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MESSAGE FROM P.O.A. PRESIDENT DOROTHY HOKR

These next two months (October and November) are extremely important for the OBG POA. While national and State elections fill the TV and radio with constant news, do not forget how important to you and your life style the POA is, if you are to be represented in your investment for retirement.

It is very discouraging for people who are involved in any organization to see the apathy of people.

We search, cajole, beg and plead with people to help us in being of service to our community. There are people who cannot help because of health problems or family responsibilities. But the majority say "I'm retired". I came here to enjoy golf, tennis, bowling or whatever their interest may be. So did we all. But there are other opportunities for us to make a contribution with little time and interest. How many people have you heard complain about taxes, politicians who do not respond to needs, unanswered requests for repaired streets, noisy neighbors, barking dogs, ignoring complaints about fees, garbage, etc. We've all heard these gripes. Ask yourself - Am I one of these grippers? Then what are you doing to change the situations? Have you heard - if you are not part of the solution, you are part of the problem.

How do you want the POA to be involved? Are we to represent you as your voice in problems you've encountered? Who are to be your representatives? If you do not "want to get involved" then are you willing to let the organization die? Ask yourself, has the POA added to my enjoyment of retirement? Are you one of those who complain that a "clique" controls the organization? Now is your opportunity to change that.

Carl Diehl, 753-5394;
Joyce Simon, 753-4927; and
Joe Sims, 753-8959 are your representatives to secure your officers and Board of Directors for the 1993 year.

We, your officers and Board of Directors are here to serve you. It is a very rewarding job. Not many hours are needed for you to also keep this organization growing and alive. Some organizations have had to stop serving because of the apathy of its members. Those of us who are involved get tired of constantly being the ones who work so hard and are constantly being criticized, or trying to be the "clique" in charge!

Please think about your goals and time. Can you help? Don't make us beg and cajole. If the

MESSAGE FROM P.O.A. PRESIDENT

(Cont'd)

POA has been there for you - can you now be here for the POA?

Remember you must be a paid up member to vote at the November meeting. Dues must be paid by mid-October for you to be eligible.

The membership form is contained in this Bulletin.

We are now in the process of challenging the developer's position on the effective date of our Agreement. Our attorney is filing Contempt of Court charges. More information at our October 21st meeting.

Due to the POA becoming a part of the Class Action suit, (the suit to quiet title on some lots) the second part which gave the developer the right to change your Covenant as was perceived necessary, was withdrawn when the POA petitioned to become part of the suit. The vigilance of the POA helped retain your privileges in your Unit Covenant. Sometimes you are not aware of the POA's help in situations that impact on your property and income. Have we saved some people \$120.00 per year to use their golf carts on the Silver Lake and Hilltop courses? You bet!! Has the POA helped maintain your free cable TV and garbage pick-up in "areas historically provided

these services" Right again! Ask yourself - Would this have happened without a vital POA?

We are here only to be of help to you. Will you be of help to us?

DOROTHY HOKR
PRESIDENT

P.O.A. ANNUAL DINNER DANCE

The P.O.A. Annual Dinner Dance will be held on:

Wednesday, December 16, 1992
Tickets: \$10.00 per person

Dinner will be catered by the OBG Village Country Club. It will include your choice of **Stuffed Flounder or Prime Rib.**

Music will also be provided for your dancing and listening pleasure.

Come Join the Fun!! Invite your friends and neighbors. Come One, Come All. 'Tis the Season to start being jolly!!

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GOLF CART USE

Several questions have been raised concerning the use of golf carts as the result of the planned cross-over/bridge. The following is meant to provide answers and to include information regarding some old issues.

1) The **use of golf carts** is governed by Florida statutes. An early statute limited use to golfers going to and from golf courses. A later statute allows law enforcement agencies to grant other uses on streets within contained retirement communities. Since all but a small fraction of our streets are city streets, the Lady Lake Police Department has jurisdiction over cart use.

There are **requirements for safety features**, however, such as reflectors or lights, rear-view mirrors, and use of turn signals. Golf cart drivers are required to stop at stop streets and to use hand signals if their cart is not equipped with turn signals.

Golf carts are **prohibited** from driving on or across Griffin Road and Highway 441/27. They also are prohibited from driving on our streets after dark.

While current statutes do not prohibit **children** from using carts, residents are expected to use discretion in granting permission. An adolescent should be accompanied by the resident or have knowledge of vehicle traffic laws.

2) The **capability of a cart** to make the trip from the farthest point, cross over on the bridge, play 18 holes of golf and return would be based on a number of factors.

