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RECAP OF THE O.B.G. P.O.A. MEETING HELD ON DECEMBER 20, 1995

The meeting was called to order with President Bill Rich presiding.

Glenn Swinder, vice-president, gave the Invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The roll of officers and board members was called.

Tony Powell, editor of the Lady Lake Magazine, was the guest speaker. He spoke on "Freedom of the Press" and offered a number of examples where such a freedom is open to interpretation. He answered questions from the membership and was well received by all.

President Rich explained this was the last meeting he would chair and thanked everyone for all the assistance he had received during the last two years.

The installation of newly-elected officers and board members was conducted by Art Emerick, P.O.A. Parliamentarian. He also invited those present to participate in the ceremony.

The new officers and board members then were presented to the membership.

The 50/50 drawings were conducted by Bill Gaffney.

The Benediction was given by Glenn Swindler.

During the social period, members enjoyed the cookies prepared by ladies of the P.O.A.

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RENEWAL OF P.O.A. MEMBERSHIP DUES

A REMINDER that membership dues are renewable on a calendar year basis and are due in January each year.

If you have not already remitted your 1996 dues, please do so by using the envelope provided in the December Bulletin.

If you prefer, you may use the membership form on the back cover of this issue and mail it to the Lady Lake address shown there or you may bring it to our January meeting.

You also may place it in our drop box in the Paradise Recreation Center on your next visit there.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As we start our 21st year, the future and direction of the O.B.G. P.O.A. must be given the utmost consideration.

Though many of us may not be here for another celebration of our founding, it is imperative that we work to ensure our continued existence and growth. Our goals must remain unchanged - - representation of all property owners in The Villages and protection of their rights and investments.

Some will deny the P.O.A. represents them even as they enjoy the benefits we have strived for and gained!

I am not sure if I am a "retread" or a "recycled" president; but it is my hope the period since my 1992 term has resulted in personal growth. While aging may mean we cannot do some physical things we formerly could, I hope it does not mean we cannot experience growth in wisdom.

At this time of year, people resolve to break old habits and make improvements. Many break more resolutions than they are able to keep - - myself included. The important thing is to keep trying, and that is my promise to you. I will try to keep the P.O.A. on target but, if I am to succeed, I will need your help.

The P.O.A. would not be where it is today without the support of its members and the dedication of past officers and board members. They have earned our deepest gratitude.

Glenn Swindler, an active member for many years, continues as vice-president. Carol Menci will continue the job of treasurer which she undertook when Gerri McCullaugh's illness took her from us last year. Thelma Holt, as secretary, completes the roster of your officers for 1996.

Be assured all members of the Board of Directors, as well as members of the Liaison Committee, are always available to you. Please call any of us when you need assistance with a problem.

I can be reached at 750-5469 which is the telephone number intended specifically for use of P.O.A. members and P.O.A. business.

1996 will be a great year for the P.O.A. if we remember we can succeed only if we stand "united for our common good."

Dorothy Hokr, President

SURVEY OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS

(The following survey was circulated at the December meeting with good results. It was decided to print it to provide an opportunity for others to offer their opinions.)

YOUR OFFICERS AND BOARD MEMBERS INVITE YOUR OPINIONS AND IDEAS REGARDING PROGRAMS OF INTEREST TO YOU IN THE COMING YEAR. PLEASE TAKE THE TIME TO COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING SURVEY INDICATING YOUR PREFERENCES. WE WILL APPRECIATE YOUR SUGGESTIONS AND CONSTRUCTIVE CRITICISMS AND WILL IMPLEMENT THEM IF POSSIBLE.

1) IF YOU WANT FUTURE MEETINGS TO INCLUDE PROGRAMS, PLEASE INDICATE THE SUBJECTS YOU WOULD LIKE TO HAVE SCHEDULED.

- ☐ HEALTH CONCERNS
 - ☐ SAFETY TIPS
 - ☐ TRAVEL OPPORTUNITIES
 - ☐ HOME IMPROVEMENTS
 - ☐ ENTERTAINMENT
 - ☐ GOVERNMENT (circle one or more below)
Federal - State - Local - All three
 - ☐ LEGAL MATTERS
 - ☐ OTHER (please specify below)
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2) PLEASE INDICATE YOUR PREFERENCE FOR THE STARTING TIME OF MEETINGS.

- ☐ CONTINUE AT 7:30 P.M.
- ☐ CHANGE TO 7:00 P.M.

3) DO YOU FEEL BUSINESS MEETINGS ARE TOO LONG?

- ☐ YES
- ☐ NO

4) OTHER COMMENTS

SO THAT WE MAY BETTER SERVE YOUR INTERESTS, PLEASE COMPLETE THIS SURVEY AND GIVE IT TO A BOARD MEMBER OR DROP IT IN THE P.O.A. BOX AT THE PARADISE RECREATION CENTER. THANK YOU.

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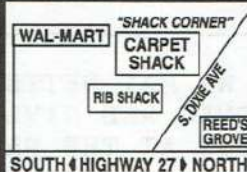
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Volunteers are persons who, of their own free will, offer their services to causes in which they believe. No not-for-profit organization can function without them and the P.O.A. is no exception.

Over the past 20 years, we have been fortunate to be able to rely on the services of truly dedicated members. They have willingly and cheerfully performed tasks whenever and wherever they have been needed. Some have served in one or more capacities over a number of years.

