascadas Membership, please contact Dave or Luisa. They can either rent your week(s) for you, or, process a convenient, safe, and legal sale of your week(s).

Gene Stangel
Communications Committee Chair

Brief Updates

Calle Santa Barbara (popular walking path into town) continues to be blocked at the condominium construction site that was damaged by a flood a couple years ago. Sadly, during a visit to the site in April, there appears to be no work being done at the site.



Picture taken over the sturdy fence blocking the road.

Navel History Museum: you might have walked past this museum on the Malacon at Los Arcos. It's worth a visit! The museum is remarkably well curated with fascinating displays both in Spanish and English.



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