

Letter to the Editor

New year, new direction for our community in 2009, cannot be accomplished with the current general manager. It is time for change, time for true transparency, communication, and accountability. Time for a new general manager to pick up the reins and accomplish what the present general manager has refused to do by failing to co-operate with our community. Time to restore honesty, integrity and produce a real effort to restore, repair and maintain our manors, and amenities. Time to replace a general manager whose time is immersed in ventures of the re-development of our community, and the selling off of our open spaces. The present general manager has stated in an open forum that any property in our community is for sale for the right price. We need a general manager that understands the needs of our community, and will work diligently toward that goal. We deserve a general manager whose first loyalty is to our community and it's residents. The present general manager states his priorities as follows, 1). His Boss, 2). His Staff, 3). (Last) Our Community. We should have a general manager that will not make bogus statements about the use of Credit Cards, which he stated were used for "Emergency Purposes Only! Then we discover the credit cards in question were used by him and nine senior staffers for lavish meals, trips, gifts etc. to the tune of \$114,000.00 of our money. We paid for everything from Sees Candy (approximately \$2300.00), Diamond Earrings from Tiffany's, (\$441.79), Las Brisas Restaurant (\$713.77), The Loft (two charges, \$507.16, and \$356.01), Surf and Sand Splashes (two charges, \$371.08, \$326.86), Dizz's Restaurant and Bar (\$223.98), Tannins Wine Bar (six charges, \$198.53), and Ruth's Chris Steak House (\$182.07). These are just a few examples of the many "Emergency Charges" made by Mr. Johns and his staff! Mr. Johns charged in excess of \$18,000.00 in more than 135 venues! These expenditures do not include the \$312,000.00 in a one year period, for employee expense reimburse-

ment. Residents Voice believes that discovery of these charges may be just the tip of the iceberg, and that hundreds of thousands of dollars of residents money may have been spent "UNDETECTED" in past years by PCM! Example; THE BONUS INCENTIVE PLAN! A recently discovered PCM employee incentive plan believed to have paid out millions of dollars of our money to PCM employees over an undisclosed period of time. This enormous expenditure was accidentally discovered by a Director who came across an unidentified amount of money in the amount of \$300,000.00. The director asked what it was, he was advised by PCM staff that it was part of an incentive bonus plan to reward PCM employees. The director asked "what incentive plan?" He was then advised that it was a program that had been in place for years, until that moment directors were unaware of this expenditure. What else are we paying for that we don't know about?

Residents Voice believes that residents have an absolute right to know how their money is being spent, and that right should include the opportunity to voice their approval, or objection! We need a New Management Agreement without the paragraph which states, "WE will pay for any, and all expenses incurred by PCM!" We want to reinsert the paragraph that was removed from the last management agreement draft that says PCM employees have not received, nor will receive any contribution, gift, bribe, rebate, payoff, influence payment, kick-back We need a Detailed Forensic Audit. Most of all we need a new general manager! It is time to Remove Milt Johns, as the general manager of Laguna Woods Village!

Golden Rain Foundation is the "Trustee" for the common amenities of Leisure World, now known as Laguna Woods Village!

Wikipedia defines "Trustee", as a legal term that refers to a holder of property, On Behalf of a Beneficiary!

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