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MINUTES OF AUGUST 16, 1995 MONTHLY P.O.A. MEETING

Meeting opened with the Invocation by Chaplain Pat Sims followed by the Pledge Allegiance To The Flag.

Roll Call of Board of Directors and Liaison Committee Members.

Secretary and Treasurer's Reports were given.

Guest Speaker for the evening was **Lady Lake Attorney Mr. Michael Millhorn**, who spoke on subjects of Estate Planning, Durable Power of Attorney, Living Wills, Last Will and Testament, Cost of Probating Estates and the advisability of creating a Revocable Trust. Mr. Millhorn has been practicing Law in our community since 1992. His presentation generated many questions from Members.

Vice-President Swindler spoke about the recent proposed changes in the use of the Recreation Halls and other facilities. Management has issued an "Information Booklet" stating that fees will be charged in certain instances. This is something new and the Vice-President explained he has written to the Director of Amenities voicing our concerns.

President Rich remarked about the recently issued "VCDD" proposed budget package for the residential amenities enterprise fiscal year 1995-1996, second draft. A copy was obtained by one of our Members from the District Administrator for the normal copying costs charged by the "VCDD". The report contains many figures, three of which were of special interest. The figures for Amenity Fees, Debt Service and the cost of operating the Neighborhood Watch Division. Using those figures, it calculates over forty per cent of the amenity fees is being used for those two accounts.

Participation at the new Blood Bank located in LaPlaza Grande has fallen off during the Summer. Please remember to use the OBG/POA Plan Number "961" when you donate. Members are encouraged to renew their efforts to donate!

Legislation Committee Chairman urged members to attend meeting in Tavares on **August 29th at 1:00 P.M.** State Representative **Stan Bainter** is conducting a Public Hearing on CDD activities.

Liaison Committee reported that new Committee Members are needed for Units 5, 8, 9 and 12, plus walkers are needed in Units 8, 9, 11, 12 and 13.

Plans for the November Charity Golf Tournament for ARC (Association for Retarded Citizens) are moving along quite well. If you would like to help, please call Pete Tutoli at 753-5049 or Frenchie Degre at 753-7941.

Bill Gaffney conducted the 50/50 drawing.

Benediction was given by Chaplain Pat Sims.

Meeting was adjourned *** Refreshments were served and enjoyed by all!!

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I would like to talk to all our Members about a couple of things that affect the well being of our Organization. Membership and Volunteering.

Membership as all of us know is essential because it not only brings in financial help to defray our expenses, but it also brings together a large group of residents who wish to be united as property owners and want their rights to be protected.

The larger the membership, the more effective we are in fulfilling that need.

We have made great strides in our Membership Rolls during the past year. We have old members who had dropped out for one reason or another coming back and reinstating. We have picked up many new members this year both new and old residents who are beginning to see the benefits our organization offers. We have had a tremendous reception from residents in Sumter County and are continuing to make gains every day in those Units. And, we have those members who have stood by us through the years and renew their Membership annually. But, we still need more, so I'm asking each member to consider doing the following. Cut out the back portion of this Bulletin, the part that contains the Membership Form, and dedicate yourself to signing up one new member before the end of this year!

Talk to that neighbor who has never joined or the friend who just isn't interested and tell them about the advantages of being a member. If all of you would do this, we would double our membership in the next few months.

Next, is the subject of being a volunteer. The life blood of this organization is the "Volunteer". Without him or her this organization could not function. All your Officers, Board Members, Liaison Members, members who work on Committees, type letters, write articles for the "Bulletin", make phone calls, walk and deliver Bulletins house to house are volunteers. Not one of these members are paid a salary or receive any type of compensation for their efforts. All they get is an undying "Thank You" for helping. They are truly the unsung heroes of our organization and we need more of you. As time progresses, some members, due to illness, can no longer help and replacements are needed. We need volunteers to step up and fill some of the openings we presently have.

We need Liaison Committee Members for Units 5, 8, 9 and 12. We need members to help deliver Bulletins in Units 8, 9, 11, 12 and 13. If you have some spare time and would like to help your organization, please call me at 753-8671 - TOM RITTER at 753-2678 or ROSS BACON at 753-4445. You are needed! Thank You!!

Bill Rich
Bill Rich
President

SEPTEMBER MONTHLY MEMBERSHIP MEETING

The September Meeting of the OBG Property Owners' Association will be held at 7:30 P.M. on September 20, 1995, in the "Paradise Center" Recreation Hall. The Guest Speaker will be Mr. Jeff Wittman, Licensed Nutritional Counselor, who has been servicing Lake County residents for the past fifteen (15) years. His topic will be the "Seven Keys To A Vibrant Life".

Mr. Wittman regularly speaks to church groups and civic organizations in our area. He hosts the program "Health In The 90's" which can be seen on Lake-Sumter Community College Television Channel 2 and radio program "Health Rap" on Station WFTQ (1240).

Jeff Wittman is the owner and operator of Lake Nutrition Center located in Leesburg with a new store planned for opening here in "The Villages" in the near future.

This promises to be a very interesting and enjoyable evening. Please come and bring a friend. Stay after the meeting and enjoy the coffee and donuts.

All residents of The Villages are welcome to attend. If you have not paid your dues for 1995, or care to join this fine organization, you may do so at the meeting.

"BEST SLOGAN CONTEST"

Remember the Slogan Contest?? As part of the celebration of the Twentieth (20th) Anniversary of the founding of the P.O.A., we are conducting a contest for a slogan which best symbolizes our organization.

