

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE – MAY, 2010

Dear Members,

This month we have an expert in association law, **Ken Direktor, Chair, Community Association Practice Group, Becker & Poliakoff**. Make sure you come with questions about the issues that you're faced with, and you'll get answers. We know collections and how to get title to problem units are on the top of the list. And as a bonus, we'll get an update on what did or didn't happen during the session. We'll have lots of time for Q&A, too.

We're very lucky that we have great members who are dedicated to good association governance, helping one another and who pack our meetings. That means the sponsors know they're getting through to the real decisionmakers, and that means we will continue to retain and increase our influence so that our issues are dealt with properly and we are respected in the community. It's what we're about!

Speaking of growth, we're making new friends, welcoming new members and advertisers. Welcome, **Carousel Development & Restoration, Joseph Carosella, Pres., Carlos Ramirez, Rep.; J.R. Frazer Reserves & Insurance Valuations, J.R. Frazer, Pres.; KLV Code Consultants, Kenneth Koch, Pres.; Precision Condo Consulting, Karen Danzinger, Pres.; The Meadows Maintenance, Jack Fintz, Treas.; The Sherwin Williams Company, Richard A. Lindo, Rep.; Polynesian Villas Condo Assoc., Cathryn Schulkers, Pres.; East Sunrise Residents' Assoc., Andrew Lewis, Pres.; Rhonda Hollander, P.A.; Innovative Facility Management, Michael Capouani, Pres.; Imperial Builders, Inc. and Imperial Panels & Glass Systems, LLC, Dan Turner, Pres.; Marksman Security, Benton Lauerets, V-P Marketing; Glenn Gordon; Tom Pierce. Thanks to all of our renewing members, too!**

This legislative session was one of the most difficult because of the fierce opposition we had to our simple request to give us more time to do the hugely expensive retrofits. As of the deadline for this issue I don't have the final results, but I know that our **pro bono Legal Advisor, Donna D. Berger, Esq., Exec. Dir. of CAN**, was crucial in any gains we made. I hope to be able to celebrate with you at this meeting. **Donna** wrote and amended the bills so that we would get them the way we need them. **Senator Jeremy Ring and Rep. Ari Porth** once again worked tremendously for our interests. A huge thank you is due to them! Congratulations are also due to **Donna**, who is now a named partner in **Katzman Garfinkel & BERGER!** (See page 5)

SAVE THE DATE! Friday, November 12, 2010. It's our Second Annual Share & Learn. Great news...we're holding it at **Diamante's Banquet Center** this time because we had such an overflow crowd. It's **free** to all association officers and board members, as well as unit owners.

We'll be serving breakfast and lunch, **Diamante's style**, which means really good food. The exhibitors will be in a separate room from the presentations so those who want to take more time to speak to the exhibitors will have the opportunity, before, at breaks and after the presentations. Experts in the field of association law, banking, and other areas that are important will be presenting, with lots of time for Q&A. Parking is plentiful at **Diamante's**, and the facility is beautiful. We want to make you aware first so you can plan ahead for this great event.

We've already received reservations from exhibitors, who were sent invitations last month. **Richie Harris, Event Chairman**, is doing a wonderful job with our committee, **First V-P Mary Macfie, 2nd V-P Robin Moselle, Board Members Patti Lynn, Andy Shaftel, and Toby Feuer**. Thank you so much for working so hard!

I'm looking forward to seeing everyone on May 14.

Charlotte

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