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MESSAGE FROM P.O.A. PRESIDENT EVA M. HAWKINS

The last three months have literally flown by and I'd like to take this time to bring you up to date on the activities of your Officers and Board and to give these people the recognition they deserve.

LEE PONDER your VICE PRESIDENT also served as liaison person for Unit 3 until a volunteer comes forward to cover Unit 3. Lee also is in charge of special events, sits in on Liaison Meetings and has chaired other Committees. PAT CARTER our SECRETARY has worked with me for many hours gathering and organizing information to complete our Contempt of Court Order case. The many hours we have spent saves us countless dollars in legal fees. We do not charge for this research. DOROTHY MOREHOUSE does an outstanding job as TREASURER and never refuses any plea for help in other areas. Our increased membership and many renewals are keeping her hopping. THE BOARD MEMBERS, BOB CONNOR, RICHARD MOULTON, DOROTHY HOKR, MARIAN FIORI, AL ARICO are active on committees, GLENN SWINDLER is easily found, just look for where work is being done. PAT SIMS doubles as our CHAPLAIN and CHARLIE HARVEY is Liaison person for Unit 12. You see, you have an excellent Board of Directors. They do need your continued support and help.

In January, I told you about our agenda for this year. We are progressing nicely, our membership roll is increasing. We have added 170 new households and re-instated 110 more. We hope to

improve on these figures. The Liaison Representatives are calling our members who have forgotten their dues. If you do not have a BLUE MEMBERSHIP CARD you are not current in your dues.

Please send your check to DOROTHY MOREHOUSE. Because of the increase in membership, it appears that we will not have to raise dues. For this and many other blessings, I am truly grateful.

Our BLOOD BANK under the direction of DOROTHY HOERST and her Committee is doing very well.

Lastly, I wrote about actively working for legislation to give more protection to subdivisions such as ours. Unfortunately, most of the legislation proposed by the FMO that made it to the floor did not do much for people in our circumstances. We are going to have to mobilize many other parks to help us in a letter writing and telephone campaign. We will not give up on this and we will be bringing you more news on this issue.

I trust your Holidays are Blessed.

To our residents who are leaving for the Summer, have a healthy happy summer and a safe return.

EVA M. HAWKINS
PRESIDENT

DEANNEXATION

At the request of many residents a study of Florida Law 171 was undertaken. This is the law that governs **Municipal Annexation or Contraction**. A chart was drawn up showing services provided by both County and Town and various costs. The Committee worked very hard to present a completely unbiased and factual report.

Mr. Williams, Town Attorney rendered an opinion that this action was not legal in that the property did not meet the requirements necessary for deannexation. The Property Owners' Association is not a frivolous organization and we checked with another Attorney as to the legality of the action. The Attorney advised hypothetically that with unanimous approval of the voters and deannexation was voted in, any one person could file an injunction and the residents would find themselves in a costly, long term Court fight.

As a result, the POA published the facts and advised its members that deannexation is not the solution they seek.

Nothing just erupts, there must be something that brings about the apparent dissatisfaction that gives birth to thoughts such as deannexation. The POA strongly advises our **Town Officers and Commissioners** to listen to the frustrated voice of the people or soon the voters may take **stronger measures and elect people who will listen!!**

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**BLOOD DRIVE - MONDAY
APRIL 12, 1993**

CRIME IN THE VILLAGES

Between March 18th and March 22nd, five reports of stolen, expensive sets of golf clubs and one house burglary (which netted cash and bank books) were received by the Lady Lake Police Department.

During past months, there have been numerous other complaints of stolen golf clubs, cash, jewelry, etc. from locked homes and sheds.

We feel that all of our residents have a right to know that crimes do occur in the Villages so that we can take extra precautionary measures to protect ourselves, our property, and the property of our neighbors and other residents. Locked entrances on houses and sheds have not deterred thieves, security and police cars **cannot be in all places at all times** and, as we know, the security gates allow time for at least two and usually three cars to go through after opening.

