

Friends of the Village Newsletter

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Ever Wonder What The Management Agreement Really Says???
A Public Discussion Of The Agreement Will Be Presented At The FOV Meeting

**THURSDAY, APRIL 7
6:30 PM, CLUBHOUSE 5**

Panelists **BOB HATCH** (former Third Director and current GRF Director who participated in negotiating the Third Management Agreement) **JIM MCNULTY** (former President of United who oversaw negotiations of its Management Agreement five years ago) and **JANET PRICE** (Finance and Administration Director of Laguna Woods Village) will discuss the current Management Agreement with PCM. This will be the first time a discussion of this topic is available to all residents.

The relationship between our boards and PCM will be openly discussed, and this is the residents' opportunity to see what kinds of contractual responsibility we place with our management company. The topic is both timely and important because the five-year contract will be renewed this year. Bring your neighbors and learn about this most important document and how it has served us in the past, how it is negotiated and how it is used.

- What happens when new contracts are not signed?
- What are the major sections in the Agreement and how do they affect the residents?
- What do we pay PCM and how does it compare to other companies?

These questions and more will be addressed during the discussion, and residents will then have an opportunity to ask questions of the panel.

SHARE REFRESHMENTS WITH NEW FRIENDS DURING THE MEETING

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS DUE JUNE 1

The club year ends May 31, and membership renewals will be due June 1

Dues are \$15 per year single and \$20 per year double.

You may renew at the June 7 meeting or send your check to Myra Norman, 3312 San Amadeo, Unit #C and mark it: "FOV Membership Renewal."

A form for new members may be found at www.friendsofthevillage.com

UPCOMING MEETING DATES

MAY NO MEETING
JUNE 7 6:30 P.M. CLUBHOUSE 5
JULY NO MEETING
AUGUST 4 6:30 P.M. CLUBHOUSE 5

Volunteers Needed

to Call 10 Members Prior to Each Meeting
Contact Lynn Hamm at 949-206-0322



Left to Right: Program Chairman Barbara Marsh, Past President Lynn Hamm, Manager of Social Services Marcia Wilson, President Maxine McIntosh

Social Services Department Provides a Safety Net to All Village Residents

by Marian Dailey

According to Marcia Wilson, the safety net provided by the Social Services Department is only a phone call away (949-597-4267). It provides referrals to all appropriate services and agencies at no cost to residents, and all contacts are confidential.

Referrals are tactfully investigated without invading anyone's privacy, and appropriate steps are taken when help is needed.

Trained volunteers visit homebound elderly neighbors through the Friendly Visitor Program (949-597-4376), and the Laguna Woods Village Foundation also partners with Social Services. It provides emergency financial assistance to residents in need and can be contacted at 949-268-2246.

Even if you are not sure someone needs assistance, report the situation to Social Services; if you were mistaken, no harm will be done.

THE VILLAGE SAMARITANS

is a group of volunteers who help with various chores such as transportation, light housekeeping, minor repairs, etc.

For further information, contact
Dorothy at 949-472-3661
or Rosemary at 949-595-0713.

2012 Budgets Being Planned this Month

by Mary Robertson

The budget discussions for 2012 begin in April. This will set the monthly assessments for 2012 for residents.

While the budget meetings continue throughout the spring and summer, I have found the most informative

meetings for residents to learn what it costs to live here and what PCM and the housing mutuals and GRF have planned for next year are the meetings in April, May and June.

GRF Capital Expenditure Meetings in April

The key meetings in April are only GRF committee meetings where they will discuss their capital expenditures expected for 2012. You will find what equipment needs to be replaced and what additional improvements are planned for 2012 for our amenities.

Except for GRF's Community Activities (CAC) and Maintenance and Construction (M&C) committee meetings, the capital expenditures will be discussed during the regularly monthly scheduled times for GRF committee meetings. CAC will discuss its plans on Wednesday, April 13, at 1:30 p.m., and M&C will discuss its plans on Monday, April 25, at 1:30 p.m. Both meetings will be in the Board Room.

