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## QUOTE OF THE MONTH

### FOUR MAIN BONES IN EVERY ORGANIZATION

**Wishbones** - wish someone would do something.

**Jaw Bones** - do all the talking but very little else.

**Knuckle Bones** - sit back and knock everything.

**Backbones** - carry the brunt of the load and do most of the work.

**Question:** Which are you?

*Author Unknown*



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RECAP OF THE O.B.G. P.O.A. MEETING OF JANUARY !6, 1996

The first meeting of 1996 was called to order at 7:30 p.m. with President Dorothy Hokr presiding.

The opening prayer was offered by Fr. Bob Fuchek of St. Timothy's Catholic Church and was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

The roll of officers and board members was called, the minutes of the December meeting were read, and the report by the Treasurer was read and filed for audit.

President Hokr explained the delivery of membership cards has been delayed due to the large number of new members and renewals received.

Bill Rich was recognized for his outstanding two years of service as president and was presented with a gift certificate for Vic's Embers. A token of appreciation also was given to each of our retiring board members: Charlie Harvey, Dick Moulton and Pat Sims.

Brad King, State Attorney for the Fifth Judicial Circuit since 1988, was our guest speaker. He gave an interesting report on the duties of his office, the types of cases it handles, and the number of attorneys employed.

He discussed frauds and scams and presented a formula he strongly recommends for use in determining the validity and honesty of offers.

It was a very lively program during which he gave detailed answers to questions from the audience.

The benediction was offered by Pat Sims, and the meeting was adjourned for the social period of refreshments.

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We have had an excellent response to our **Survey of Members' Interests** in the January Bulletin. Have we received yours? If not, we want to hear from you, too. Please fill it in and give it to a member of our Board of Directors or drop it into our box at the Paradise Recreation Center.

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The month of January, 1996, will be remembered by many residents in other parts of the country for the record breaking cold, snow and ice. While we endured chilly weather in Central Florida, we have much to be thankful for not the least of which is we didn't have to shovel snow!

Many of us recall getting "cabin fever" (or "shack whacky") in our earlier years in cold climates. We missed contact with people outside our homes when we were confined to them due to weather conditions.

Confinement often is a state of mind, however. Sometimes there is a tendency to limit our experiences to the same people - usually those with similar ideas and convictions.

Being retirees does not mean our minds retire as well. We only grow in maturity when we are challenged to re-examine long held codes of morality and responsibility to others.

We do not always have to agree with one another, but we do not have to be disagreeable when we differ. Courtesy and respect for the person with different views should be the rule observed by all.

It is only when we listen to all sides of issues that we are able to gather information on which we can base valid decisions.

1996 will be a year in which we will be required to make many decisions. It is a Presidential election year, and we also will be voting for candidates at other levels of government as well as on referendums.

Let us all listen to factual information with inquiring minds before we make our decisions and be certain the decisions we make are for the right reasons.

Dorothy Hokr  
President



Although we may not be aware of it, each year our eye sight, hearing and reflexes diminish. Traffic continues to increase to the point we all need to be reminded of safety measures.

**MOTORISTS** need to check for correct positions of rear view mirrors before starting out - especially if other persons of varying heights use the vehicle.

Remember to buckle your seat belt. It not only is the law but it could save your life.

Be aware of traffic and drive defensively. Do not assume other drivers will obey traffic laws.

When passing a moving vehicle, the new safety rule is to be sure you see its tires in your mirror(s) - - not the hood - - before pulling back into the lane.

When passing a parked vehicle, remember an oncoming vehicle has the right of way. This is extremely important in The Villages where service vehicles park - often on a curve and just as often two or more park close together.

Never, never jump a green light. Wait until traffic comes to a complete stop.

Leave early enough to allow for heavy traffic or bad weather conditions.

Always signal turns and always stop for stop signs. This applies to golf carts, too; and these are the legal and courteous things to do.

**PEDESTRIANS** have the right of way but should walk only in the lane facing oncoming traffic.

When walking three or more abreast, drop to single file as a courtesy to motorists. Neither pedestrians nor motorists should impede the flow of oncoming traffic.

Persons walking after sundown should wear reflective clothing and/or carry a flashlight.

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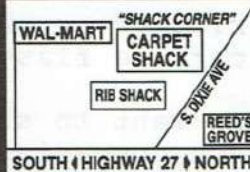
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**ELEANOR DUDEK** and her husband, John, are numbered among our earliest residents and long-time P.O.A. members.

Twenty years ago Eleanor organized a library for the reading pleasure of residents of our development which then was known as Orange Blossom Gardens. Under her direction, the library has grown from mostly paperbacks to a large selection of hardbacks.

She still is in charge of the library which since has been named the Mark Twain Library and is located in the Paradise Recreation Center.

For five of those years, she also served as head of the P.O.A. committee which is responsible for providing refreshments following P.O.A. meetings. She graciously agreed to assist the current committee with the special refreshments for the celebration of our 20th anniversary last November.

She also finds time to sing in the choir at St. Timothy's Catholic Church; and she has been a member of the Village Belles since it started 17 years ago as the Ding Dong Belles. The group performs for residents of six area nursing homes each month and is available to perform for Villages groups.

#### **VOLUNTEER NEEDED FOR VIAL OF LIFE PROGRAM**

The P.O.A., in conjunction with Lake County Sheriff George Knupp, would like every resident in The Villages to be aware of the Vial of Life Program.

