

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**Linda Djupstrom**

This month I thought it might be fun share with you some insight on being a Board or committee member. So

What to expect if you decide to become a board or committee member.**Friends offering you great comic relief.**

- Why did the HOA board member cross the road? To get to the other neighborhood.
- A man went to the doctor as he wasn't feeling well. The doctor ran some tests and came into the room with the results. I am so sorry to tell you this but it is likely that you only have 6 months to live. The man was shocked and asked if there wasn't something he could do. The doctor thought for a few minutes and offered this. You could offer to be a board member for your HOA. The man looked puzzled and asked if that would allow him to live longer? Oh no, the doctor said, but it might make those 6 months feel like 6 years and when you finally do die, you will welcome it.

You might also expect to receive e-mails from owners suggesting things such as:

- Issues they see as problematic and possible solutions!
⇒ Gosh those are wonderful – they saw a problem and gave a solution
- Many thank yous to all board members for serving on the Board or committees, with the closing line "I know it can be a thankless job"

You might also expect to find JOY

- Often you might experience the joy in hearing that some of the issues that have been addressed have benefited many of the owners and their appreciation of it.
- Then, there is the joy in working with a motivated great staff and a brilliant and kind General Manager.
- And to top the good part off – there is the pure joy I have found in working with 4 intelligent, kind and willing co-board members in what sometimes seems like an impossible job.
- As a Board Member of the HOA here at Villas West I assure you that we begin and end all that we do with what is best for the HOA.

If we are all making decisions in terms of what's best for Villas West, we will always be in agreement, even when we disagree.

- At the end of the day, you will be able to look at what has been accomplished because of your involvement with a sense of community pride and joy, and yet knowing there is a great deal more that needs attention as well.
- In closing I would like to thank all the Board and committee members who are currently involved, our most recent Board Members who have moved on (Lou and Merna) and to all those that came before us and finally to those who are thinking about involvement and ways they can have a positive impact on their community.
- As Franklin Roosevelt once said:

"Far and away the best prize that life offers is the chance to work hard at work worth doing."

The Board and I will keep this in mind as we move forward and we welcome you to join us.

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