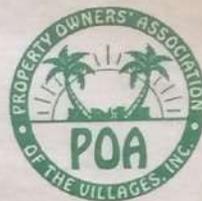


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PRESIDENTS THOUGHTS

As your newly elected president, I appreciate the support that each and every one of you have shown me. I take very seriously the oath of office that Frank Renner administered to the new officers on December 15. I will do my best to uphold the dignity of the office and the efforts that were expended by the past presidents. As I mentioned at the meeting I will use Joe Gottfried as my right hand, depending on him in times of need. Whatever endeavor Joe and Joyce do in the future I want to wish them all the luck in the world.

As you the members know no two people do the same thing the same way. If at any time you feel that I have erred in some way please let me know, because that is the only way to correct an error. The P.O.A. in General will keep a watchful eye on the antics and good and bad coming from Pete's Place. Just remember one thing you the people are the voices for this organization, we are not a loose cannon we are a team. We listen and do what the people wish to have done.

I want to express a special thank you, to the ladies that did such a great job in arranging the snacks and decorations that made our 25th Birthday such a beautiful affair. Carol Yohn, did a superb job on the birthday cake, not only did it look beautiful but it tasted great.

Until next month

- Tom Poss -

TO MY SURPRISE

A few months ago I wrote an article in regards to the rumor, that on the west side of the Villages some of the fire hydrants had no water in them. Today is December 21, 1999, and to my great surprise, two gentlemen from the Village Utilities checked the fire hydrant that is located where I live, at the corner of Jason and Mark. I have lived here for two years now and this was the first time that I have observed this process. To my surprise when the men got out of their truck and attached a fire hose to the hydrant, guess what no water. They had to locate the shut off valve in the yard to turn on the water. The process of checking the hydrant, took an excess of twenty minutes. If your home was in the area of the hydrant and was on fire what would be left of your home after twenty minutes without water. Now if your home had, a disaster would you expect immediate response from the hydrant which would be water, or wait until the Village maintenance crew turned on the valve? I do not know the procedure in Florida, but I don't know if the fire trucks carry the necessary tools to turn the water supply on when called out to a fire. I am just naive enough to believe that when a fire truck pulls up to a disaster and hooks up the hoses to the hydrant there should be water there immediately.

If someone could bring this to the attention of the U.S. Fire Marshall, I would be willing to spend the time and effort to inspect every hydrant in the Villages with them for the safety of all the residents.

There was supposed to be a New Years party in the Town Square for the New Millennium but by some mystery Mr. Pete Wahl made the decision that we were going to have bad weather and called it off. Maybe Mr. Wahl could use these same phenomenal powers to tell the fire department which hydrants have water and which do not, so that when there is a fire somewhere in the Villages our trucks will call ahead to know which hydrants to hook up to.

Tom Poss--

OOPS!! WE Goofed

You read in the Village's Daily Sun that the Florida Elections Commission fined the P.O.A. and Joe Gottfried, our President, in the amount of \$1000.00 for improper actions during the 1998 CDD election. The complaint was entered by Frank Topping of the V.H.A. His purpose? We can only guess.

Joe wrote an article supporting the election of Russell Day to the C.D.D. in an issue of this paper, the P.O.A. Bulletin. That, we found, is a no-no. A Bulletin is not a newspaper, and may not take sides in an Election.

Great Balls of Fire!! (I'm being nice.)

But, I promise our P.O.A. members that we did not know the distinction, and would not ever break the law knowingly. An endorsement of Russell, a P.O.A. member, and a member of our Board of Directors was just normal and routine. We thought!

Well, as they say, live and learn. I also promise you that we have learned much about election laws, and will expect all parties to be law-abiding in the future.

It was nice, though, to see the P.O.A. mentioned in The Sun. That is a "first", you see, the first mention of our organization since the inception of the newspaper. For a long time I thought that the P.O.A. was invisible.

I guess that it was only that we were never wrong before. That's nice. Perfection! I like that idea.

Win Shook, VP

UPDATE ON ADDITIONAL \$25,000 PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION

Lake County - As I understand it, if your pension and small investments are \$20,000 a year or less and are 65 years of age, you might be eligible for the additional \$25,000 exemption. This additional exemption will save you approximately \$250 year. This will be effective in the tax year 2001.

Sumter County - Qualifications are the same as that of Lake County. But, you will be entitled to only an additional exemption of \$5,000. This will be equivalent to \$50 a year in tax savings.

