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### BULLETIN

Jean Tuttle, Editor

### JANUARY 1990

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### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The P.O.A. approaches the new year with hope and great expectations!

Your organization recently took the first major step in setting up lines of communication with management and hopes that, cooperatively, we can solve our problems and make Orange Blossom Gardens all that we dreamed it would be.

Our attorney met with Dewey Burnsed (management's attorney) and negotiations are under way. We hope to bring you further details at our monthly meeting.

We look forward to a busy year and welcome your suggestions as to what activities we should be undertaking.

If you remember, we put forth some thoughts last month regarding committees we felt were needed to assist in carrying out our objectives.

The response has been somewhat disappointing. We need more volunteers!

We hope many of you will volunteer for our Community Assistance Committee. Some of our residents are in desperate need of such things as: transportation for medical treatment, aid in filing Medicare and other forms, and learning about various resources available to them in our area. Many people struggle with problems which could easily be resolved by referral to the proper agency.

As I stated at the outset, we have high hopes and expectations for the new year. Our success depends on you!

Please plan to attend the January 17 meeting at 7:30 p.m. in the Club House.

Eoa M. Nawkins
President

P.S. There was not sufficient time to prepare a float for the Christmas Parade this year, but we can look forward to 1990!!

### AARP WILL ASSIST WITH YOUR TAX RETURNS

The Lady Lake Chapter of AAFP will assist you in the preparation of your federal income tax return. This is a <u>free service</u> as a part of the AARP Tax Aid Program.

This service will be available to you beginning February through April 15 at two convenient locations.

TUESDAYS - 12 noon to 4 p.m. at the Lady Lake Community Building.

THURSDAYS - 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. at the new Barnett Bank branch.

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I.R.S. regulations require referral of <u>complicated returns</u> to professional tax accountants.

If you have any questions, please call **Art Emmerick**, Tax Aid Program Co-ordinator at **753-7459**.

Editor's note: The first paragraph on back cover should have read: "..... property owners (Units 1 - 13) ....." and will be corrected in February.

### REPORT FROM THE SILVER-HAIRED LEGISLATURE

Florence Hunter, our very own Senator in the Silver-Haired Legislature, reported to the membership about their October session.

Forty-two (42) bills were prepared for submission to the Florida legislature for consideration. While mainly concerned with the problems of our older citizens, Florence says they also "put their foot in a lot of doors and kick!"

A previous recommendation resulted in the enactment of a law to create a Department of Elderly Affairs and 2.7 million Floridians voted in support of it. She reported \$42 million comes into Florida each year under the Older Persons Act, with \$3.7 million of it coming into Lake County. She has not, however, been able to learn how it is disbursed!

She told of being invited to participate in a seminar on the Ethics of Aging at F.S.U. in December. She learned there is little understanding of the problems of older persons among people under the age of 50.

She also reported on the deplorably small number of doctors accepting Medicare assignment in Lake County.

### BLOOD DONORS NEEDED

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### BULLETIN CHANGES

The most recent change is obvious -its size! We have gained space at a savings in cost.

There now is a list of chairmen of our standing and special committees inside the front cover. The list will be filled in as appointments are made. After a previous record-breaking drive, we had a very disappointing turnout in October. A community the size of O.B.G. could have a record-breaking drive four times a year!

Please support the next drive which will be held January 23 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the OBG Club House.

Donations by O.B.G. residents are credited to our account against future need. Busy schedule? Call 753-1859 to make an appointment!

### MEMBERSHIP DUES

It's time to renew dues for 1990! There has never been a better time to support the P.O.A. so it can represent you as the law intends!

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4 - 9 a.m. - Liaison Committee Meeting Lady Lake Community Building

Election of officers and designation of representatives to meet with the Board of Directors

- 11 2 p.m. Executive session of the P.O.A. Board of Directors
  1707 West Schwartz Boulevard
- 17 7:30 p.m. Monthly Meeting of Members <u>held jointly</u> with the Meeting of Board of Directors

### IMPORTANT

23 - 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. - BLOOD DRIVE O.B.G. Recreation Club House

### SPEAKER FOR JANUARY 17 MEETING

Sgt. Larry Conniff of the Community Relations Department of the Lake County Sheriff's office has been invited to speak at the January meeting.

Sgt. Conniff holds four degrees and has a total of 29 years in law enforcement in Michigan and Florida.

He presently is in charge of the School Resource officers who work with schools regarding drug awareness and related problems.

His main topic will be the new 911 emergency system after which he will answer questions from the floor.

911 saves time and lives!!!

### "THE SENIOR CONSUMER" NEWSLETTER IS AVAILABLE TO RESIDENTS

One of our P.O.A. members has brought to our attention the fact the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services issues a monthly newsletter: "The Senior Consumer."

This newsletter is <u>FREE</u> to Florida residents over the age of 60. To be put on the mailing list, direct your request to:

The Senior Consumer
Division of Consumer Services
213 Mayo Building
Tallahassee, FL 32399-0800

An article in the December issue describes the availability of legal assistance by calling the new statewide LEGAL HOTLINE (1-800-252-5997) which is staffed by qualified attorneys.

The hotline is open to everyone

regardless of income.

The attorneys attempt to "screen out matters which do not require legal assistance and refer them to the appropriate resource; resolve matters requiring only legal information or advice; prevent legal problems from occurring or getting worse; and to identify those who need more complex legal services."

Other articles cover a wide range of subject areas of interest to senior citizens with addresses where additional information can be obtained.

For example, those interested in learning more about "Medgap" insurance can obtain a free booklet: "The Consumer's Guide to Medicare Supplement Insurance" from The Health Insurance Association of America, P. 0. Box 41455, Washington, D.C. 20018.

### TO APPLY FOR YOUR \$25,000 HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION - YOU MUST:

.... be a permanent Florida resident as of JANUARY 1ST and have proof of legal residence.

.... be prepared to show evidence of ownership (such as a deed or contract), a Certificate of Domicile or Voter Registration, a Florida license plate and a Florida driver's license.

Thereafter, renewals may be handled by mail.

.... apply between January 1st and March 1st each year.

The Lake County Property Appraiser sets up offices in several locations to make it more convenient for you to file for your exemption.

### TEXAS-FLORIDA B-B-Q

Your P.O.A. has planned a B-B-Q - - Texas-Florida style - - for their annual social event on the 21st of February!

The fun begins at **6:30 p.m.** in the 0.B.G. Recreation Club House and tickets are available <u>now</u> at the bargain price of **\$9.00 each.** 

Don your western or casual wear and join in the fun! B.Y.O.B.

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One of these locations will be in O.B.G. The time and date were not available in time to include in the bulletin. Watch for information in your local newspaper.

Another location will be Lake Square Mall Monday through Friday between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. starting January 2nd. Tentatively, this office will be located next to Hickory Farms

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Beginning in 1990, our custom of pro-rating dues to new members at 50¢ per month will apply only to new residents who join during the year.

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