United and Third M&C and Landscape Meetings in May

May is the month United and Third Mutuals will be discussing their detailed planned expenditures for maintenance and landscape. PCM will be providing a good overview of what is proposed in expenditures, and the directors will be deciding what changes they want for 2012 in these two areas.

United M&C Committee will meet on Wednesday, May 18, at 9:00 a.m. in the Board Room, and the Landscape Committee will meet Friday, May 20, at 9:00 a.m. in the Board Room.

Third M&C Committee will meet on Thursday, May 19, at 9:00 a.m. in the Board Room and the Landscape Committee will meet Monday, May 23, at 1:30 p.m. in the Board Room.

Additional dates are reserved in the event the directors do not complete their 2012 M&C and Landscape plans during the time allotted.

Version 1 Budget Meetings in June

In June, all the mutuals and GRF will meet in separate meetings to discuss their first versions of the 2012 budgets. This is the most informative of the budget meetings as PCM provides an in-depth overview of the projections of expenditures for 2012 based on the expenditures seen in 2010 and 2011 and the decisions made by the directors during their April meetings on maintenance and landscaping.

The schedule for the Version 1 budget meetings is: GRF, Monday, June 20, at 1:30 p.m.; Third, Wednesday, June 22, at 1:30 p.m.; United, Thursday, June 23, at 9:00 a.m.; and Fifty, Thursday, June 23, at 2:00 p.m. All meetings are in the Board Room except for Fifty which will meet in the Towers Lortscher Hall.

Again, additional meeting times are set aside in the event the directors need more time to complete their Version 1 budgets.

Subsequent Budget Meetings

PCM will make changes to the proposed Version 1 budgets based on decisions by the directors during these June meetings, and subsequent meetings are held during July and August to go over these adjustments. However, at these later meetings, the full budget is not discussed in the great detail that occurs during the Version 1 meetings.

In September, the final version is submitted to the Boards for their approval.

How Well Did We Budget Our 2010 Expenses?

The preliminary ending financial statements for 2010 were presented to the corporations at their last Finance Committee meetings. Here are some interesting facts based on a review of these statements.

GRF ended the year with a surplus of \$2,759,860 due mainly to the savings gained by contracting out the broadband services which occurred late in 2009, after the 2010 Operating budget was already authorized.

For the housing mutuals, United ended 2010 with a \$224,000 surplus. Third ended the year with a deficiency of \$745,000.

United took in \$48 million and spent \$38.8 million in its Operating budget. In addition, it put \$6.7 million in its Reserves and \$2.6 million in GRF Reserves in 2010.

Third took in \$41.2 million and spent \$33.5 million in its Operating budget. It put \$6.1 million in its Reserves and \$2.5 million in GRF's Reserves.

GRF took in \$34.4 million and spent \$31.6 million in its Operating budget.

Expenses of Interest

The major expenses for United and Third are building maintenance and landscaping costs. In 2010, United spent \$4.8 million in landscaping and Third spent \$5.7 million. Both came in under budget for landscaping.

For maintenance, United spent \$5.9 million, \$183,000 over budget and Third spent \$6.5 million, \$403,000 over budget.

The cost of the lawsuit filed by Third Mutual against PCM has been of major interest to the community. The financial statements show that Third Mutual spent \$280,070 in legal fees in 2010 of which \$119,000 was for the lawsuit.

United spent \$253,316 in legal fees of which \$164,000 was for its legal fees to investigate the issues in Third's lawsuit.

GRF does not have a separate line item in its financial statement for legal fees; therefore, while GRF also hired a consultant to research Third's lawsuit issues, the amount spent is not stated.

The major utility expense for the housing mutuals is water and there is concern over increasing costs due to El Toro Water District changing its fee structure in November 2010. United spent \$1.6 million which was on the mark for what they had budgeted. Third's budgeted

amount for water was also on the mark, spending \$1.9 million.

GRF on the other hand has electricity as its major utility expense. It spent \$800,000, about \$100,000 under its budgeted amount. GRF also has fuel and oil expenses for its vehicles and spent \$639,558 in these costs, about \$80,000 under the budgeted amount.

