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APRIL 1990

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Membership	GLORIA HASEL	753-3162
Negotiating	to be named by board	
Nominating	MIKE GRAY	753-0988
P.O.A. History	to be named/volunteer needed	
Publicity	to be named/volunteer needed	
Refreshments	ELEANOR DUDEK	753-2684

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MESSAGE TO ALL O.B.G. RESIDENTS

I guess I'm not too different from the majority of residents of Orange Blossom Gardens. We left our family and valued friends four and a half years ago to begin a new kind of life in an environment quite different than what we had known. We knew from the time of our arrival that Orange Blossom Gardens was the place for us and we still feel that way.

Having been involved through work and charities in my home community, I naturally became active in a number of projects in O.B.G. and Lady Lake. I joined the Property Owners' Association and served as corresponding secretary and vice president. In November I was honored by the members by being elected President of the P.O.A. Although it has only been four months since the election, we have been so busy it seems as though I have been president forever.

My term has been very rewarding thus far. I am pleased to report that management has recognized the P.O.A. as the legally designated representative for all residents. We are now in the process of negotiating several of our grievances with management. These negotiations actually started in December of last year. It has been decided that if by April 9th the issues have not been resolved by negotiation, we will institute

court proceedings and at the same time begin informational picketing.

We hope negotiations are successful. We are anxious to develop a closer working relationship between management and the residents. Situations occur that, put in the proper perspective, are easily resolved. For example, a number of our residents were upset because the pool hall was being closed at 9:00 P.M. One man told me he felt like "bed check in the Army" when he was told to go home at 9:00 P.M. I contacted Mark Morse and he was most cooperative. The situation was corrected and Security now locks the pool hall at 11:00 P.M. instead of 9:00 P.M.

Your officers are pleased and heartened by the support of you, the residents. Your phone calls and letters of encouragement and your input have been most welcome. We thank you.

I hope to see all of you at our April 18th meeting.

*Eva M. Hawkins*

President

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Any members interested in assisting with the informational picketing may file the form elsewhere in the bulletin.



## WE NEED YOUR LEGAL FUND CONTRIBUTION NOW!

As stated in the President's message, we have set a **APRIL 9th** as the deadline for resolution of our grievances with management.

If it becomes necessary to go to court, the amount in our legal fund at the present time is inadequate to cover the estimated legal fees.

We know from the attendance at our recent meetings that you are vitally interested in the outcome of our efforts in your behalf.

As much as we need your moral support, we need your financial support even more at this time.

Please make out your check today and give it to the Liaison Committee member for your unit;

### SAFE JOURNEY

Within the next few weeks, the population of Orange Blossom Gardens will dwindle as some of our residents leave for their summer homes.

We wish them a safe journey and a glorious summertime!

Those who wish to be kept informed as to happenings in their absence need only advise any member of our Board of Directors and provide their summer address.

See you next winter!

or mail it to our Treasurer, Dorothy Morehouse, 1640 West Schwartz.

A receipt will be issued to you and - **REMEMBER** - any unused portion of the fund will be refunded to you on a pro-rated basis!

**TO ALL NON-GOLFERS:** Our grievance is not just about golfing! It's about the loss of services and amenities promised to us when we bought here.

It could just as well have been about the loss of your free shuffleboard, bocce, etc. In fact, without your support in this matter, the amenities you presently enjoy could be the next target for management's broken promises.

### RETIREMENT

What elderly workers need in this country is a choice between retirement and something they can afford.

- Franklin P. Jones

Retirement can be a joy if you can figure out how to spend time without spending money.

- unknown

The worst thing about retirement is to have to drink coffee on your own time.

- CPA Journal

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### INFORMATIONAL PICKETING

Members of the P.O.A. have given their approval to engaging in informational picketing IF our grievances with management have not been resolved by April 9th.

The picketing will be done in a law-abiding manner and no inflammatory signs will be allowed. Signs will be prepared for you with wording suggested by our attorney.

If you are willing to participate in this endeavor should it become necessary, please fill in the form below and give it to any member of the Liaison Committee or to any member of the P.O.A. Board of Directors.

IF INFORMATIONAL PICKETING BECOMES NECESSARY,  
I WOULD BE WILLING TO DO SO, AND I CAN BE  
AVAILABLE ON THE DAYS AND TIMES LISTED BELOW.

