

ORANGE BLOSSOM GARDENS

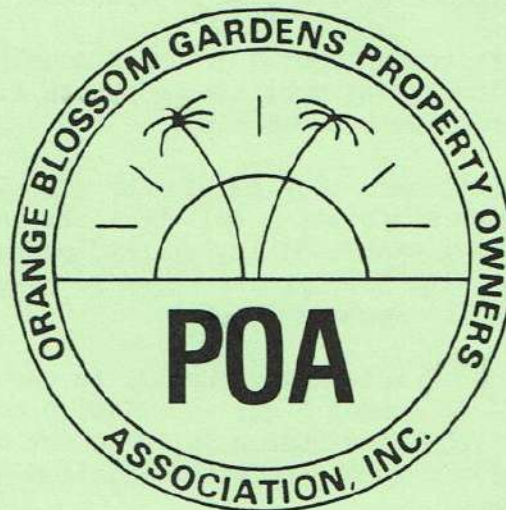
PROPERTY OWNERS'
ASSOCIATION, INC.

THERE ARE NO STRANGERS HERE ONLY FRIENDS WE HAVEN'T MET.

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A MEMBER OF THE FEDERATION OF
MOBILE HOME OWNERS OF FLORIDA, INC.

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TO: ALL NEW RESIDENTS. WELCOME!

We think you will find Orange Blossom Gardens is the best possible place to live in all of Florida!

In addition to becoming a neighbor and friend, we hope you will soon join the ranks of the membership of the **ORANGE BLOSSOM GARDENS PROPERTY OWNERS' ASSOCIATION, INC.** Our membership, as of July 17, 1988, numbers 1,950 and is growing steadily.

We are a duly-chartered, non-profit organization incorporated on November 20, 1975, with the following objectives.

(1) to preserve the mobile home subdivision life-style we have chosen; (2) to assist the developer, whenever and wherever possible, in establishing a community that will benefit both the developer and the residents; and (3) to protect the rights and privileges granted us by Florida Statutes under the provisions of **Chapter 723, THE MOBILE HOME ACT.**

Our association is a member of the **FMO** (Federation of Mobile Home Owners of Florida, Inc.), which is a 25-year-old state-wide, non-profit organization dedicated solely to the mobile home population.

The **FMO** is composed of a group of nearly a quarter of a million individual mobile home owners like yourself. Their representatives work:

(a) to influence city and county decisions affecting mobile home residents; (b) to lobby in Tallahassee to improve statewide legislative protections; and (c) to provide special services and programs for the benefit of its members.

Of particular interest to us all is the special program whereby - if needed - our association can apply for financial and legal assistance in the event of disputes with the developer resulting from violation of our statutory rights.

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PROPERTY OWNERS' ASSOCIATION, INC.

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Unit 13		

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Here you are. Retired, at last! We congratulate you and hope you enjoy the fruits of your labor!

While you will find some things are done differently here, in due time you also will come to realize some things never change.

There's the responsibility of home ownership, for one. There's the need to participate in the process of electing people who will represent you at every level of government, for another.

You can hire people to mow your lawn, plant your trees and flowers, wash down your home, etc. (Nowadays - - for the right price - - you can hire someone to do almost anything!) But there are some things you still have to do for yourself, and voting is one of the most important.

We are fairly certain you will exercise your voting privilege for a very good percentage of OBG residents do.

However, your civic duty does not end on election day! Equally as important as voting is your attendance at meetings of your local governing bodies.

Unfortunately, all too few of our residents exercise the right to voice their views to the elected officials even though they are dealing with issues which will affect them.


Now that you are retired and have the time, please give serious thought to fulfilling your civic responsibilities by devoting a few hours each month to protecting your own interests!

The Commissioners of the Town of Lady Lake meet twice a month, and an agenda for each meeting can usually be found on the bulletin board in our OBG Post Office.

Routinely, reporters from the Daily Commercial and the Orlando Sentinel attend these meetings and an account of what took place will appear in the following day's issue.

Thus, if you were unable to attend a meeting, you can still read about it and you can voice your opinions in writing.

Think of it this way. If you choose to be a non-participant, someone else's will prevail in matters which are of vital concern to you!


ARTHUR W. SMITH
President

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TO ALL VOLUNTEERS

You can find a number of definitions for a volunteer in dictionaries, but the P.O.A. feels its volunteers are the very life's blood of our organization.

We salute you and we thank you for the time and effort you give to make it possible to achieve our purpose which is to represent the residents of our community!

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THOUGHTS TO PONDER

It doesn't help much to forgive if you plan to keep recalling that you forgave!

Who you know isn't as important as who finds you worth knowing!

The most difficult arithmetic to master is the art of counting your blessings!

Intelligence is like a river - - the deeper it is, the less noise it makes!

AARP CHAPTER TO BE FORMED

The Orange Blossom Gardens Property Owners' Association, Inc. is pleased to announce that a chapter of the American Association of Retired Persons is being formed in O.B.G.

For this purpose, Mrs. Barbara E. Rudd, Chapter Organizer, appeared before the September meeting of the P.O.A. She was accompanied by her husband, John E. Rudd, who is an AARP Assistant State Director. (Both are volunteers.)

Prior to making her slide presentations, Mrs. Rudd distributed the following literature to those in attendance:

"Coping & Caring - Living with Alzheimer's Disease;" "To Serve, Not To Be Served," a guide for older volunteers; a special personal finances issue of Modern Maturity; and the July issue of "Highlights" which is the newsletter of AARP volunteers.