Lawsuit Update

Third Mutual vs. PCM, Inc.

by Mary Robertson

Ten motions have been filed and scheduled for hearing since March 21 in connection with Third Mutual's lawsuit against PCM, Janet Price and Milt Johns regarding the employee incentive plan.

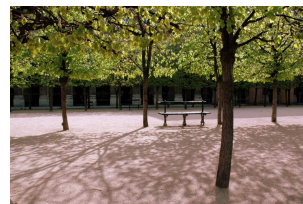
All of the motions pertain to Milt Johns' cross-complaint against Third Mutual, GRF, two GRF Directors, PCM of California (PCM-CA) and PCM-CA's attorney over PCM-CA's termination of Johns' employment. The defendants have filed demurrers (motions to dismiss cross-complaint allegations), motions to strike language in the cross-complaint and motions for severance of Johns' cross-complaint from Third Mutual's lawsuit.

A hearing date has been set for April 28 for nine of the motions. April 14 has been set to hear the tenth motion.

Check the Friends of the Village website, www.friendsofthevillage.com, periodically for these documents and updates on the court action.

GRF Consultants Present Final Ideas for Designating Use of Village Land Outside Our Gates

by Mary Robertson



At a special GRF Land Use meeting on March 24, GRF consultants presented their recommendations for the land use plan the Village must give the City. This plan involves 75 acres outside the Village's gates, some of which are currently used for resident amenities and some that are vacant.

The consultants from Government Solutions and Jess Harris Associates have extensive backgrounds in land use issues. Their recommendations are the culmination of nearly a year-long study of the matter, involving several town hall meetings with residents and exploring the governmental requirements' impact on the use of our land.

City Requires Village to Provide Plan for Land Use

The consultants explained that the Village is required by the City to submit a Specific Plan explaining how it intends to use this land.

Once the plan is submitted, the City will decide if the planned use of the land meets its requirements. Of major concern to the City is ensuring that if any of the planned use will increase City costs, the City wants to see that the Village has included a corresponding use of some of the land that will bring revenue into the City to offset those new costs. Our Specific (Land Use) Plan must have no negative fiscal impact on the City.

Finalizing a Specific Plan does not mean the land will actually be used any time in the near future or that the Village cannot change its Specific Plan in later years. The Specific Plan is basically a placeholder, allowing the City to evaluate how the planned use of the land will impact the City.

Specific Plan to Be Approved by GRF

The consultants presented three alternative uses of the 75 acres. The GRF Land Use Ad Hoc Committee will evaluate these uses, receive corporate members' (i.e., housing mutual directors) and residents' input and make a final decision on the use by the end of April for GRF approval and submittal to the City.

The consultants explained they studied the conditions the Village must meet in developing any land: site constraints (the major one is proper drainage); traffic congestion constraints (the Average Daily Trips limits); sustainability; no negative economic or fiscal impact; market support for any development; and meeting all government requirements. The consultants received input from several experts to ensure all three alternatives comply with these constraints.

Introducing their proposals, the consultants stated that several of their recommendations are maintained in all three of their alternatives. They are:

- ✓ The equestrian center land is expanded;
- ✓ The garden centers are combined and expanded;
- ✓ Golf cart, equestrian and pedestrian paths are expanded;
- ✓ Landscaping is added to the two water drainage areas;
- ✓ A fire station is added;
- ✓ The community center/office is expanded;
- ✓ Land for high-density housing for 58 affordable units is retained (State requirement);
- ✓ The existing Garden Center 2 on Campo Verde is retained;
- ✓ The existing use of the land on Campo Verde for the GRF maintenance facilities is retained.

Alternative A

Alternative A is the base proposal; Alternatives B and C make modifications to it.

The first recommended change to the current use of these 75 acres is to have a fire station built on one acre of Garden Center 1 at Moulton and Santa Maria. A

scenic overlook park would be created in the rest of the area. This land is currently designated high density residential for the 58 affordable housing units as required by the State, and that designation would remain in the plan. The Orange County Fire Authority has notified the City that this area of the City (and Village) is currently underserved and that a fire station is needed.