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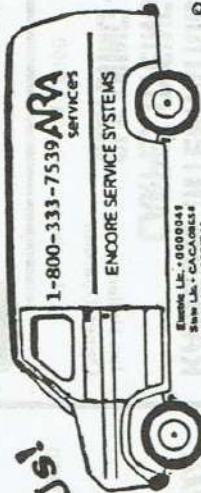
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## NOTICE OF APRIL P.O.A. MEETINGS

5 - 9 a.m. - Liaison Committee Meeting  
Lady Lake Community Building

The monthly joint Meeting of Members and the Board of Directors is open to all property owners in Units 1-13.

12 - 9 a.m. - Executive Session of the  
P.O.A. Board of Directors  
1707 West Schwartz Boulevard

Come to the meeting and mingle with members and neighbors for coffee and doughnuts afterward.

18 - 7:30 p.m. - Monthly Meeting of  
Members held jointly with the  
Meeting of Board of Directors  
O.B.G. Recreation Club House.

**DUES RENEWALS and NEW MEMBERSHIPS**  
can be taken prior to the meeting  
from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

NOTE: THERE ARE ONLY TWO MORE MONTHLY MEETINGS OF THE P.O.A. BEFORE OUR SUMMER HIATUS. THESE WILL BE IMPORTANT MEETINGS AT WHICH WE WILL KEEP YOU INFORMED OF THE RESULTS OF EFFORTS TO RESOLVE OUR GRIEVANCES WITH MANAGEMENT. MAKE THE THIRD WEDNESDAY NIGHT EACH MONTH A HABIT!

### CRIME PREVENTION AND SURVIVAL will be subject of **APRIL P.O.A. MEETING**

The guest speaker for the April 18th P.O.A. meeting will be **Lora Werrell.**

experts, and recognized crime prevention authorities.

Ms. Werrell is a crime consultant with **CITIZENS AGAINST CRIME**, whose slogan is "Saving Lives Through Education."

The "**CRIME PREVENTION AND SURVIVAL**" program scheduled for Wednesday April 18th will offer tips to help you be safe:

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The organization offers a number of programs which are prepared from information gathered from the FBI, other leading law enforcement agencies, safety and fire department

A crime is committed every two seconds! Do not deceive yourself that crimes are not committed against persons in our age group. Come to the meeting and learn how you can avoid being a victim!

### P.O.A. VOLUNTEERS INVITED TO ANNUAL THANK YOU COFFEE ON APRIL 5th

The second annual thank you coffee for all P.O.A. volunteers will be held at **9:30 to 11:00 a.m.** at the **Lady Lake Community Building** following the Liaison Committee meeting on **April 5th.**

Volunteers serving in any capacity both past and present are invited. Please **R.S.V.P.** any officer or your Liaison Committee member if you plan to attend.



BLOOD DONORS FOR RESIDENTS/EMPLOYEES

We were pleased Carol Etherton, chairman of the P.O.A. Blood Bank Committee, had sufficiently recovered from her recent surgery to appear at our March meeting.

She reported 60 units of blood were received at the January blood drive.

She cautioned the potential need for blood in a community this size could exceed the supply credited for our use by the Leesburg Blood Bank; and she cited one instance in which a resident needed 15 units!

Another area of concern to some O.B.G. residents is the fact Medicare DOES NOT COVER THE FIRST THREE PINTS; and the current cost of a pint of blood is \$82.50!!

Current plans call for holding four drives annually. The date of the next drive will be announced soon.

Residents who are able to do so are urged to donate. Those residents who donate directly to the Blood Bank are reminded to request that their donations be credited for the use of O.B.G.

Your donations make it possible for O.B.G. residents and employees to receive blood free of charge - - but only if blood is available!

Carol announced she has received a key chain from the Blood Bank for Harry Doughty who has given 100 units of blood to date!!

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A HAPPY AND JOYOUS EASTER TO YOU AND YOURS!!

FOR CAT LOVERS ONLY!

The following story appeared in the Evansville, Indiana, paper not too long ago.

A woman told how her young daughter's kitten had climbed up a tree and all efforts to coax it down failed.

As the kitten became more frightened, it climbed still higher up into the tree, and the daughter became more distraught.

The tree was not large enough to support a ladder; so the father conceived the idea of tying a rope to it and bending it down so the kitten could be reached.

Just as he was about to rescue the kitten, the rope snapped and the poor, frightened kitten was catapulted through the air.

The three of them searched the surrounding neighborhood for several days before conceding the kitten would never be found.

Then one day at the super market, the mother heard another woman telling the cashier how the most remarkable thing happened one day when a kitten came flying out of nowhere into their yard. It was shaken up but a Veterinarian declared it none the worse for the experience.

The mother thought it best not to unravel the mystery of where the kitten had come from. After all, the most remarkable part of the story was that the kitten had survived its "flight" and had found a good home!



