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

With the huge increase in population in the Villages, our recreational facilities are stretched to the breaking point. In addition, we have a large number of visitors using the facilities. The pools are crowded and parking is a major problem. Our growth is racing far ahead of any increase in either recreation facilities or parking so that when unauthorized persons use our facilities it not only adds to the wear and tear but deprives us the use of those facilities.

While it might be considered a compliment that so many non-residents want to use our facilities, it does not seem right that people from the surrounding communities feel it is okay to just come in and use the pools.

Guest passes are issued to legitimate guests of our residents and there is a monitor at the family pool and, I understand, part-time monitors at other pools. I used to get upset when I was asked for my identification, but I recognize the necessity and will no longer object to this and would urge Management to increase the hours the pools are monitored. We should all make every effort to insure that the facilities we pay our maintenance fees to maintain are kept for the exclusive use of our residents and their guests.

This will be the last issue of the Bulletin until September. Our walkers will be enjoying a three month respite from their delivery schedule. I want

to thank them for their faithfulness. I hope they enjoy this brief vacation and will come back in September refreshed and renewed. They and their Captains are an integral part of this organization. Again, my heartfelt thanks.

The Board does not get that kind of luxury. There is much work to be done to prepare the legislation we need to be passed which will protect us from unnecessary increases in maintenance or amenity fees.

We will be calling on all of you for your help in this endeavor. The lobby for Park Owners is very strong but I feel the power of the people is even stronger.

Even though we will be busy, I am looking forward to this Summer. Leo and I plan to do a little traveling, but, for the most part, we will be enjoying the Florida sunshine.

I pray that your Summer is happy and look forward to seeing all of you in September.

Eva M. Hawkins

EVA M. HAWKINS
PRESIDENT

HURRICANES/TORNADOES - ARE WE READY??

With the beginning of the Hurricane Season about a month away, and predictions that **eleven** will hit somewhere in **Florida**, with **three** having the magnitude of **Andrew**, we cannot afford to be complacent.

Residents attending the April POA meeting were happy to hear our **Lake County Sheriff George Knupp, Jr.**, who will act in **Command as Chief Law Enforcement Officer** should a disaster occur here, has been and is following the **BE PREPARED** motto and accepting the **BUCK-STOPS-HERE** philosophy in terms of his responsibility.

Sheriff Knupp said he learned a great deal about preparedness when he was in **South Carolina** in the aftermath of **Hugo**, **Southern Florida** after **Andrew** and recently in **Mt. Dora**.

By the time **Mt. Dora** residents desperately needed immediate help, **The Sheriff's office** was able to respond with equipment purchased in **Starke** where there is an outlet selling **military surplus goods** to **governmental agencies**.

Sheriff Knupp cited paying \$150 each for generators listing at \$12,000; he has purchased at very little cost, military tents to temporarily house responding **Deputies** and residents in a disaster area, stoves, sundry packs, cots and canned food that can be served in the field with little preparation. He said that using

the food in the jail and purchasing more in **Starke** for emergency use at regular intervals would insure the safety of these goods in terms of shelf life.

When the **Sheriff**, his **Deputies**, (including the **Canine Corp**) arrived in **Mt. Dora** they were ready with their generators, etc. With a laugh, he said he would bet that his **Deputies** with their chain saws cleared more highways than did the **Department of Transportation**.

Soon the **Sheriff's office** will be receiving a **Coca Cola Truck** with roll-up sides to transport quantities of equipment, much needed in a **County** 85 miles long. The truck is being donated by the **Coca Cola Bottling Company** in **Tampa**.

At the present time, the **Sheriff** is working with others in the **County** on an early warning system and an evacuation plan, as well as identifying emergency shelters that are capable of withstanding heavy winds. The cooperation of ham operators, said the **Sheriff**, is obviously very important in time of disaster and many are taking part during these planning stages.

It is anticipated that a booklet will be forthcoming with vital information for residents and **Sheriff Knupp** said he would be happy to come back and address the group when plans are completed.
We Welcome You - Sheriff Knupp!!

GUEST SPEAKER - KEN FISCHBACH
MEDICAL AIR SERVICES ASSOCIATION

Our Guest Speaker for the **May Monthly Membership Meeting** will bring us information that will be valuable to most of us and especially if we travel frequently, live some distance from close relatives or one in the household does not drive a car. After you learn about this program many will realize for the first time how much it is needed.

Mr. Ken Fischbach will explain to us the **Medical Air Services Association Program**, its benefits and how we may participate.

Few of us do not fit one of the above categories. If one must be airlifted to Orlando or another hospital for medical care, or transported home by air from a distant location due to illness or injury, the cost can be overwhelming, yet the trip is very necessary. The program provides emergency air transportation, organ retrieval, repatriation/recuperation, return transportation, family member transportation, vehicle return and other benefits. This is a program that can be extremely valuable to most of us and the cost is surprisingly reasonable. Be sure to attend the **May Membership Meeting** and hear this interesting speaker.

Mark your calendar for **Wednesday, May 19, 1993!!**

LEGISLATIVE REPORT

KAREN JOHNSON, our State Senator for the 11th District, spoke to the Democratic Club at its monthly meeting on April 27th.

Of special interest to us is that she has asked the Governor, in the proposed special legislative session, to be able to address the issue of Corporate Filing Fees which have more than tripled for even charitable organizations and groups like ours in mobile home parks, subdivisions, and condos.

The POA paid \$60.00 this year. While it "hurts" us to pay such a large fee, it is obvious that it may be devastating to incorporated property owners' groups in small parks as well as small charitable organizations that provide services throughout Florida.

Ms. Johnson has an office in Leesburg, Second Floor of the Sun Bank Building on Route 27.

The POA Legislation Committee will be working with staff there to further efforts toward the introduction of legislation to make developers in subdivisions like ours accountable to residents in the expenditure of amenity fees.

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For those who were not there, the material can be picked up in the **Community Service Office at the Lake Square Mall** (next to Garfield's) between **8:30 A.M. and 5:00 P.M.** It is suggested that you call before going (787-7779) in case the Officers are out on calls.

All insert forms for one household should be placed in **ONE VIAL**, and it is suggested that the **Vial be taped to the underside of the top shelf in your refrigerator.**

"9-1-1"

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Take a minute of your time and make this important call!!

BLOOD BANK NEWS!!

Dorothy Hoerst, POA Blood Bank Chairperson reported that **Bonnie Kilburn** is now assisting her in making contacts in the **Villages of Mira Mesa, Del Mar and El Cortez** for participation in our blood drives.

Many residents there do not seem to realize that should anyone require blood, it is available to them as it is to all residents who live in Units 1 through 13 and the employees of the Gardens.

Call **Dorothy Hoerst** if you have received blood and she will make out the necessary forms so that the hospital will **not bill you.**

We received **74 Units** of blood at our **April 12th Blood Drive.**

We welcome **JOHN FIORI AND MAX E. BUEHLER** to the **GALLON CLUB.**

Our next **BLOOD DRIVE** will be on **Monday, OCTOBER 18, 1993.** Let's make this another success as always! Bring a friend! Have coffee and a donut!

Please enjoy a **safe, happy and healthy Summer!!**

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First Tuesday of Month	7:30 P.M.	Board of Directors Mtg. Charlie Chaplin Room
Wednesday, MAY 19, 1993	7:30 P.M.	Monthly Membership Meeting Recreation Hall

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