Older carts with two-horse motors might encounter difficulty. The same is true if batteries are three or more years old. **Electric carts** are good for 36 to 54 holes of golf per full charge and should have no problem. **Gas carts** have a six-gallon tank and should have no problem, depending on the age and condition of the battery.

3) The matter of **golf cart insurance** is most important. It might be a good idea to check with your agent to determine the extent of your coverage and the need to increase coverage.

4) A reminder to **all vehicles** regarding traffic laws. There are many vehicles parked on our streets for various reasons. When this obstruction of traffic occurs in your lane, you should proceed to pass with caution.

Unless you have sufficient room to pass the parked vehicles without impeding the progress of oncoming vehicles, the law gives the oncoming traffic the right-of-way. You are required to wait until the passing lane is clear of traffic.

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SEPTEMBER MEETING IN REVIEW

At the September 16th meeting, **RICK COLPITTS**, Lady Lake Police Chief, was our speaker. He spoke about what has happened in the Lady Lake Police Department since he became Chief about one and a half (1½) years ago.

With the cooperation of the Lady Lake Commission, four new police cars have been purchased, winter jackets issued and weapons standardized. Some personnel has changed and new people are being trained to make the department more efficient. Lady Lake has 1.3 police officers per thousand residents. This is less than is needed but with new officers being hired we are making a beginning of catching up to the national average.

Chief Colpitts was in charge of Lady Lake's Hurricane Andrew relief caravan. He was in constant touch with the Homestead police and City Manager. Although he lived in Miami and had been in other hurricanes, the devastation and destruction in the South Florida area is indescribable, he said. There were many problems once the relief supplies arrived in South Florida. Distribution was not coordinated and there was a lack of communication between organizations and various levels of government. Chief Colpitts is very

proud of how the citizens of Lady Lake responded to the needs of the people who lost so much due to the power of Hurricane Andrew.

The police officers in Homestead lost their homes and yet were on duty as usual. They are trained to help people in these situations even when they have been victims of the storm. It will take years to rebuild this area. He thanked everyone for their help.

Time did not allow him to detail other programs the police department is initiating. There were questions from some people attending. These questions concerned mostly safety and police response. Chief Colpitts is thanked for his interesting and informative presentation.

At the regular business meeting reports from the various committees was given.

The **Blood Bank Drive** will be **Monday, October 12th**, at the **Recreation Hall**. Blood supplies are low and you are urged to be generous and contribute if possible.

The **Home Delivery Mail** petition is still active and we will have a full report at the **October 21st** meeting. The **Nominating Committee**

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SEPTEMBER MEETING (Cont'd)

is still looking for candidates for officers and Board of Directors.

A report on the status of disputed charges for cable TV and garbage pick-up for people who closed on their property before **APRIL 9, 1991**, stated that the Board of Directors decided to have our Attorney (Harley Herman) file **Contempt of Court** charges. To date there is no further action. An update will be given at the October 21st meeting.

Many people are receiving an increase in their amenities/maintenance fees. It is difficult to generalize about the increases since each unit has a separate covenant.

If you do not have a copy of your Unit Covenant, it can be obtained at the **Resource Center** (in the rear of the Recreation building) Please bring your ID card with you. If you have any questions, please call President, **Dorothy Hokr**, at **753-5864**.

At the end of the meeting, **Eva Hawkins** spoke for **Richard Swartz, Commissioner of Lake County** and a candidate in the October 1st primary. He was invited to attend our meeting by Eva Hawkins. President Hokr told those attending that the Board of Directors had decided not to invite candidates to our meetings. For that reason, we (the POA) sponsored a candidates meeting

on August 15th for people to hear all the candidates in order to vote intelligently. The POA does **not** support or endorse any candidates.

The meeting ended with benediction by Chaplain Andy Masarik. Coffee, donuts and muffins were served by the Refreshment Committee.

BARBER SHOP CHORUS

Please join us at the **October 21st Monthly Membership Meeting** and enjoy the musical presentation of the **BARBER SHOP CHORUS**. **7:30 P.M.** in the **Recreation Hall**.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Monday, October 12, 1992
BLOOD BANK DRIVE
9:00 A.M. - 2:30 P.M.
RECREATION HALL

Wednesday, October 21, 1992
7:00 P.M.
MONTHLY MEMBERSHIP MEETING
RECREATION HALL

Thursday, November 5, 1992
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The current rate of **\$6.00 per calendar year per household** will be due from all other new members and for membership renewals.

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