There have been times when the P.O.A. has been forced to prove its mettle, and our volunteers have never let us down. For you see, there are two primary choices in life: to accept conditions as they exist, or accept the responsibility for changing them.

We plan to show our appreciation to our volunteers with a monthly feature to honor those who have given their time to help us maintain our viability as the organization whose primary purpose has been to represent residents' interests.

It is important to us that none of our valued volunteers be overlooked in our effort to show our gratitude to each and every one who has helped us realize our goals. If you know members you feel should be honored, please do not hesitate to provide their names to President Hokr at 750-5469.

Note to members who are prospective volunteers. We always have a need for your time and talents. As our community has grown, so has the need to add volunteers and to divide and share some of the tasks and areas of service.

Some of you may be interested in volunteering in a specific category of interest to you, but there may be some uncertainty as to what would be required. To help you decide, brief "job descriptions" will be printed in the Bulletin from time to time which will enable you to select the right one for you.

You will be surprised to learn how little of your time would be required with no need to sacrifice your pursuit of other activities.

One of the wonderful aspects of the human imagination is to see things not as they are but as they can be!

OUTSIDE:

- 1) Keep hedges and shrubs trimmed away from windows to prevent hiding places for burglars.
- 2) Install outside lighting, especially at vulnerable points of access.
- 3) Make sure your house number is easy to see in case of police or fire emergency.
- 4) Keep equipment or tools stored to avoid use by a burglar to gain entrance.

DOORS/LOCKS:

- 1) Entrance doors can be replaced with 1½ inch solid wood or metal. Sliding glass doors can be replaced with break resistant plastic.
- 2) Most key-in-hole locks or chain locks can be picked or easily broken. Deadbolt locks should be installed at front doors.
- 3) Keep garage door closed and locked to prevent burglars from entering through door leading from garage to house.
- 4) Padlocks work well for garages and utility rooms.

WINDOWS:

Keep all windows locked, and buy window key locks. Grates or grills may be a good idea, but they should be equipped for quick release in emergencies.

VALUABLES:

Engrave your driver's license number or identification number on all valuables. Items which cannot be engraved should be photographed.

ALARMS:

Do not rush into or be pressured into buying a security system. Shop around to compare prices, and talk with friends who have installed one. Select a company with a good reputation and verify their credentials with your local Better Business Bureau.

INSURANCE:

Talk to your insurance broker or agent to make sure you are adequately covered. You may be offered a reduced rate for an approved system.

AND NEVER LEAVE NOTES THAT INDICATE YOUR HOME IS UNOCCUPIED!

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STATE ATTORNEY TO BE SPEAKER AT JANUARY MEETING

Brad King, State Attorney for the Fifth Judicial Circuit, will be our guest speaker at our January 17th meeting.

Born in Terre Haute, Indiana, but reared in Florida, he was graduated from the University of Florida's School of Business with high honors and a degree in banking and finance.

He interrupted law school studies for a time to work as a deputy sheriff in Marion County. After returning to school and receiving his law degree in 1981, he went to work in the State Attorney's office.

He has prosecuted all kinds of criminal offenses and he also has managed all aspects of the office. In 1988, he was elected State Attorney of the Fifth Judicial Circuit which covers Lake, Marion, Sumter, Citrus and Hernando counties.

His experience as both a law enforcement officer and as State Attorney should prove interesting subjects for his appearance before our membership.

PLEASE MARK THE FOLLOWING MEETINGS ON YOUR CALENDAR

- January 17th - 7:30 P.M. - P.O.A. (open meeting)
Paradise Recreation Center
- February 1st - 7:30 P.M. - P.O.A. Liaison Committee
Lucille Ball Room
- February 4th - 9:00 A.M. - P.O.A. Board of Directors
Charlie Chaplin Room

All residents are welcome to attend these P.O.A. meetings.

Please note: January meetings of the V.C.C.D.D. (Village Center Community Development District) and the V.C.D.D. #1 (Village Community Development District #1) were held on the 5th as continuations of the December meetings. No date for the February meetings is available at this time.

C.D.D. meetings are open to the public under the Sunshine Law, and residents are urged to attend.



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Profile of P.O.A. Members

A Continuing Series

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Norma was born in New Brunswick, Canada. At age 20, she moved to Labrador to work for a contractor who was building the longest landing strip in North America.

She then joined two brothers in Michigan and took a job with Chrysler where she met Tom, who was to become her husband of 36 years.

Norma retired after 20 years in the Michigan Education Association working in an elementary school as a secretary mornings and teaching French to enrichment classes afternoons.

Tom worked for Chrysler for 45 years as sales manager of police car and special order sales for the entire country.

They moved to 1203 Panama Place in 1989 with their 3-year-old Pomeranian, Cheri. Their children remain in Michigan where Marc is a district sales manager for Chrysler and Michelle is an eighth grade teacher.

Both enjoy bocce, card playing and travel. Tom also enjoys golf; Norma adds bowling and reading to her hobbies.

Tom and Norma became P.O.A. members because they believe it to be a good organization which is doing a great job in behalf of residents.

TO JOIN POA: You may join at our meetings or simply fill out the membership form below, pay dues of \$6.00 per household, and place in the **OBG/POA Drop Box** in the Recreation Hall or mail form and check for dues to: **P.O. Box 1657, Lady Lake, FL 32158-1657**

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