In the Campo Verde area, 11 acres of the vacant land south of Garden Center 2 would be used for the gardeners displaced by the above change and to meet the current demand of a 400 resident waiting list. An outdoor meeting place, which could be used as a farmer's market on Sundays, when residents could use the existing employee parking area, would be added.

The drainage ravine that runs through the 11 acres of new garden plots would be landscaped for a wildlife habitat. The equestrian and pedestrian trails would be maintained and a bridge across the ravine could be added for pedestrian crossing. The existing combined trails could be divided so pedestrians could have a paved walking path while a decomposed granite trail would be used for the horses.

The existing compost area, which is south of these 11 acres, would remain. As this is more land than needed for composting, room can be made for more renewable energy uses in the future, such as solar or wind farms.

Lastly, a golf cart path would be created for access up to the Rite Aid shopping area.

At El Toro and Moulton, an acre of the large drainage basin next to the equestrian center would be filled in to add an arena or other facility for the horses. The rest of this basin would be landscaped for a wildlife habitat to beautify the area.

The GRF nursery at the top of the hill behind Clubhouse 7 would remain the nursery, and the vacant land between Clubhouse 7 and Moulton would remain open space land that could be used for renewable energy needs in the future.

Finally, the hill between Clubhouse 7 and the existing community center would be used for expanded Community Center or other Village amenity-type uses.

None of these proposed uses in Alternative A would bring revenue to the Village or the City.

Alternatives B & C

Alternatives B and C, on the other hand, make modifications to Alternative A to allow for revenue.

In **Alternative B**, the only change is to build 59 medium-density homes and the 58 affordable (high-density) housing units on the nursery and Garden Center 1 land. The proposed fire station and a smaller scenic overlook park would also be on the Garden Center 1 acreage and the GRF nursery would be moved to the Campo Verde compost area.

This could provide about \$5 million to the Village. The consultants recommended the hill behind Clubhouse 7 be lowered so that the new housing would not interfere



with the view the Village homes also on that hill currently have. The geotech expert consulted on this concept stated lowering the grade of this hill was feasible.

Alternative C would move the firehouse from the acre on Garden Center 1 to the vacant land along Moulton by Clubhouse 7. More homes would then be built on this freed-up acre for another \$1 million of revenue to the Village.

Secondly, the equestrian center would be relocated to the compost/renewable energy/nursery area, freeing up the corner of El Toro and Moulton for a retail center. This could result in \$11 to \$17 million revenue to the Village. It would also provide the balance the City wants to see in the Specific Plan where the cost to the City for use of the other land is offset by the generation of revenue to the City by a retail development. The consultants said without some retail development to offset City costs, Alternative A or B will be a very hard sell to the City.

Moving the equestrian center would eliminate the land for the composting, renewal energy development and the GRF nursery. The consultants stated there is flexibility in the plan to put these on other land such as using some of the 11 acres designated for expanding the garden plots. The Specific Plan provides what the Village wants to use the land for and obtains the City's okay for those uses; the details on exactly how the land would be used would need to be developed only if the Village proceeded with its plan.

TV6 Showing of Land Use Presentation & Subsequent Meetings

The meeting with the consultants on their proposals will be televised on TV 6 on the following Wednesdays: March 30 at 2 p.m., April 6 at 6 p.m. and April 13 at 2 p.m. The consultants provided PowerPoint pictures of all of their proposals during the meeting, and you will find they are very beneficial in visualizing how the land would be used under each of the alternatives.

GRF will hold an open meeting on Wednesday, March 30, at 10:30 a.m. in the Board Room to receive comments from the corporate members on the consultants' proposals. Residents will be given an opportunity to also provide comments.

Then on Wednesday, April 6, at 10:00 a.m. the Ad Hoc Committee will make its decision on what should be in the Specific Plan and prepare it for submittal to the GRF Board.

President's Message

by Maxine McIntosh



Reading through the Letters page of the Globe, we discover that some subjects are often repeatedly addressed through the years. One of these is about member complaints regarding traffic violations.

Recently, the complaint has been focused on a number of drivers who choose to roll through the boulevard stop

signs in our Village. Our Security officers are constantly addressing this problem - citing many of the drivers who fail to stop. Yet, much of the year, it is the main reason for writing traffic citations.

