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PROPERTY OWNERS' ASSOCIATION, INC.**

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**MESSAGE FROM P.O.A. PRESIDENT BILL RICH**

Becoming President of the Orange Blossom Gardens Property Owners' Association has become a reality a lot sooner than I or anyone else expected.

As you probably know by now, Eva and Leo have sold their house and are no longer property owners. Therefore, Eva cannot serve in the P.O.A. They have, however, been fortunate enough to rent a house in the Gardens while they are waiting for their new home to be built. Eva will be able to give us the benefit of her expertise during this transition period.

The philosophy of the POA will not change. We have always placed the best interests of our residents at the focus of our organization. We will continue to investigate legislation which will better protect our way of life and keep you informed of any other legislation which might affect your life style.

Coming so suddenly, although I know I will be able to lead our group, I need your help, input and prayers. Please attend the meetings and participate in any way you can, because if you do the sky's the limit in how effective this organization can be.

We have had a successful year in getting the gray pipe problem resolved; increasing our Blood Program and working toward good legislation for subdivisions such as ours. There is still much work to be done and we can use all of you. If you are not a member and live in Units 1 through 13, please join. It matters not whether you live in a manufactured home or site-built house, our organization is open to all property owners in Units 1 through 13.

Hoping to see you at the **January 19th meeting.** **Thank you!**

*Bill Rich*

Bill Rich  
President

**THE RESULTS OF NOVEMBER ELECTION ARE AS FOLLOWS**

President	-	Eva M. Hawkins
Vice-President	-	Bill Rich
Secretary	-	Lenora Radech
Treasurer	-	Marie Armading
Board Members	-	Patricia Carter
(Three Years)	-	Dorothy Morehouse
	-	Lee Ponder
(One Year Vacancy)	-	Frank Ballachino

We urge all our members to get behind your new Officers. They cannot and should not be expected to do their very important jobs without your fullest support. Remember - there is no limit to the effect of your organization.



### IT'S BEEN A WONDERFUL EXPERIENCE!

As this Bulletin was going to press our house was sold and before you receive the Bulletin we will no longer be property owners in Orange Blossom Gardens.

Because I am no longer a property owner, I have tendered my resignation from the Property Owners' Association and its Presidency. You are, however, extremely fortunate to have a very able Vice President who will step into the breach, and with the assistance of a very capable and dedicated group of Officers and Board members, will serve the residents of Orange Blossom Gardens in fine fashion.

I would like to take advantage of my position and use some space in this Bulletin to share some of my thoughts on the POA and to bid a fond farewell to all my friends. With a rare exception, I have never found such wonderful people as the people I have met in Orange Blossom Gardens and I will treasure those friends always. Leo and I are hopeful that many of you will visit us in Bella Vista, Arkansas after we are settled, and if we really cannot abide the cooler Winters, we may very well become snow birds in this area.

Picking up stakes and moving on is always a traumatic experience and this move will affect us more than you can ever know. If the prospect of family were not so inviting, we would be regretting our decision. Not the least of the trauma connected with leaving is saying so long to some people who have become very dear to us. On behalf of Leo and myself, I would like to thank you all. We will try to stop around to greet you personally but should time not allow us this pleasure, thank you for your friendship, support and kindness over the past eight plus years.

In closing, let me leave you with some thoughts about the Orange Blossom Gardens Property Owners' Association. I personally have never been involved with a better or more dedicated group of people. As you know, because of the developer's animosity toward the POA it has always been a struggle. It was tough to recruit members among new buyers when the developer was telling them they (the developer) did not recognize us and the buyers were wasting their money in joining. Not too much has changed in that regard except that now when new buyers pick up their information packets at the Resource Center, they are given an application to the Village Homeowners Organization with, I am sure an implied stamp of approval. This kind of action only serves to slow our POA but could never defeat us. In fact this kind of behavior on the part of management has often had the opposite effect and brought us members. You see, if your organization is dedicated to helping the residents without any other reward than the knowledge that you have been instrumental in protecting the lifestyle they were promised, people will recognize this and they will join your group. The OBG POA can be proud of its achievements and its philosophy.