I attended the Sumter County meeting on this issue. I personally think that they could have done much, much more for the residents. They also should roll back the mill rate. That would give everybody some tax relief in Sumter County.

- Russ Day

DID YOU KNOW?

That you can not buy a gift certificate as such from the restaurants in the Villages that the developer owns? They don't have them. They issue the Villages' funny money instead.



The Property Owners' Association of the Villages, Officers and Board Members, wish all our members and residents of the Villages A VERY HAPPY, PROSPEROUS, AND HEALTHY NEW YEAR.

BELIEVE IT OR NOT

By TOM POSS

Do you check prices before you buy? The other day I purchased a can of Hills Bros coffee 34.5 oz size can, the cost was \$4.28. If a person uses a formula of 2 oz of coffee per 9 cup pot, that would represent approximately 157 cups of coffee, which averages 2.7 cents a cup.

One of our new local restaurants charges \$1.10 per cup of coffee. Using the above formula of 157 cups of coffee per can at a \$1.10 per cup that can of coffee brings back \$172.70 per can. Giving the fact of a refill would make this figure \$86.35 for a \$4.28 can of coffee. Now don't forget one thing, I bought retail the restaurants buy wholesale.

It would not be a bad idea to boycott the beverages and just order water, and besides that it is healthier for you. It is getting to the point that the average person can not afford to eat out. Not because of the cost of the food but the cost of the beverage. I am just speaking of coffee and tea, could you imagine if I had the courage to order juice. I look forward to hearing from you on any ideas you may want to hear about. 750-5469 or fax me at 750-2320. Until next time this is Believe it or Not

- Tom Poss-

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WHY?

It was a beautiful Sunday afternoon, the weather was great, a time for a leisurely afternoon drive. A group of young people were riding along Bichara Boulevard when out of the blue, a car comes barreling thru a stop sign, and wham.

The young 16 year old driver was flown to Orlando Regional Hospital.

Why didn't the car stop at the stop sign? Why wasn't he driving slower in a commercial area?

This is Paradise, or so they say, but why do our residents believe that stop signs don't apply to them?

Why here, in the Villages, do we look the other way? We don't obey the laws.

I agree, they have driving awareness schools; but how many attend? How many follow the rules? How many drivers in the Villages have a license? How many driving golf carts, bicycles and cars have had licences revoked, suspended or received a D.U.I. citation on Villages streets? How many drivers are classified as 'legally blind'?

Can we call this Paradise? It keeps growing and the numbers of people using our highways and Villages streets is increasing. The number of unqualified drivers increases.

How many more people on a leisurely drive through our area are going to be slaughtered because residents do not obey the stop signs while driving their golf carts and/or cars?

Why, why, why, doesn't the VCCDD do something about this situation instead of borrowing money?

- Charles Harvey

**JANUARY POA GENERAL
 MEMBERSHIP MEETING**

Our January meeting is scheduled for
 Wednesday, January 19th, Paradise Rec Center.

Our guest speaker will be Jim Coleman, Lady Lake Town Manager. Mr. Coleman will speak on various subjects regarding town plans. He will also be open to questions from the floor.

COME AND JOIN US - JANUARY 19TH
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CHILD'S VIEW OF THE VILLAGES

After a Christmas break, the teacher asked her small pupils how they spent their holidays. One small boy's reply went like this:

We always spend Christmas with Grandpa and Grandma. They used to live up here in a big brick house, but Grandpa got retarded and they moved to Florida.

They live in a place with a lot of retarded people. They live in tin huts. They drive big white go-carts. They go to a big building they call the wrecked hall. But, if it is a wrecked hall, it is fixed now.

They play games there and do exercises, but they don't do them good. There is a swimming pool and they go to it and just stand there in the water with their hats on. I guess they don't know how to swim.

My Grandma used to bake cookies and stuff. But I guess she forgot how. Nobody cooks - they all go to restaurants.

As you come into the park, there is a doll house with a person sitting in it. He watches all day, so they can't get out without him seeing them.

My Grandma says Grandpa worked hard all his life and earned his retardment.

I wish they would move back home. But I guess the person in the doll house won't let them out.

-unknown-

submitted by Alta Gray

(Many thanks to the dozens of people who called saying they had a copy of this article)

PREDICTION AND PRAYER

(We had to go to press in late December. The following is my personal opinion.)