I served on the United Mutual Traffic committee for three years and was Chairman during my third year. During our monthly closed-session hearings, anyone could attend and contest their citation. Most members chose to accept the accuracy of the citations, paid their fines or attended traffic school. However, about five to ten members would request a hearing in order to present their opinions and evidence in their own defense.

One at a time, we would invite them to sit at the table. I would introduce the committee members and the citing officer. The officer would read the citation and then we usually watched the video taken at the Stop Line in the street. Next, I would invite the resident to share his or her information. Sometimes residents defended their actions as soon as they sat down, saying, "I know that I made a complete stop;" or, "This is my first citation in 40 years! I make legal stops!" Usually, by the time the video had stopped, these members would say, "And I was certain that I had stopped!," or "I could have sworn that I made a full stop." A few were incredulous and asked for a replay of the video before being convinced of the violation.

This is where my greatest concern lies. Most of these residents truly believed that they had made a complete stop. Occasionally we'd hear, "I thought that a 'California Stop' was a legal stop!" It is impossible to get all the information out to all the people all the time. We need to remember that most of these people believed that the wheels had stopped! So, I hope that the readers of this article will share this following information with as many other residents as possible:

The best way to be absolutely certain that the wheels have truly stopped at the stop sign is to feel your back push against the back of the seat. A kindly officer told me about this many years ago when I "thought" I'd stopped. (I told him that I would share the information with all my friends and he decided not to cite me.) He told me to test myself by slowing down to even five miles per hour before I stopped. The officer explained that even at very slow speeds the body cannot stop as fast as the car and that it will press back against the seat

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immediately after the car completely stops. Faster speeds equaled a stronger thrust against the seat.

As long as many drivers truly believe that they came to a complete stop when they didn't, roll throughs at stop signs will continue. While serving on the committee (and Third faces much the same situation), we seldom ever had repeat offenders for failure to stop. But that's a tough method to rely on for getting out the message. I hope that all readers will share this test with as many people as possible.

The challenge to reach most of the community is complicated by the fact that the Village has about an 18 percent turnover every five years. New residents have a lot of information to absorb. Outside of my Traffic Committee experience, I've not met anyone who had ever learned this technique.

Try it and, please, pass it along.

United Update

by Lynn Hamm

Following is a summary of various items recently addressed by United Mutual's M&C Committee.

Laundry Room Furniture Policy

Members of United Mutual are very fortunate to have many lovely areas for walking, such as the Serpentine Walk, Aliso Creek and the bridle path. As my dog Sampson and I enjoy three walks a day, we've seen, as we all have, many laundry rooms. Some of these laundry rooms are neat with the requisite bench, and others are crammed with mismatched cast-off furniture, household goods, clothing and in one room an exercise bike!!! The sliding glass doors may have faded globes or strips of tape to alert residents whether a door is open or closed. All in all, many of our laundry rooms are not making a positive impression on prospective buyers as places where one would like to do laundry.

In an effort to bring a uniform look to our laundry rooms, on March 8, 2011, the United Mutual Board discussed a motion to authorize an expenditure of \$10,500 in order to remove non-standard furniture and add new benches where needed. In order to comply with the 30-day notification requirement, the motion to adopt this policy on Mutual Laundry Room Furniture and appropriation of funds has been postponed until the April Board Meeting.

In addition, on February 28, 2011, the United M&C Committee recommended to the Board that all laundry room windows and sliding doors be cleaned, with new stickers placed on the doors for the safety of the residents. This will cost an estimated \$14,400 which will be funded out of the contingency fund.

United Service Satisfaction Survey

On Monday, February 28, a United Service Satisfaction survey was implemented for all service work orders conducted inside United manors. Upon completion of the necessary work, residents were handed a survey form which asked the resident to rate various components of the service with numerical ratings of 4-

excellent, 3-good, 2-fair, 1-poor. During the first 3 weeks since implementation, 437 surveys have been returned, with an overall scoring of 3.84 out of 4.00. Not only is this survey a great way for our Board to monitor the level of member satisfaction with the service they are receiving, but it also provides a tool for the staff to follow up with residents who were not satisfied with their service in order to resolve the service issue(s).