Our interest in this program began in 1981 and the growth of our community makes it even more important for residents to take advantage of it.

We never know when it may become necessary to call on the services of Emergency Medical Technicians (EMTs). Participation in the program involves displaying a decal to inform emergency personnel that information is readily available in our homes regarding health problems and medications -- information which conceivably could save our lives.

We need someone to be available for residents to contact to receive information and necessary supplies for this important program. Anyone interested in rendering this service to fellow residents can contact President Dorothy Hokr (750-5469) for details.



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**DIGEST OF JANUARY 5, 1996 V.C.C.D.D. MEETING**

1 - Gary Moyer (manager of Florida C.D.D.s) stated he and Gary Morse agreed about one year ago a Community Development District should purchase recreation facilities of The Villages. Some seven months ago, District Court validated a bond issue to finance the purchase. Upon appeal the Florida Supreme Court upheld this decision, and the C.D.D. will abide by all requirements of Chapter 190 of Florida statutes.

2 - Pete Wahl (V.C.C.D.D. manager) stated he has a final list of facilities to be acquired and all agreements with residents. Analysis of cash flow indicates feasibility of purchase and facilities will be upgraded from present conditions. The V.C.C.D.D. concludes the purchase is in the public interest as contrasted with private purchase. Present maintenance contracts will be continued until expiration dates when competitive bids will be received.

3 - Ron Hess (member of the Board of Supervisors) moved, and the Supervisors unanimously approved, the V.C.C.D.D. purchase of recreational facilities and common grounds.

4 - Following presentation of the planned schedule by a representative of the bond underwriters, the Supervisors agreed to proceed with the sale of bonds. A meeting was scheduled for January 12 for a progress report.

5 - A letter from Gary Morse to Gary Moyer indicated his attorneys have been advised to drop an attempt to recoup legal costs from intervenors in the bond validation proceeding in the interests of resident harmony.

**DIGEST OF JANUARY 5, 1996 C.D.D.#1 MEETING**

1 - Gary Moyer advised there is a possibility the inter-local agreement with Sumter County and Lady Lake may need to be amended, and he requested the chairman of the board be authorized to negotiate same. Approved by Supervisors.

2 - A resident's request for C.D.D.#1 to donate land needed for parking at the Catholic Church was tabled. It was suggested a referendum be placed on November 1996 ballot to give residents a chance to express an opinion.

Submitted by Robert Conner who represents the  
P.O.A. Board of Directors at C.D.D. meetings.



## TOWN MANAGER TO SPEAK AT P.O.A. MEETING

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Bob McKee, Lady Lake Town Manager for the past three years, will be the featured speaker at the February 21st meeting.

He will discuss the report of the Town Hall Site Selection Committee and the referendum allowing all residents of the town to choose the site for a new Town Hall.

Bob's local memberships include the board of directors of United Way, the Lady Lake Area Chamber of Commerce, and the North Lake Kiwanis.

County involvement consists of the Lake County League of Cities, and the Keep Lake County Beautiful Committee.

He is a member of the Florida City and County Managers Association and the Florida League of Cities and serves on its Governmental Co-ordination Committee.

A resident of Florida since 1972, his first job was with the state's Youth Services and, for 18 years, was Youth Baseball Coach.

Other public service includes employment as the executive director of the Public Defender's office and as the Chief Deputy of Courts in Lake County.

Bob has a bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice Administration and a master's in Public Administration.

Plan to attend our meeting at 7:30 p.m. on February 21st at Paradise Recreation Center for an interesting evening.

### PLEASE MARK THE FOLLOWING MEETINGS ON YOUR CALENDAR

February 6 - 7:30 p.m. - P.O.A. Bd. of Directors  
(1st Tuesday) Charlie Chaplin Room

February 21 - 7:30 p.m. - P.O.A. (open meeting)  
(3rd Wednesday) Paradise Rec. Center

March 7 - 9:00 a.m. - P.O.A. Liaison Committee  
(1st Thursday) Lucille Ball Room

All residents are welcome to attend the above meetings.

The schedule of V.C.C.D.D. and V.C.D.D.#1 meetings is available by calling 753-4508.





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## Profile of P.O.A. Members

### *A Continuing Series*

This profile will introduce you to Jack McMasters as another of the three newly-elected members of our Board of Directors.

He and his bride, Alice, moved from Massachusetts to Sumter County where they reside at 1615 Carrera Drive in the Village of De La Vista.

After Jack retired as a pipe fitter, he became the Director of Education at a private vocational technical school where he not only taught but wrote the school's curricula.

Alice retired from Johnson and Johnson where she was an executive secretary.

Together they have five sons, one daughter and 10 grandchildren. They brought a papillon (French for butterfly) with them and have since acquired a tea cup poodle.

They are beginning golfers and both are accomplished computer enthusiasts. Jack publishes a newsletter for members of the Lady Lake Elks, and Alice publishes one for fellow residents of Carrera Drive. She enjoys cooking and collecting recipes when she is not busy with flower arranging and other crafts.

Jack's efforts to establish an investment club met with such a tremendous response he will assist in getting a second one started.

They became P.O.A. members out of concern for and the desire to be active in matters pertaining to their new community.

**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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