Some of our residents have called security and/or law enforcement when they have seen suspicious people or vehicles, especially at night when most of the crimes have occurred, and this is encouraged. Even though they may be gone on arrival, if we can give descriptions and, if possible, license numbers, that information may assist with apprehension at a later time. Also, especially those owning expensive golf clubs who have their last names displayed on their carts might consider "hardening-the-target" by removing them; we do not know whether addresses are being obtained by thieves through the phone book, but it is possible. ***

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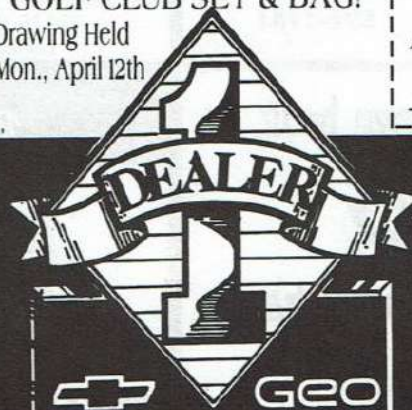
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Among the services they have provided are the use of wheelchairs, canes, walkers and they have even built ramps. These are just a few of the good things these men with the support of their auxiliary have done.

The 40/8 is the High Honor Degree of the Legion and they support a host of charities including Junior Olympics and Handicapped Childrens Welfare. Bill Podvin is the Grand Sons Director of Child Welfare of the 40/8. This group is presently sponsoring a person for a full two year scholarship in Nursing. They hope to make this a continual scholarship and next year they want to increase their sponsorship to two persons annually for the two year scholarship.

The 40/8 has contacted several stores in the area which donate food, the result is that every week a truckload of food is delivered to the Russell Home for Severely Handicapped Children in Orlando by the 40/8.

Recently, a dance was held as a fundraiser to help support these goals. A golf tournament at Harbor Hills on April 3rd is their next venture to help with the Nurse Scholarships.

In response to an eloquent plea by Bill Podvin for canes, walkers or wheelchairs, the Property Owners' Association donated \$100.00 to help purchase some of these needed articles.

If, in your closet or shed, you have a cane or walker that is no longer needed by you, please consider donating it to the Legion. Call BILL PODVIN at 753-1267. He will be glad to pick it up. Thank you!!

MORE ON THE "GRAY PIPE"

Last week Carol Crawford reported that she will have her last meeting with Shell, Dupont and Celanese on April 5th. Further, she stated that she submitted over 8,000 claims and those people should be receiving a letter with a form from the Plano Claims Group by the end of April. The form must be completed and sent back. Ms. Crawford advised that if you are leaving the area for a time, be sure your mail is forwarded to you. If you have filed a form with Ms. Crawford and if you have not received a letter by the end of April and your neighbors have, you may call Ms. Crawford on 1-407-851-1396. Leave a message on her machine with your name, address, etc. and she will take the proper steps. If you chose to call the 800 number, you should wait to hear from them. Should you have developed a leak since you filed your form with Ms. Crawford, include that information on the forthcoming form.

GUEST SPEAKER - GEORGE KNUPP, JR.

Lake County Sheriff GEORGE KNUPP, JR. will be our Guest Speaker at the APRIL Monthly Membership Meeting. He will be speaking on the "Vial of Life" program. This program enhances 9-1-1 and can save precious minutes in an emergency. Materials will be distributed at this meeting.

Many people are also readying questions in other areas for the Sheriff. They want to know about possible evacuation plans or where to go in a storm. Plan to attend this meeting and bring your concerns about law enforcement, evacuation, etc. to someone who will have some answers. Although OBG is partly in the Town and part in the County, the Sheriff is very knowledgeable about the law covering both.

BLOOD BANK NEWS

Blood Donor Drive will be held on MONDAY, APRIL 12, 1993. Please call DOROTHY HOERST, Chairperson, for an appointment. 753-9021. Walk-ins are very welcome!!

Thank you one and all for the excellent response to our Blood Drives. Volunteers are also always needed.

Honorable Mention:

Ten Gallons: Doreen Barrows
Russell Hoffman

Eleven Gallons: William O'Meara

Thirteen Gallons: Harold Dieckhoff
Lillian Pietzak

THANK YOU TO ALL OUR VOLUNTEERS

The Board of Directors sponsored a "thank you" coffee hour for the many volunteers of the POA. The work of these volunteers is what makes our organization run so smoothly. To all the volunteers who could not make this coffee hour, we look forward to seeing you next year.

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DATES TO REMEMBER

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First TUESDAY of Month

7:30 P.M.

Board of Directors Mtg.
Charlie Chaplain Room

First THURSDAY of Month

9:00 A.M.

Liaison Committee Mtg.
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