Lighting Program

Cul de Sac 7 has been chosen as the site for the pilot program of our new lighting system. This project should be completed by the end of summer.

Village at Work

Have you had the opportunity to watch any of the "Village at Work" videos on TV6? United's very own Sheila Bialka is the host of these very informative videos that address water conservation, security and our community center. They are repeated periodically on the TV6 news. Residents can also watch them on our Village website.

The Foundation of Laguna Woods Village

by Pat Wilkinson

Recently, a second generation resident gathered some of her neighbors, along with past residents of the Village and her 90 year-old father, in a gift-giving extravaganza with the Foundation of Laguna Woods Village as the happy recipient. When asked if they would enjoy recognition in the local newspaper, they turned it down, insisting that they remain incognito as do the residents who benefit from their generosity. The resident who spear-headed this 'fund drive' intends to continue her efforts to help the Foundation and the residents of the Village. The Foundation is successful only because of kindnesses such as this. We need your help **NOW!!!**

AND, the good news is, you may now make donations to the Foundation by **credit card**. Simply go to www.lagunawoodsfoundation.com and click on the **Donate** link. It's as simple as that!! Questions? - please call 949-268-2246 or email us at: thefoundation@comline.com

Donor envelopes are available on the wall by the front desk in the Community Center. You may send your donations to P.O. BOX 3279, Laguna Woods Village, CA 92654-3279. Because we depend on you for donations, please remember us when giving a gift of remembrance. Thank you very much.

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What Happened to Recycling?

by Shari Horne

A new phase of the recycling project is underway. The number of black newspaper recycling bins is being reduced to one per enclosure, and they will be picked up every week. If, on a weekly basis, a bin is overflowing, an additional bin can be obtained by calling Property Services (597-4600). Newspapers should not be put in the red dumpsters.



More blue recycling bins will be strategically placed throughout the Village. Individual manors that currently have different colored trash and recycling containers will receive a small newspaper recycling bin to replace the plastic sacks and boxes or crates they have been using.

The blue bins take all mixed, clean and dry recyclables including plastic, paper, cans, bottles, DVD's. They do not take rubber, styrofoam, window glass, mirrors and fabric of any kind or anything contaminated with hazardous waste, old food, bodily waste, grease or fluorescent light bulbs. Batteries, dry medication and guns or ammunition can be recycled at City Hall.

The fourth Saturday of the month is bulky day. All bulky items such as furniture, appliances, electronics, large boxes you are unable to break down in your recycling bin and even tires can be placed around your trash enclosure on the Friday before the fourth Saturday of the month, or prior to 7:30 a.m. of that Saturday. It will all be picked up at no charge! This program has already saved the Village thousands of dollars!

The City has boxes of all sizes for recycling that can be placed in mailrooms, under desks, etc. Just call 949-639-0500.

Not everyone is able to break down big cardboard boxes before putting them in the blue bins. If you see big boxes next to a recycling bin, please be a "recycling buddy" and break them down for your neighbors.

To learn more about recycling, come to the Redwood Room between 8:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. on Earthday, April 22.

What's on Your Mind?

Ask the Directors – Get the Answers

Share a cup of coffee and let the directors know what's on your mind. Informal meetings have been scheduled with Third and United Board members. There is no agenda, so unlike a board or committee meeting, the directors will be able to discuss a broad range of subjects.

United Mutual: Thursday, May 3, 1 p.m., Clubhouse 1, Dining Room 2. Meetings are held the first Thursday of every other month.

United directors will also appear with Rob Merritt on TV6 on Friday mornings (usually between 8:30 and 9:00 a.m.) to recap committee meetings of the past week.

Third Mutual: Monday, April 25, 4:00 p.m., Community Center, Birch Room. Meetings are scheduled at various times and locations.

Third directors appear with Rob Merritt on TV6 on Monday mornings (usually between 8:30 and 9:00 a.m.) to discuss upcoming committee issues.