Yes, we made it, Y2K, has come. All the hoop-a-la, doomsday and scare tactics did not come to pass. The world is still intact! Armageddon did not occur. We have electricity, water, telephone service, bank service, the grocery markets have plenty of food, airplanes are flying. Even computers appear to be functioning well - a few small glitches here and there. There is no mass hysteria.

If my prediction and prayer did come true, now, maybe, we can all relax and start living normally and enjoy life. Make every day count because we really do not know when Armageddon will really come. -Carol Kope

SERVICES FOR P.O.A MEMBERS

Charlotte Poss provides the following services for our members. If you have any questions call her at 753-5640. Fax service, incoming and outgoing, 50 cents a page. Incoming fax number is 352-750-2320. Must be dropped off and picked up. Notary service - Free. Bring to regular monthly meeting. If you are incapacitated, you can call Charlotte and she will go to your house. Or, go to Charlotte's house - just call first to make sure she is home. Limited number of photo copies are also free.

AN ADDITIONAL "THANKS"

Last Thanksgiving, I decided that after cooking for at least 80 or so holiday dinners, I would no longer do so - I quit. So this year, I made reservations at Orange Blossoms. I was looking forward to a no-work, delicious, peaceful, quiet dinner. Well, you know, "the best made plans by men and mice", I didn't cook and I had a turkey dinner (that is what they called it). Thanksgiving dinner in LRMC's ER unit.

I am not complaining about the care I received. It was excellent. But, what I am complaining about is, that it is extremely difficult today to know who you are talking to in a hospital - who is what. The only workers you can recognize are the cleaning people because they come in the room with a broom and dust mop.

Years ago, doctors were always male and substantially older than you. Nurses were always female and dressed in crisp, starched, white uniforms, white stockings, shoes, and cute little white caps on their heads. Aides were also female and dressed in a white uniform but wore no cap.

Today, doctors, nurses, aides, and technicians are both female and male. We also have a new category of medical care provider - physicians' assistant (by the way, how do you address them?). There are no more 'uniforms' - colored tops have replaced them. I do miss those little white caps. But, then, I guess a little white cap would look ridiculous on a male nurse.

You are usually in ER for several hours, so if you are not too ill, you can eventually figure out what the colors mean. But, I still wonder how those beautiful people with firm, flawless skin can be so smart and knowledgeable when they are so young.

I would like to suggest another means for identification. How about adding RN, DR, AIDE, etc. to the colored shirt? It would eliminate a lot of strenuous mental work for our tired old brains.

The food at LRMC may not be "too good" but its medical care and that of its ER unit is excellent. This is something we should also give thanks for - the availability of quality medical care - Medicare which allows us the financial means to obtain it - and the dedicated young women and men who provide it. Yes, indeed, we have many things to give thanks for here in America, and I want to add this group to my long list of "thankfulness for".

- Carol Kope

TRUTH FROM THE MEDIA

As you can see, I am still hanging around, waiting for the big bang. Get ready for the media propaganda. They are all winding up for the elections in November. The media is very biased, do not report accurately, and in fact distort the truth. I can personally testify to this fact.

- Russ Day



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY P.O.A. OF THE VILLAGES

Two wonderful activities to close out the old year. Twenty-five years for the Property Owners Association of The Villages (formerly the Orange Blossom Gardens Property Owners Association). Our President Joseph Gottfried turned over the Presidency to Tom Poss and Win Shook remained as Vice President. The food and fellowship among the attendees was a joy to behold.

Our January 2000 Meeting will be on Wednesday the 19th at 7 pm, at the Paradise Recreation Center. See you all there. Have a Happy New Year.

-S.A. Woollard-



BON APPETITE

BACON BUNS

These were served at the Dec. POA meeting and everyone said they were delicious.

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| 1 1/2 lbs bacon | 1/2 cup sugar |
| 1 or 2 med onions | 1 tsp salt |
| 2 cups milk | 1 pkg yeast |
| 1/2 lb butter or marg | 5 eggs |
| 6 cups flour, more if needed | |

Cut bacon and onion, fry all covered with water until all water is evaporated. Put aside to cool. Pour off all or some fat.

Heat milk and butter, add sugar and salt, 1/2 of this is needed to dissolve yeast in.

