

community Board? Remember when it was just a candidate's flyer left at the doorstep of manors? Are we now elevating a board position to spending thousands of dollars to get elected? Does this mean only those financially able to spend, spend and spend are the only ones who will get a chance at success? Do we dare ask, or just plain wonder, where all that money paying for all that expensive advertising came from? Who would spend like that for a non-paying job? Surely not the candidates! Must've been another source with another agenda. We'll never know.

The blows delivered to Finance Committee have been to accomplish a single purpose, that of eliminating any questioning, and moving us back to business as usual as it was in the not too far distant past when our chief financial officer was helping herself to \$100,000 bonuses two years running. That was the Incentive Bonus she claimed for crafting the 501 © 4 federal tax status for GRF. Actually she got \$100,000 twice for something done by John M. Panetta, Tax Managing Director of KPMG! Perhaps their reward was the year after year after year contract awarded for our business.

The other side of the tax status coin is the reason our gates are wide open to non-residents since 501 © 4's are granted to "social welfare" organizations. That defines organizations that must be OPEN TO THE PUBLIC AT LARGE! Get the picture?

Tighten your seat belts folks, it's going to be a rough ride this year and possibly beyond. Who is to blame? We are. With only 2710 ballots voted when there were 5783 qualified out of the 6102 owners, we are our own worst enemy and as a community we are getting exactly what we deserve. Too many of us did not bother to vote. That is a fact, plain and simple.

Where do we go from here is the question. Have we learned the lesson? Only we can change the conditions and the people who make the rules and approve the budgets we pay for. Change can only come if we are knowledgeable, and the only way to do that is by attending meetings, keeping them on

their toes, and most of all speaking up and speaking out at Board meetings, in the press, and in letters to Board members. They are there to serve us and we must not let them forget it.

Right now as we watch the dismantling of what Third has achieved for the entire community over the past three years may serve as wake up call for those who have been disinterested and uninvolved. Perhaps the best advice in how to change behavior for the future comes from the Biblical warning,

"As ye sow, so shall ye reap".

CORRECTING LAWSUIT MISINFORMATION

In the October 27 issue of the Globe, there was a letter to the Editor by Dave Blodgett regarding the out of court settlement of Third Mutuals lawsuit against PCM. My concern with this letter was the amount of misinformation being given to the community once again. For whatever reason, the facts have again been refused by some and misinformation is being circulated.

I was present at the July Finance Committee Meeting where a **large** sum of money (in excess of \$300,000) showed up in the financial report. When **I asked** where the money came from, I was told by a member of the financial services staff of PCM that "it was a contribution." When **I asked again where the contribution came from**, I was again told by the same staff member that "it was a contribution." Another resident present then stated, "Then you are saying that you can't tell us where it came from." There was no reply by anyone. **I then said, "Then we all know where that money came from!"** My statement was not refuted by anyone. **At no time did any Director of Third Mutual present enter into this conversation and Mr. Dave Blodgett was not even present at this meeting.** I wonder where he received his misinformation.

On Friday, October 28, I delivered my letter to the Globe office and was told it was "too late" to print

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