Foolish April's New Residents

By Jan Marshall

After attending an event where our wonderful volunteer clowns cheered up the evening, I had the following dream as circus music played in the background and moving vans appeared. Though many showbiz celebrities live here, the dream revealed that our newest neighbors were from the cartoon, comic strip and fairy tale world.

I met Cinderella, recently divorced from her prince with the *foot fetish*. They split when she refused to wear glass shoes. Turns out he was CEO of Pyrex© and could get them wholesale. She now dates Dr. Sholls©. He explained that glass slippers, unless custom fitted with orthopedic inserts, cause *bunions*, not *Brussels sprouts* as she first thought. The Prince is now rooming with Betty Crocker© and the Pillsbury Dough Boy(©). Please, don't ask!

Another truck brought Peter, Peter that pumpkin eater. Don't get me wrong, pumpkin itself is nutritious, but as a manor, even in a dream, I guffaw. He put his wife in a pumpkin shell which happened to be in United - thus a co-op - so he could not get a reverse mortgage. He is asking Gail if she can do something about that? While keeping her? I mean really. I am a women's libber and I truly object to this *keeping her business* whether he keeps her *well* or not.

While in sleepy land I received an email from Goldilocks saying she wanted to move here but didn't have the down payment to qualify. She lives in Hollywood, over a Chinese restaurant, where she grows dill. When we talked about her past, she revealed that, "he was such an animal," speaking of her relationship with the papa bear. He asked her to call him "big daddy" at intimate moments though that is another story for another time, perhaps Never, duh, since she told me *that* in confidence as we were getting drunk at Musso Franks.

In my slumber I noticed Elmer (*ole*) Fuddy Duddy at board meetings where he complained constantly while wearing woman's clothes.

After Brenda Star, Ace Reporter was fired, she moved to the Towers with her mystery man, *Basil*. It turns out Basil wasn't such a mystery man after all. His real name is Irving, and she was mighty disappointed to learn the distinguished black patch he wore was for *pink eye*.

Today, a handsome man moved in next door. He was wearing blue tights. The only man I ever loved in tights was Stewart Granger in the film "Scaramouche." I'm sure he loved me too, though I have not heard from him

recently. I wish I could tell him "the sword wounds have healed nicely."

MY OPINION: Male Tights: NO; Capri's: YES, which several men wear at Channel 6 - particularly executives - on Happy Snappy Tuesdays.

Meeting Red Riding Hood in cul de sac 17, she confided that in the infamous court case she was questioned by a cruel, macho prosecutor. "Why were you walking in the forest alone? Did you run out of alleys? You do know what the color red indicates, you ignorant slut, you." OMG!!!! I hate that, especially during the 100th Anniversary of Woman's International Day. Why do some idiots blame the victim?

Speaking of Red a belated card from Santa insisted that Rudolph the *red* nosed reindeer is not an alcoholic as some have claimed but simply has a bad case of Rosacia! (Gosh, it seems like the fake world has lots of ailments.)

I asked the new neighbor his name and he said he was Superman (that's what they *all* say) and he sighed that his "S" had been retired. When he told me he was faster than a speeding bullet, I suggested he see a Urologist. Then I slammed the door in his face.

The noise happily but confusingly awakened me. Yes it was a dream but why was I wearing blue tights?

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FOV Seeks Your Input

What would you like to know about Laguna Woods Village?

- Ask the experts by emailing your questions to lvvfriends@gmail.com. FOV members will find the experts, get the answers and publish them in the newsletter.
- Send ideas for articles in future editions of the FOV newsletter to maryrobertson@comline.com.
- Send ideas for items of interest to be included in the FOV website to pjwcrafts@comline.com.

Headphone Amplifiers Available

Headphone amplifiers are available in all clubhouses and at the community center.

If you have had trouble hearing the speakers at meetings, plan to arrive a little early, go to the office and request one of the amplifiers.

Be sure to have your Village ID card with you as you will be asked to leave it at the office until you return the headphone.

Looking for fun things to do and a great way to meet new people? Check "Trip Notes" each week in the *Laguna Woods Globe* - a full page listing of activities planned by various clubs in the Village.

