

Director's Corner

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The governance of this community functions on two levels of responsibility to keep things operating in good order.

The first level is the residential housing and land which is within the scope of responsibility of the Mutual Boards of United Mutual, Third Mutual and Mutual 50. Examples of this are plumbing, electrical, landscaping, painting, etc.

The second is all the facilities, amenities and activities that we all share. Examples of these are streets, clubhouses, golf courses, equestrian center, all recreation activities, etc., fall under the jurisdiction of the Golden Rain Foundation.

In both cases, things need to be done, taking the future of this entire community into consideration. If either area is neglected the entire community will suffer and go "Downhill."

The Golden Rain Foundation, CANNOT, BY LAW, give money to the Mutuals for their maintenance, services or upgrades. GRF is responsible for meeting the continuing need to plan and act on current and fu-

ture needs that we all share.

If all we did was just repair and maintain what exists, you do not need any Board of Directors, only a maintenance company.

No one likes to pay for the future, but if many of our previous Boards did not plan and create these amenities that we have, you would just be a residential housing development. Some things that you now enjoy such as Clubhouse 3 and 5, multiple pools, expanded bus services, improved golf courses and many land parcels outside our gates were created in this manner. Some of these properties are currently used and others may be developed or sold to finance planned future needs and services.

The land that may be available for sale was acquired by forward thinking GRF boards with future need in mind. Our predecessors should be thanked for that. This all took foresight, business acumen and judgment that your Boards of Directors were elected to perform.

The thing that makes this community desirable to current and future residents is our lifestyle which keeps our val-

ues up. Allow these to remain status quo and they will not meet the needs and demands of our people and newcomers and this will turn the Village into just an aging 43-year-old residential housing development.

EMINENT DOMAIN CANNOT BE EXERCISED IN THIS COMMUNITY BY STATE LAW. To ease the concerns of some people, the City of Laguna Woods has enacted an ordinance to prevent anything of this nature from happening in the future and to calm people's fears.

When HUD is fully paid off in 2009, nothing will happen in United Mutual to change its structure unless, YOU, THE STOCKHOLDERS, want to change it.

Priorities are kept straight by always looking to the future by planning both maintenance and improvements. Ignoring either maintenance or improvements, you have a prescription for disaster.

Please give us your well thought out input to help us to this end. We all share in the community - PARTICIPATE CONSTRUCTIVELY.