

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

MAY 30, 2013

NEWSLETTER

The new editor of the Newsletter, Hao Li Ee, has just completed her first issue. We who worked on it with her are very pleased with its content. But then we began to receive unsolicited compliments from the residents. We are so pleased and that makes all the time and effort worth it.

We live in Venice and the "Town of Jacaranda West". We do actually live in a *SMALL TOWN* of 900 units, to quote Royal Smith, our former President. Our Newsletter should contain articles for the betterment of the entire community. This perhaps means articles from our Commissioner, the Sheriff, things that are going on in our community and even things that are going on in Venice. None of this constitutes campaigning for the official or doing free advertising for something going on that our residents might be interested in attending. This should put to rest any question of impropriety about what appears in the Newsletter.

BY LAWS 5.1 (q)

There has been a discussion of an article appearing in the new By Laws, under POWERS AND DUTIES 5.1 (q) which relates to the ability of the Association to purchase property. This did appear in the previous By Laws as well it does in the Florida State Statutes relating to Home Owner Associations. As we had told the residents when the new By Laws were being drafted, this was mostly being done to update them to agree with the current State Statutes and trying to remove ambiguities. The By Laws Committee did work very closely with the Association attorney who is well versed in the law of Home Owner Associations.

Pertaining to this topic, I asked Michelle to contact our attorney, free of charge, and request that he draft a letter regarding the appearance of 5.1 (q) in the By Laws. As you can see included in each director's packet he has done so. This should put to rest any question of why it appears in the By Laws and also stop any questions of impropriety involved.

THE WAY THINGS ARE DONE

The question has also been raised as to why things are done as "the way they've always have been done". This in reality does not mean "always". What it means is that as time, and trial and error have taken place the ways of doing things have evolved into what they are today. However, that does not mean they won't change again tomorrow. The way things are done is an ever changing and growing event for the better. This again should put any questions of impropriety to rest.

COMPLIANCE

I'm sure many of you have noticed the poor condition of some lawns. Sunstate Management has been contacting each homeowner individually and working out plans with them. One of the overwhelming results of the Survey that we did recently was that 78% of the residents that responded wanted to see greater enforcement of the covenants. This also includes the lawns. Many of the homeowners who have been having problems with their lawns have been making an attempt to correct the issues. If you drive around the community now you will notice some

improvements that have been made as well as some that are in progress. We are all looking forward to a much improved appearance in the community.

The compliance strategy has evolved over the last 2 years with the tireless efforts of the Compliance Committee, the Hearing Panel, and Sunstate Management Group. All have been working diligently to gain compliance at Jacaranda West and this has not been an easy task. Since I have been here through the struggles it is easy to see that our contracting with Sunstate, our new counsel Jeremy Anderson, and passage of the new governing documents have started the ball rolling. However, none of this could take place without the volunteers of the Compliance Committee and the Hearing Panel to interpret the rules and be firm but fair in carrying them out. Speaking for the Board of Directors we are pleased and proud of everything that has taken place and everyone involved.

All the efforts of the previous Board, management and its committees have been long and arduous hours of planning, strategizing, correcting, re-writing, talking and finally concluding and now we see compliance finally being achieved. We thank all the homeowners for their cooperation.

EVALUATION

I have spoken with or received written forms from each Board member for the Sunstate evaluation. Steve, Fred, and I will be meeting with her after today's meetings.

Most of our snowbirds have already flown north and we wish them a wonderful summer. These houses will remain empty until the homeowners return so please be vigilant and if papers or other items are thrown into their driveways, please pick them up and toss them away. Things remaining in drive ways are a sure sign that the house is empty.

Thank you

Respectfully Submitted,

Patricia O'Neill
President
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