## REPRESENTATIVE KELLY REPORTS ON MOBILE HOME STUDY COMMISSION

State Representative Everett Kelly is known as the mobile home owner's friend.

He authored the legislation which created the Mobile Home Study Commission and was appointed as one of its eight members.

The commission has conducted meetings all over the state. Between five- and six thousand people have attended and approximately 1,000 have voiced opinions on issues.

Kelly expressed his personal opinion that mediation is not very effective; and he advised the commission is considering placing a penalty, or sanction, on those park owners who refuse to appear at mediation meetings.

He believes the commission will recommend moving mediation out of the Department of Business Regulation and into the court mediation system which has better qualified mediators.

The commission also is considering replacing mediation with binding arbitration. Mobile home owners and park owners are equally divided on this issue. All the home owners want binding arbitration, and all the park owners do not!

As a result of the data collected at the commission meetings, Kelly reported persons who have been representing park owners have had their eyes opened and now are ready to vote with the commission toward solving some of the problems.

### CONGRATULATIONS TO HAROLD S. SCHWARTZ

As everyone knows, Mr. Schwartz celebrated his eightieth birthday last month.

The P.O.A. adds its congratulations and best wishes to those of his family and host of friends.

### BILL RENTZ IMPROVING

We are pleased to report Bill Rentz, a former president of the P.O.A., is home following surgery for a detached retina.

Dorothy tells us he is doing well and would welcome visitors.

### COURTESY AT POST OFFICES

There seems to be a tendency for residents to read mail in their cars at the post offices.

We realize everyone is anxious for mail from back home and other important mail. At peak mail pick up time, however, we should not tie up post office parking spaces and create traffic problems for our fellow residents.

### AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY

Attention, ladies! If you are interested in forming an auxiliary group of the Lady Lake American Legion Memorial Post No.347, contact Terri Berube at 753-5314.



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## ADVICE REGARDING BUYING MEDICARE SUPPLEMENT

Florida's Insurance Commissioner, Tom Gallagher, offers the following guidelines for those persons who will be buying Medicare supplement insurance:

-- Shop carefully and compare policies before buying.

- - Verify licenses of companies by calling the INSURANCE CONSUMER HOTLINE 1-800-342-2762.

- - Buy only what you need. Duplicate coverage can be expensive and unnecessary.

- - Be sure your agent(s) provide a federally approved guide explaining the Medicare program as required by law.

- - Mail-order policies may lack the service of local agents and toll-free numbers.

- - Be aware of maximum benefits offered.

- - Professional agents do not pressure customers.

- - Complete application accurately and keep copy for your records.

- - Get clearly worded summary of coverage and read carefully.

- - Check for free 30-day review of policy and observe time allowance for return of policy for refund. Return policy by certified or registered mail.

- - Policy delivery and refunds should be prompt: after 30 days, contact the company for explanation in writing; after 60 days, contact the Insurance Department on the Hotline.

- - Pay by check, money order or bank draft made payable to the company - not to the agent.

REMEMBER! Federal and state governments do NOT sponsor Medicare supplement policies.

Right is right, even if everyone is against it; and wrong is wrong, even if everyone is for it.

- William Penn

Don't think of yourself as a senior citizen. Think of yourself as a dropout from the school of hard knocks!

- unknown

You are only young once, but you can stay immature indefinitely.

- Grit

### 1990 DUES ARE DUE

For those members who have renewed their dues, please disregard this message.

For those members who have postponed renewing for one reason or another or just plain forgot to do so, please remember your 1989 dues expired December 31st!

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## MEMBERSHIP and 1990 DUES

As the legal representative of property owners under Chapter 723 (The Mobile Home Act), we cordially extend an invitation to all property owners (Units 1-13) to join the Orange Blossom Gardens Property Owners' Association, Inc. (P.O.A.)

**ALL RENEWALS ARE DUE JANUARY 1st EACH YEAR.**

You may send your check or cash to:

DOROTHY MOREHOUSE, TREASURER  
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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.

Remittance also may be made to any officer, board member, or liaison committee member listed on the bulletin cover.

The usual rate of **\$6.00 per calendar year per household** will be due from all other new members and for membership renewals.

You may also pay your dues at any P.O.A. meeting.

If paying by check, please make it payable to the O.B.G. Property Owners' Association.

Please complete the following form and include it with your payment (whether a new membership or a renewal).

### MEMBERSHIP FORM (please print)

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Unit \_\_\_\_\_ Phone 753-\_\_\_\_\_

I (we) hereby consent to membership in the Orange Blossom Gardens Property Owners' Association, Inc. pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 723 (The Mobile Home Act).

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