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#### MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 16, 1994, MONTHLY P.O.A. MEETING

Meeting opened with the Invocation by Joe Sims - Followed by the Pledge Of Allegiance to the Flag.

Roll Call of Board of Directors and Liaison Committee Members Secretary and Treasurer Reports were given.

Frenchie Degre gave an update on the POA Golf Tournament scheduled for Saturday, November 19, 1994, at the Orange Blossom Hills Course.

Dorothy Hoerst reported that the October 24th Blood Drive was a success. One Hundred and Ten (110) pints were donated.

President reported that the November issue of the "FMO News" had two articles relating to our "Legislative Efforts". He has received several telephone calls from people in South Florida offering support.

President reported that Sadie Woollard (Board of Director) had asked to step down as Chairperson of the Liaison Committee. Ross Bacon and Tom Ritter have consented to be Chairpersons.

Dorothy Morehouse, Chairperson of the Balloting Committee, gave the results of the election. (Please see Article in this Bulletin) The vote on the referendum "Should the OBG/POA open membership to the rest of the Community" PASSED by a large majority.

President reminded Board of Directors they had to approve referendum and designate units eligible for approval, and a special meeting of the Board would be held immediately after the Membership Meeting. (Please see Article below - "Minutes of Special Meeting of Board of Directors")

Glenn Swindler read letter from Bob Janauskas, President of 'Marion County Homeowners' Association' in regards to proposed 'HUD' regulations requiring changes in facilities serving senior communities like ours. A sample letter to your Senator or Representative is available if you wish to write. Please contact Bill Rich.

Betty Bailey and Gerri McCullaugh conducted 50/50 drawing.

Benediction was given by Joe Sims - Meeting was adjourned at 8:35 P.M. Coffee and Donuts were served by the Refreshment Committee.

#### MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS ON NOVEMBER 16, 1994

Meeting was called by President to approve referendum vote opening membership in OBG/POA to rest of community.

Robert Conner made motion that the Board of Directors of the POA hereby resolve to endorse the will of the majority of our members to open membership in POA to all property owners of the Villages of Lake/Sumter.

Motion was seconded and passed by majority vote. Publicity Chairperson was directed to advise local news media. - Meeting was adjourned.

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

In this issue of the Bulletin you will find a self-addressed envelope with a Membership Form printed on the back. Please fill it out and mail in your 1995 dues. I think you will agree this organization is worthy of your support.

Since it is nearing the end of the year, I thought you would find it interesting reflecting back and recalling all the events and activities in which this organization was actively involved this year.

We had three successful Blood Drives in the month of January, April and October. Approximately Four Hundred (400) units were donated.

We were instrumental in getting Sunbelt Utilities to routinely inspect, flush and repair all the fire hydrants in our community - this program is ongoing today.

On the social side, we had a Valentine Dinner Dance, honoring Eva and Leo Hawkins for their years of service. Over 200 people attended.

Our efforts to get legislation passed requiring accountability of amenity fees by the Developer was encouraging. We had a Bill in the Senate and a companion Bill in the House. Will be back this year.

Had several interesting Speakers at our Monthly Meetings including Judy Paul from the Blood Bank, Chief Mike Ross and Lieutenant Hoover from the Lady Lake Police Department, Wanda Kuhn representing Habitat for Humanities, Gary Moyer, District Manager of the "CDD" and a legislative panel consisting of Charity Cicardo, Executive Director of the "FMO", Everett Kelly, State Representative, District 42 and David Knowles candidate for Representative.

In July, we revised our Charter and By-Laws improving our ability to function and serve the membership.

Assisted residents on "Paradise Drive" with a petition drive resisting the building of an access road which would have increased traffic in area.

Presently helping our members who live around "Lake Paradise" in their efforts to prevent annexation of the Lake into the Town.

Sponsored our First Annual Charity Golf Tournament for ARC in Leesburg enabling us to make a sizeable donation for purchase of playground equipment.

Last month we voted by a large majority to open our membership to all property owners in the Villages of Lake/Sumter.

These are some of the activities I remember. I'm sure you can think of more. But to me, it points out one thing. This organization is very active and responsive to property owners needs. May you have a Merry Christmas and a joyous New Year!!

Bill Rich President

#### VI TRANCHIDA - "WE SALUTE YOU!!"

Every month as we enter the Recreation Hall to attend our Monthly Membership Meeting, the aroma of freshly brewed coffee and tasty donuts tickle our taste buds. VI TRANCHIDA has been Chairperson of the Refreshment Committee for the past FIVE YEARS!

Due to the ill-health of Vi's Husband, Joe, and her own recent medical problems, Vi is forced to be relieved of this responsibility each month.

We wish to thank VI and the members of the Refreshment Committee: Mary Anderson, Ruth Kosovan, Dean Masarik and Rose Geeze who has graciously accepted the Chairmanship of this Committee. THANK YOU ROSE! We know the Committee workers will continue to support you.

We wish Vi Good Luck and hope she continues to feel well enough to attend our meetings and perhaps enjoy a cup of coffee and donut or two!

Volunteers are always needed. Why not give a helping hand? Thank you Ladies ONE AND ALL!!

#### WOW! WHAT A GREAT GOLF TOURNAMENT!!!

The First Annual POA Charity Golf Tournament was a tremendous success. A total of 128 players entered the event which was held at the Orange Blossom Hills Course on Saturday, November 19th. Thirty-two foursomes teed-off at 12:30 P.M. playing a two best-ball scramble. Two teams tied for first place with identical scores of "148" (4 over par). Five placed were awarded in the team event and twenty-five merchandise certificates were given as door prizes. Fifty dollar Savings Bonds were given to players closest to the pin on all four of the par three holes, two to the ladies and two to the men. Following the event, a poolside dinner was enjoyed by the players and their guests catered by the Country Club staff.