WONDERFUL EXPERIENCE (Cont'd)

I have heard many of you say that "When Eva goes the POA will die". This is no more true than when we experienced other people aging, leaving or just dying. The POA has stood since 1975 in the face of all kinds of adversity and pressure. It will be much easier now that it is well versed in the Law. I have heard others say, "When Eva leaves I'm going to give up my job in the POA. I've done it long enough, let someone else do it." I know some of you took jobs to please me personally but you were serving your organization - not me. If you do this you negate all of the hard fought gains we have made over the years. We are on the brink of exciting times when, with some proper legislation, you will be able to exercise a modicum control over your destiny as residents in a subdivision such as ours. Do not, by your apathy, give up this victory. If that happens, I will feel it is my fault because just maybe, I took on too much of the burden and did not make you all equal partners. Please remember, your organization is the POA not the EVA.

I hope that we will have many opportunities to meet again. When I have a permanent address, I will send it. Thanks again and God Bless you all.

*Eva M. Hawkins*

Eva M. Hawkins

THANK YOU AL! - WELCOME ABOARD FRANK!

AL ARICO, who was elected to the P.O.A. Board of Directors for a three year term (1992-1994) has asked to be relieved of that responsibility. Al has been ill and feels he cannot, at this time, do justice to the position on the Board. During his tenure, Al served as Vice-President for one year. We are grateful for his dedication, and trust when his health is completely restored, we will not hesitate to call on him when we need an extra hand.

There remains one year on Al's term and the Board of Directors named **FRANK BALLACHINO** to fill the remainder of the term. We are grateful to **Frank** for stepping in to fill the void. Welcome Aboard Frank!!



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By Fred E. Schnaars

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If you can become a donor, please consider doing so. Our donations make all residents and employees eligible for free replacement blood when the need arises.

Appointments can be made by calling **DOROTHY HOERST** at 753-9021 or **BONNIE KILBURN** at 753-1009.

For this first blood drive in the new year, those participating will be presented with an attractive T-Shirt designating them as donors.

Walk-ins are welcome! Appointments are appreciated.

### **JANUARY MEETING PROGRAM**

In the hope of expanding the scope of our Blood Bank, the **January 24th Blood Drive** will be conducted by **Civitan**. A Representative of **Civitan Regional Blood Center (Ocala Branch)** will be our speaker at our **JANUARY 19th MEMBER-SHIP MEETING**.

Please plan to attend and bring a friend! Donating blood is truly giving the gift of life. With every unit of blood received, up to four patients could be helped. Our speaker will explain how the different components in a unit of blood are dispensed.



### VALENTINE DINNER DANCE

Mark your calendar and reserve **Wednesday, February 16, 1994**. We will be having a Dinner-Dance on that night. These affairs have always been a huge success so get your reservation in early.

This Dinner-Dance will give us an opportunity to say good-bye to Leo and Eva. It will be a **BYOB** affair. More information will be available at the Membership Meeting on **Wednesday, January 19, 1994**. Please attend!

### THANK YOU ONE AND ALL!

There never was a finer assortment of homemade cookies as those brought to the December Membership meeting. We have been bringing cookies to our December meetings for the past four years and our members continue to outdo themselves.

It's hard to conceive that there are that many different varieties of cookies. Thank you one and all for making this meeting a success!!

\* \*      **MONTHLY MEMBERSHIP MEETING - WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 19, 1994**      \* \*  
**COME MEET YOUR NEW PRESIDENT - BILL RICH**

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First Tuesday of Month	7:30 P.M.	Board of Directors Meeting Charlie Chaplin Room
First Thursday of Month	9:00 A.M.	Liaison Committee Meeting Clark Gable Room
Wednesday, JANUARY 19, 1994 (Third Wednesday of Month)	7:30 P.M.	Monthly Membership Meeting Recreation Hall
<b>MONDAY, JANUARY 24, 1994 - BLOOD BANK DRIVE - RECREATION HALL</b>		

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