

To Cynthia Conners and Her Husband, Jim Juhan Please! A Little Civility!

There is an issue of growing concern for residents who attend Third Board Meetings and community Committee Meetings. It is becoming increasingly apparent that Third Board President Cynthia Conners does not like Director Stanley Feldstein. Conners seizes upon every opportunity to demean and belittle Feldstein, especially when she has an audience.

For reasons surprising to all, Conners tends to initiate "debates" or "challenges" with Feldstein on subjects on which Feldstein is clearly better informed, and smarter. When Feldstein politely and expertly responds to Conners' "baiting" with reason and logic, Conners does not seem to realize that she looks foolish and inept, and that her attempts to demean Feldstein have backfired.

Residents are puzzled by this apparent hostility. Conners and Feldstein are both attorneys with, presumably, successful career histories. Feldstein was managing partner of his own law firm. He was admitted to practice before the courts of the State of New York and the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, practiced before the Federal Courts of the First and Second Circuits, and before the Supreme Court of the United States. Conners, we believe, practiced law sporadically in California and was, at times, an employee of a law firm.

Perhaps even more puzzling is the apparent intense dislike Conners' husband harbors for Feldstein. At the June 17 Third Board meeting Conners' husband was heard by members in the audience to call Director Feldstein a "bastard!". It was not immediately apparent to all members of the audience that this man was Conners' husband. While Conners is known as "Cynthia Conners" her husband is known as "Jim Juhan", "Reverend Juhan" or "Pastor Juhan" and he is believed to be an ordained minister in the Presbyterian Church. Members are angered that a Presbyterian Minister, a man of the cloth, would so demean another human being by referring publicly to him as "bastard". To Reverend Juhan, we say, you owe Director Feldstein an explanation, and apology, for your aberrant behavior.

Members of the Third Board are our friends and neighbors. It is important that they act, always, in the best interests of the community, and that they not permit the spectre of professional jealousy to influence their behavior.

To President Conners we say, your conduct toward Director Feldstein is childish and unprofessional. For the good of the community, please cease and desist. As for your husband, the Reverend Juhan, please try to control him. Explain to him that his behavior is offensive to the community, and in conflict with the deportment expected of an ordained minister of the Presbyterian Church.

On the occasion of our Third Birthday, Residents Voice says A SPECIAL THANKS to all of you whose dedication and efforts have made Residents Voice a success. The Saturday Barbeque was a big hit and we thank all of you who were able to attend. Our next regular Residents Voice meetings will be held on July 10 and July 24 at Clubhouse 5 at 6:30 pm.

Residents Voice is a community group representing the interests of all residents in Laguna Woods Village, a Common Interest Development in Orange County, CA. Contact Residents Voice with your comments at rvoice@rvoice.org; Tel: 949 683-7317; E-Mail at pgrundke@dslextreme.com; or write to: Residents Voice, 24100-D 296 El Toro Rd, Laguna Woods, CA 92637.