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MARCH 1992**

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MESSAGE FROM P.O.A. PRESIDENT DOROTHY HOKR

Some of you have contacted me and other Board Members with problems about trail fees, cable TV and garbage charges.

It is frustrating to me, as it must be for you, that it takes so much time to resolve some problems. Before we can proceed it is necessary to clarify some legal differences. Please write a small synopsis of your problems and give it to me. It may be possible to have some solutions soon. The POA will continue to represent residents. Please be patient.

As POA members we are asking you to help us make our organization work. The officers and Board of Directors are not the POA. You the members are. We need volunteers for Liaison Unit Leaders in Units 3, 4 and 13. We can use a Chaplain and parliamentarian. Yes, it will take some of your time, but the POA will benefit and, therefore, all the residents.

All paid up members will be receiving a copy of the new proposed by-laws. Please read them carefully and be prepared to vote in person at the April 15, 1992 general meeting by proxy.

Now, for a challenge. Maybe we will even have a surprise for you. If every member family would invite some one new to join us, we really have a treat for them.

Florence Hunter will be our speaker at the March 18th meeting. You can read about Florence's credentials elsewhere in the Bulletin. Her amazing amount of information and wry sense of humor make her an exceptional guest speaker. Don't miss her. See you at the meeting.

DOROTHY HOKR

REPORT FROM BY-LAWS COMMITTEE

All current, active POA members (those who have paid their 1992 dues by March 1st) should have received a copy of the new, proposed By-Laws which were approved by the Board of Directors at its February 10th meeting. Members are encouraged to read them carefully and bring them to the March 18th general membership meeting where they will be discussed. Since voting will not take place until the April meeting and many members may have already left for the Summer, a proxy ballot has been attached to the By-Laws.

Please if you will not be able to attend the April meeting, bring your proxy ballot to the March meeting, put it in the mail box located under the POA Bulletin Board in the Recreation Hall or give it to any Board of Liaison officer. A quorum is needed to pass the By-Laws.

FLORENCE HUNTER - GUEST SPEAKER

The name Florence Hunter is a synonym for Extraordinary Senior Citizen.

When Florence moved from New York to Leesburg nineteen years ago, retirement was the furthest thing from her mind. She became involved as a champion of and for the needs and rights of older citizens. One of her main concerns is to keep them informed. To do this, she writes a column for the Sunday Leesburg "Daily Commercial" on subjects of vital interest to seniors which she has diligently researched.

Florence served in the Silver Haired Legislature for ten years and was elected President of the Senate during her last term. More than seventy two of their proposals were enacted into law.

Her interest in Florida's older citizens extends beyond state legislation. She often travels to Washington at her own expense to present pro or con facts to our congressional delegation on legislation before Congress affecting seniors.

Florence likes to point out that if all retirees left Florida, the State would suffer economically. This is but one reason she feels the State should consider their

needs; and she wants senior citizens to be aware of their purchasing and voting power.

Florence also serves on a number of Boards where she makes the needs of seniors known.

THANK YOU ART EMERICK!!

Board of Director member **ART EMERICK** has resigned because of ill-health.

Everyone extends a big **THANK YOU** to **ARTHUR** for all of his help and past services. **ART** has been a very busy person here at the Villages in many organizations.

We all wish **ART** a speedy recovery.

WELCOME ABOARD GLENN SWINDLER!!

GLENN SWINDLER was appointed by the Board of Directors at the February meeting to complete Art Emerick's term.

GLENN has served the POA in many capacities over the years including being President for two years. He will be a valuable asset.

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DOWN MEMORY LANE - PROGRESS IN THE GARDENS

How many of you have seen the Orange Blossom Special?

This person was introduced to the "Orange Blossom Special" by George Ecker residing on Beechwood. By the way, the "Orange Blossom Special" was the first publication from our present Villages. My copy was dated July, 1978, showing the Grand Opening of the Orange Blossom Gardens Golf Course which took place on June 9, 1978, congratulating Jim Shay and his crew on the golf course's find condition.

This publication had an article on the front page by Pat Brubaker relinquishing his position as Recreation Director for two years to Marie Carsley. Even then their hope was to live up to the standards of Orange Blossom Gardens. In Marie's words, "I just ask for your patience, understanding and above all, help! Wish me luck and together we can make it work."

Our standards are the same today, together we can make it work, management and residents.

By the way, in OBG Who's Who, in 1978 was Ann and Bud Hubbell of 43 Aloha Way. Also a BYOB affair at a cost of \$1.00 per person was held on the Fourth of July, a picnic with cooking for the day by Jack and Laverne Spadaro.

George Ecker was the Staff Photographer for the Gardens for approximately nine (9) years from 1975 to 1984, residing at 10 Lester Drive.

Lester Drive had a big Oak tree in the middle of the road. Every Christmas a large Santa Claus was attached to the tree for everyone's enjoyment! George has many pictures of this and other events of that time.

The Orange Blossom Gardens offices during that time located by the family pool was moved across the road at the present TV station. The present Recreation Hall was built in approximately 1982-1983. By the way, George has pictures of "SNOW" covering the area in January of 1977.

George produced a personal roster of the Mid-Florida Amateur 1981 Camera Club and a map of our Gardens. (Owen Drive to Lester Drive, Kim Lane to Aloha Way and Shay Blvd to Tarrson Blvd with parts of Rose Apple, Truman, Royal Palm, Beechwood, Weeping Willow and Silver Oak West of Shay). **AND,** HOW ABOUT THIS, George's address at that time was RT 8, Box 452, L-10, U2, Orange Blossom Gardens, Leesburg, Florida, 32748 and had to go to Leesburg for mail.

I would be remiss if I did not mention this fact. Water is always important. In the beginning the water was very poor, color of rust. The source then was in the Oak grove behind the golf driving range by the air gun shoot. After several improvements the water was said to be the best in the State. The Water Tower was built approximately 1980-1981. The Country Club at the Water Tower was completed in December, 1987.

The "Orange Blossom Special" Publication became the "Orange Blossom Sun" and now the present "Village Sun"

We owe our thanks to management and the old time residents like George. I, for one, truly love these Gardens. Our present management and developer is to be congratulated for improvements and forward thinking.
(Article as submitted by Bill Welker)

THANK YOU BILL!!!

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WEDNESDAY, March 18, 1992	7:30 P.M.	Monthly Membership Meeting OBG Recreation Hall
MONDAY, April 6, 1992	9.00 A.M.	Liaison Committee Meeting Clark Gable Room

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