A check for Six Hundred and Forty Dollars (\$640.00) was given to Program Director, Andrea Bruno, of ARC (Association for Retarded Citizens) in Leesburg. The money will be used to buy playground equipment for the children in the "Early Intervention Program"

Many thanks to the people who helped make this charitable event a success!

Frenchie Degre and Pete Tutoli, Tournament Co-Chairmen, who started working on this event last Spring - nice job, guys! Mary Jardin, who contacted local merchants, Leonard Bigelow for all his computer help, the food service staff of the Country Club for the delicious dinner, Steve Wresh and his fine golf staff for all their help and assistance, AND MOST OF ALL, THANKS TO ALL OF YOU WHO PARTICIPATED!! I hope you had a good time. I know our President Bill Rich did!

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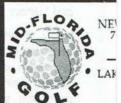
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#### NEW BLOOD BANK BRANCH

With the establishment of a new Branch by the Central Florida Blood Bank, concerns have arisen as to the role of the POA in future Blood Drives.

Judy Paul, Regional Marketing Director, was contacted and she sent the following letter dated November 14, 1994.

"The Northwest Lake County Blood Bank, a division of the Central Florida Blood Bank, opened on November 1, 1994 at 5 La Plaza Grande, next to Teo's Restaurant in the Villages, Lady Lake.

"All residents of the Villages and surrounding communities are invited and encouraged to donate blood at this new Northwest Lake County Branch or at the other Lake County Branch, on Highway 441, across from Lake Square Mall in Leesburg or at the blood mobile when it visits the recreation hall.

"Blood credits may be designated to Account #961, Orange Blossom Gardens. These credits are available to all residents and employees of The Villages who need blood. Just call Dotty Hoerst at 753-9021 if you need credits.

"The Lake County Blood Bank is very appreciative of the dedication of Dotty and other volunteers of the OBG POA who have so generously given of their time and efforts in support of the blood drives.

"Please call the Northwest Lake County Blood Bank at 750-4404 if you have questions about donating blood. Their hours are Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, 9:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M. and Wednesday 11:00 A.M. - 7:00 P.M."

The POA will continue to work with Mrs. Paul when blood drives are needed. Credits for donating, either by blood drives or walk-ins, will be credited to our account.

Mark Your Calendar - Blood Bank Drive - Monday, January 23, 1995

#### DECEMBER MONTHLY MEMBERSHIP MEETING - "COOKIE NIGHT!!"

As has been the tradition, December is usually "Cookie Month". Why not bake your favorite recipe and share with your fellow POA members. December brings out the "Cookie Monster" in us!! Bring your cookies and appetites!

The Refreshment Committee will help with the table display of your culinary delights. Please call **Ruth Kosovan at 753-1785** if there are any questions. Let's all participate and make this a "festive" evening.

#### RESULTS OF THE P.O.A. NOVEMBER ELECTION

Dorothy Morehouse, Chairperson of the Balloting Committee gave the results of our P.O.A. election at the Monthly Membership Meeting.

The Officers for 1995 will be: President, Bill Rich - Vice President, Glenn Swindler - Secretary, Betty Bailey - Treasurer, Geraldine McCullaugh Dorothy Hokr, Lee Ponder and Tom Ritter were elected to Three Year terms on the Board of Directors. Robert Conner and Sadie Woollard were elected to Two Year terms. The vote on the referendum "Should the OBG/POA open membership to the rest of the community" passed by a large majority.

GOOD LUCK to this fine group of Officers.

#### BEWARE! - SCAM ARTISTS AT WORK



We living in OBG are constantly telephoned by someone wanting to make home improvements, check our roof, water, air conditioners and so on. Many of these callers are legitimate business people who think many of us are new to the area and need their services. Some are not so legitimate business people and we need to be sure who we are dealing with. Several people in the Park have been scammed by local contractors for home improvements.

We would suggest the following procedure when receiving such calls. If you know you do not need the service just say so, thank them and hang up. If you think you might need the services, ask for the name of the company and telephone number "in case you decide you need them". After you get their name and address, call the local Better Business Bureau - 326-0770 and ask if they have a record of the company and if they are recommended by the Bureau. It is still a "buyer beware" world - don't get taken!!

#### IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

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 Lucille Ball Room
Wednesday, December 21, 1994 (Third Wednesday of Month)	7:30 P.M.	Monthly Membership Meeting Recreation Hall "COOKIE NIGHT"

FRIDAY - DECEMBER 16, 1994 - VILLAGE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT
Meeting at: COMMUNITY CENTER - GUAVA STREET - LADY LAKE
Time: 9:00 A.M.

MONDAY - JANUARY 23, 1995 - BLOOD BANK DRIVE - RECREATION HALL For Appointment Call: Dorothy Hoerst - 753-9021

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#### ECHOES FROM THE PAST

Material for this article is obtained by researching previously published "Bulletins" going back as far as the first "Bulletin" printed May, 1978.

The following article was published in the December, 1989 "Bulletin"

#### "THE MEANINGS OF CHRISTMAS

"The meanings of Christmas are many.....

How brightly they blend, touching our lives with incomparable beauty, our world with the essence of wonder.

"Listen for the joy that laughs and sings its way around our homes. Hear heaven in each hymn, comfort in each carol, care in every warming word of cheer.....

"Look to the faith that shines like a newborn star, filling the soul with hope and inspiration....

"Feel the love that holds friends and families close in spirit, whether around a festive table or across the miles and years.

"Share the peace and the promise, the heart and the harmony of the most marvelous of seasons.

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