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MESSAGE FROM P.O.A. PRESIDENT DOROTHY HOKR

It was great to see you all at the January meeting. There was such a nice turn out that there was some comments and questions - did you all come to hear our speaker or were you checking to see how "the new kid" would do? No matter, please keep on coming and we will try to have good programs and short business meetings.

Do you remember the class action suit that involved some areas of Orange Blossom Gardens? The POA intervened and had the second part of the suit which pertained to changing the covenants removed. There had been no report from the developer on when the suit was settled. The suit cleared title to some lots. It was settled and we now conform to the new plats.

Several people have called and are concerned about services they were receiving and now were being questioned or being charged. Each one is very individual and must be answered separately. Please get in touch with a Board Member and we will try to resolve the questions.

At a meeting with the Recreation Department all volunteers were briefed on new procedures. It is amazing to see the number of people who give their time and talent to others. There are so many programs available and we now have a new opportunity to

expand our knowledge. If there is enough interest, some adult education classes can be taught right here. Let me know if you are interested.

On the other side, there are some people who take advantage or abuse services and facilities available. A large coffee pot that belongs to the POA is missing from the locker. A large First Aid Kit is available in the Recreation Hall - some people think they can just help themselves to band-aids, etc. Some people are not careful with chairs and tables, etc. - we all pay for those who are not courteous and respect people and property.

While most people care and do respect each other, we all need to remember how much good a smile and a friendly word can do.

When you see a potential danger such as a nail sticking out, a loose board or any other physical problem that is potentially harmful to people, please let me know so we can file a report and hopefully remove the danger.

The POA is an organization to protect and help you and your interests. Please be a part of it and help us to continue to be your POA.

Dorothy Hokr
President

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REPORT OF THE BY-LAWS COMMITTEE

At the January monthly meeting of the POA, Eva Hawkins, By-Laws Chairperson, described the major changes proposed by the Committee which will hopefully be brought to the membership for approval at the **APRIL 15, 1992** meeting.

The major thrust is aimed at enlarging the size of the Board of Directors from nine (9) to thirteen (13) and to having the membership directly elect the President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer. This would change the current method of electing members to the Board and having the Board select the officers from among their nine (9) members. Under the proposed change, the new, elected officers would automatically become both the officers of the Association and of the Board for their terms of office.

It is also proposed that the President and Vice-President be allowed to run for a second consecutive term for their respective offices and that the Secretary and Treasurer could serve, if re-elected each year up to three (3) years.

It is suggested that the Nominating Committee be allowed to nominate not more than two (2) candidates per office instead of

retaining the current mandate whereby that Committee must select only one (1) candidate for each opening. This is being done in order to give the Nominating Committee more leeway should the members determine that more than one equally qualified POA member is interested in running for a specific office.

This partial report was brought before the membership before the Board voted its acceptance or disapproval so that members of the Board would have the opportunity to receive input from the membership before making its decision.

REMINDER!!!

1992 MEMBERSHIPS are now due!! In order to be eligible to vote on the proposed by-laws as mentioned in "Report of the By-Laws Committee" article and other important issues, your dues must be current!!

Next Membership Meeting:
Wednesday, February 19, 1992
OBG Recreation Hall - 7:30 P.M.

Bring a friend!! Share your ideas!!
What should the POA be and do??

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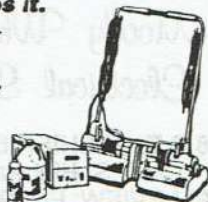
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Bob Johnson, Lady Lake, had an excellent article in the "Daily Commercial" on January 22, 1992. Some excerpts of this article, for safety reasons; "What moves across U.S. Highway 27 the fastest?

1. People walking?
2. Cushman carts?
3. Golf course lawn equipment such as mowers?
4. People riding battery operated three-wheel carts because they cannot walk at all?
5. Or a golf cart?

The answer is a golf cart. As fast as theushman and twice as fast as the others mentioned. All of the above are being done today except for the golf carts." A bridge or tunnel, over or under the highway is good idea but cost prohibitive. Would this be cost effective? Should general taxes be used to construct same? It appears we have some opposition from other Lake County residents.

We in OBG do have some rights as citizens who also pay taxes to support our common interests. We deserve crossing rights the same as other Florida communities.

Petitions signed by OBG residents have been submitted to Town Manager John Lynch of Lady Lake not only requesting support of the golf cart crossing but also reducing the speed limit to 45

miles per hour for safety. At the present rate of 55 miles per hour it is not even safe for automobile crossing the highway for any reason as the number of accidents at the intersections indicate. The speed limit needs to be reduced!!!!

Mayor Lee Hokr and Town Manager John Lynch met with DOT State official Gil Hoooley on Thursday, January 23, 1992 to support a pedestrian crossing with push buttons for walking. (Walk and Do Not Walk Signals) Support to lower the speed limit to 45 miles per hour is necessary to expedite a safe walk crossing.

To promote this and the golf cart crossing, Mayor Hokr and Town Manager Lynch are traveling to Tallahassee for February 12th and 13th to acquire the help of Ben Watts a State official and to attend the League of Cities Conference.

RECREATIONAL FACILITIES

Inquiries were made from members as to what has happened in our approach to management for additional recreation facilities due to the impact of new people buying homes here, as well as maintenance of the present facilities. The Board will make another request for information. Justification of increased golfing fees was also requested. What additional costs were incurred???

BLOOD BANK DRIVE

Our Blood Bank Drive of January 6, 1992, had 95 volunteers with 84 units collected. Twenty-one were "first-timers" and six "gallon givers". Congratulations to our new "Gallon" Club members:

Doreen Barrows, Dotty Hoerst, James Kessler, John Landwehr, Michael Lorenzetti and Kay Rose.

Mark your calendar!! Our next Blood Bank Drive is **Monday, April 6, 1992**. Call Dorothy Hoerst - 753-9021 for an appointment.

A SPECIAL THANK YOU to Dorothy and ALL the Volunteer workers who support this program each drive!!!

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DATES TO REMEMBER

Monday, February 10, 1992	11:30 A.M.	Board of Directors Meeting Unit 6 Pool Meeting Room
Wednesday, February 19, 1992	7:30 P.M.	Monthly Membership Meeting OBG Recreation Hall
Thursday, March 5, 1992	9:00 A.M.	Liaison Committee Meeting Clark Gable Room

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FEBRUARY MEETING - GUEST SPEAKER

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SOCIAL SECURITY EARNING CAP

A push has been renewed to repeal a limit on the amount Social Security recipients can earn from a job and still receive full benefits. Opponents of the so-called earnings test denounced it as a penalty on older Americans who want to continue working or, in some cases, must take a job in order to pay for medical care.

BILL WOULD KEEP CRIMINALS IN JAIL FOR TARGETING ELDERLY

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