A prize will be awarded to the Member who submits the best entry. Please use the following Form to enter. You may present your entry to any Officer or Board Member or you may put it in the P.O.A. Box located in the Recreation Hall. Your entry should be submitted no later than the date of the October Meeting. Only Members are qualified to enter. So if you have not joined, renewed or reinstated your Membership, you will want to do so.

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7:00 A.M. - 11:00 A.M.

Tickets \$2.75

OBG Recreation Hall

The Legion is building a new Post which could be used as a hurricane/emergency shelter for our area. This fine organization is worthy of our support in their endeavors. Good Luck!!

Reminder: BINGO-- Sundays and Thursdays - Community Center Building -
GUAVA STREET - (Behind the Police Dept. Bldg.)

For more information and tickets for the Breakfast, please contact -
Joe Berube - 753-5314 or Bill Podvin - 753-1267. Thank you!! * * *

VIAL OF LIFE REPORT - DOROTHY HOKR

At the May Meeting of the OBG P.O.A. TAMMY ROGERS of the Lake County Sheriff's Office Community Service Division presented a program on the Vial of Life, 911 Update and Senior Watch.

A supply of the equipment and instructions are available for all residents (Lake and Sumter County) by calling DOT HOKR - 753-5864.

Recently, Dorothy became very aware of the necessity of having your "Living Will" (if you have one) available at home as well as registered with the Doctor and possibly the Hospital. In order for the Emergency Technicians to follow your instructions, the actual "Will" must be available.

If you have a Vial of Life it is suggested that a copy of your "Living Will" be placed in your Vial so it will be immediately available.

KNOW AND SUPPORT YOUR ADVERTISERS

The Summer of 1995 is quickly coming to a close and the beginning of the 1995-1996 calendar year for our "Bulletin" has quietly crept upon us. Your President and Vice-President have "hit the pavement" to secure advertisers for printing our booklet.

You will notice we still have our "Old faithful" advertisers and we also have picked up some new. To all we say "welcome"! "welcome"! Our advertisers are the backbone of the "Bulletin" and if it was not for them, we would not be able to publish this fine booklet. ALL of us should know and support these fine people. When you are in their place of business, tell them you saw their "AD" in the "Bulletin".

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"Here are some additional helpful hints:

- "1. Always lock your car when you get out and check the backseat before you get in. If your car is a two door, push both seats forward when you get out. Should someone hide in the back seat, you will see them or notice that seats have been pulled back. If this is the case then just walk past your car and go for help.
- "2. Carry a small flashlight in your purse or on your keychain so that you will not fumble trying to fit your key into the lock.
- "3. If you are attacked, noise of any kind may be the best defense. Honk your horn, yell "Fire", or scream. Sooner or later someone will respond.
- "4. Try to get the license plate number as the car drives away. Remaining calm that extra minute may mean the difference between the driver or attacker being caught by the police or culprit doing it again.
- "5. Women need to be aware of what's going on around them. You can't be suspicious of everyone all the time, but careful planning can help you avoid having to make judgments about a stranger. Remember, "You are not alone out there". You are sitting in a 1 1/2 ton package of steel. Use it to protect yourself."

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In a recent meeting of the Property Owners' Association Board of Directors, Carol Menci was elected to the Office of Treasurer. Carol assumes this position at a very busy time with new memberships coming in and payments from advertisers. She has adapted to the position well and is doing an excellent job. Carol replaces Gerri McCullaugh who resigned because of illness. Welcome Aboard Carol, and thank you for volunteering when help was needed!!

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 February, 1990 issue.

"THOUGHT FOR THE DAY"

"Bobby Jones was his name and golf was his game. He was one of the best!

"Early in his career, he found an old, abandoned putter and stuck it in his bag and thought no more about it.

"During an Australian golf tournament, the caddy handed it to him as he was about to make a putt. According to the rules, you could not change clubs; so he used it and putted the ball into the hole!

"He continued using it and went on to win that tournament, followed by the American Invitational, the American Open, the British Invitational, the British Open, the Canadian Invitational and the Canadian Open!

"The putter now rests in a glass case at Georgia Tech next to an editorial entitled: "BE CAREFUL WHAT YOU ABANDON."

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 Clark Gable Room
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 1995 (Third Wednesday of Month)	7:30 P.M.	Monthly Membership Meeting Recreation Hall
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 1995 - VILLAGE CENTER COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIST. MTG. AT GUAVA STREET - COMMUNITY CENTER - LADY LAKE AT 9:00 A.M.		
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Profile of P.O.A. Members

A Continuing Series



Louis and Carol Menci, of 908 Ramos, moved to Sumter County in The Villages one year ago this month. Previous moves took them from New York to New Jersey; but their move from Ohio to Florida has been "a dream come true."

Louis and Carol share enjoyment of golf, bowling, playing cards and their 6-year-old dog, Taipan. Carol adds reading and puzzles to her list of hobbies. Louis took early retirement from Sprint as a construction supervi-

sor; and Carol worked as a layout artist for a monument company.

They are parents of three and are excitedly awaiting an increase from two to three grandchildren in the very near future.

They joined the P.O.A. because they are interested in what is going on in their new community and found it provided better information. Carol assumed the post of P.O.A. Treasurer last month to fill the vacancy which resulted from the illness of Gerri McCullaugh.

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