The first set of slides depicted the origin of AARP and enumerated the many services offered to its members.

A second set of slides was devoted to the requirements for forming an AARP Chapter of O.B.G. residents.

"Dick" Lundin agreed to serve as temporary chairman of the steering committee to launch an AARP chapter.

Mr. Lundin requests any residents who are interested in serving with him on the committee to contact him at 753-7602.

There presently are only two chapters in Lake County.

Residents are not required to be members of the P.O.A. to join.

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P.O.A. BLOOD BANK

People are always asking: "What does the P.O.A. do for me?"

We are proud to inform you that, for one thing, the P.O.A. was responsible for establishing an arrangement with the Leesburg Blood Bank where blood donated by O.B.G. residents is available to all residents and employees - - not just P.O.A. members!

At a cost of \$67.00 for each unit of blood, everyone should be able to take comfort in the knowledge blood is available **at no charge**, if needed.

Anyone scheduled for surgery might have a need for blood. To make certain blood will be available, call **Carol Etherton**, Blood Bank Chairman, at **753-1859** and she will take care of it. If you cannot reach Mrs. Etherton, you can call the Leesburg Blood Bank at **343-6100**.

It might also be wise, at the time of your admission, to advise the hospital of the availability of this blood for your use.

The Blood Mobile comes to O.B.G. every three months and is scheduled for November 7th at the Club House from 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon. Refreshments are served to donors.

If you are able to do so, please plan to become one of our donors. Since the first of this year, 72 units have been needed!

If you are unable to donate blood at this time, you can visit the Blood Bank at **7145 South Highway 441** at any time. Just be sure to mention you are from Orange Blossom Gardens so credit will be given.

In the interest of both availability and the obvious savings, we hope you will continue to support this worthwhile program.

Our thanks to the P.O.A. members who started the program, with special thanks to Howard Wagner who "beefed it up" in 1983.

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THE WAY OTHERS SEE IT

by Patrick O'Neal Allen

I've been hearing complaints about the Orange Blossom Hills Golf and Country Club with references made to discrimination.

Everyone agrees it's one thing to have a shopping plaza, medical offices, and a bank which - - while available to residents - - were built for (and are advertised to) the general public. These facilities are located outside the perimeter of Orange Blossom Gardens.

However, the consensus is it's quite another matter to build a "country club" well within the grounds of the community (ostensibly for OBG residents) then advertise "specials" to non-members at a lower cost than to dues-paying club members!

There have been three annual dues schedules with mystifying changes each year. The complaints were minimal until the latest schedule whereby one level of club membership is to be assessed for a \$20.00 monthly food tab in addition to annual dues.

This is not an uncommon practice among many country clubs ~~but~~ they operate as a "true" country club - - with privileges extended only to members and guests.

Another bone of contention is the cancellation of men's and women's golf leagues. The reason given being they prevented other golfers from playing on league days. With five other days to golf? And all the while advertising for "outside" golfers?

Many members feel these practices are highly unfair and offer no good reason to continue membership in our (?) "country club."

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Other results of the dissatisfaction heard will be: boycott of the pro shop and the golf course and, worse, an exodus of residents to other golfing communities!

At least, that's the way others see it!

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OCTOBER DATES TO REMEMBER

- 4 - Second Primary
- 10 - Columbus Day Observed
- 10 - Canadian Thanksgiving
- 11 - True Columbus Day
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- 31 - Halloween

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* * MONTHLY MEETING OF P.O.A.

The October monthly meeting of the P.O.A. will be held on the 11th at 7:30 p.m. in the O.B.G. Recreation Club House.

State Representative Everett Kelly has been invited to speak to the membership.

Mrs. Nora Hill, legal representative of the P.O.A., has been scheduled to appear to answer questions from members.

Some questions may have to be researched and Mrs. Hill will do so. Her answers will then be submitted to our P.O.A. President and will appear in the November issue of our monthly bulletin.

Your questions should pertain to representation of the P.O.A. No personal questions, please!

"The best reason for doing the right thing today is tomorrow." (source unknown)

NEW MEMBERS

The following residents have joined the Orange Blossom Gardens Property Owners' Association, Inc. between August 18th and September 17th.

<u>Name(s)</u>	<u>Unit</u>
M/M Eugene Addison	7
M/M Bob Bayne	3
Mrs. Dorothy Borger	6
M/M Bob Boucher	3
M/M Leonard Bugey	5
M/M William Campbell	6
Ms. Patricia Carter	9
M/M Vincent Caulfield	9
M/M Joseph Corcillo	12
M/M Gene Dorsam	12
Mr. John Ducary	11
M/M John Eggleston	4
M/M L. Gambino	6
M/M George Garwood, Jr.	8
Mr. James Gaynie	12
M/M Fred Haas	12
M/M Kenneth Hamilton	12
M/M Charles Harvey	12
M/M Adam Hooch	4
M/M William Jury	3
M/M Clarence Landry	9
M/M Robert Looby	8
M/M Elmer "Dick" Lundin	8
M/M Daniel Metzler	6
Mr. Russell Morris	12
Mr. Michael Ottati	12
M/M Tibor Paldi	3
M/M Joe Palouich	3
M/M Stephen Paul	12
M/M William Pierce	2
M/M Gerald Samler	3
M/M Leo Schlater	12
M/M Thomas Simpson	12
Mr. Conrad and	
Ms. Rosalie Sobanski	6
M/M Edwin Troup	7

This brings the total number of P.O.A. members to date to 2,012.