Beat eggs and add to milk, sugar mixture, add yeast mixture then add flour. Beat well, cover and let rise till double in size. Punch down and cover and let rise until again double in size.

Take dough and roll out, cut into desired shape. Fill with bacon and onion mixture. Let rise again. Place on a greased cookie sheet and bake at 375°F for 15-20 min. If gloss is wanted, brush with water and egg yolk.

Enjoy... Charlotte Poss

MILLENNIUM CELEBRATIONS

All across the country organizers of big Millennium New Year's Eve celebrations are extremely concerned. Reservations have not been coming in as they anticipated. Enormous crowds and sell-outs had been expected; after all this is supposed to be a "once in a life time celebration" and people would be willing to pay the extreme prices being charged. They are hoping that reservations will pick up at the last minute.

Perhaps the high prices discouraged many people. Perhaps many felt they just wanted to spend a quiet evening at home with friends and relatives.

The celebration here in the Villages Square was canceled several weeks before the date. It appears that they did not realize that public property can not be blocked off and charge admission to enter. That would be like paying admission to watch the ball come down in New York City's Times Square.

The Orange Blossoms Country Club canceled their affair a couple of weeks before the date also. They are offering their regular dinner menu and just suggesting that people make a reservation.

Maybe people just prefer a quiet and peaceful New Year's Eve and fervently hope that the rest of the year and the new millennium will be the same.

- Carol Kope

Patient: Please Doctor, you must help me, I think I'm losing my memory.
 Doctor: Is that so! For how long have you had this problem?
 Patient: What problem?

SCHEDULED CDD MEETINGS

All CDD Meetings are held in the room adjacent to Pete Wahl's office on the 2nd floor of the Citizens First Bank Building
 VCCDD - Villages Community Center
 Development District - last Friday of the month at 9:00 AM

CDD#1 - Meets on the last Friday of the month at 11:00 AM

CDD#2 - Meets on the first Friday of the month at 9:30 AM

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FAREWELL TO A CENTURY

What a wonderful way to say GOODBYE TO 1999. The festivities at the "Lights of Lake", when the Lights went on at The Log Cabin Park, in our Town of Lady Lake. Plus the appearance of "Elvis" and Daurice' Little Dancers, were a delight long to be remembered.

-Sadie-

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LOOKING FOR

(Last month I asked for a copy of "A Child's View of the Villages" and I thank the dozens of people who replied to my request. I think this can be a very helpful column and is a free service for POA members.)

Looking for a particular product - Habitant soup - it comes in a can about the size of Progresso soup. Very popular up North. Soups are delicious, especially their French Canadian pea soup (tastes homemade). Call Carol, 750-0394.

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When high school kids wear rags today, they call it self-expression.
 When we were young and dressed that way, we called it the Depression.



COMPUTER TIPS

COMPUTER CARE

You should keep your computer in shape with the following monthly maintenance routine:

- 1) Delete all files in HISTORY FOLDER
- 2) " " in TEMPORARY INTERNET
- 3) " " TEMPORARY
- 4) RESTART your computer
- 5) Run SCANDISK
- 6) Run DEFRAG

To reach the Folders:

- Right click on the START button
- Select EXPLORE (click)
- Scroll to HISTORY (for example)
- Click on the file icon. Contents will appear on right side of screen.
- Highlight the item to be deleted
- Click FILE, then DELETE

Repeat for other Folders

NEXT: CLICK START, ACCESSORIES, SYSTEM TOOLS, SCANDISK

Note that DEFRAG is on the same menu.
 Win Shook, VP

START THE NEW YEAR RIGHT

- Pay your Dues or become a member
- Keep abreast of what's happening and speak up if you have a problem - funny rumor - recipe - poem - etc., all ideas or thoughts are welcome.
- Support your P.O.A., attend meetings when you can.
- Tell your friends and neighbors about us.
- Attend VCCDD and District meetings keep informed on what's going on.

Nobody can sell our property to anyone we own it. They can only sell our Amenities, that are owned by the VCCDD.

-S.A. Woollard-

KUDOS TO FRIENDS & NEIGHBORS

I can not begin to tell you how much I appreciated the love and caring, my neighbors and friends have expressed to me during my surgery to implant a pacemaker.
 Thank you all and God Bless.

-Sadie-

P.O.A. MEETINGS

Board of Directors - 7:00 PM

1st Tuesday of the Month

Charlie Chaplin Rm - Paradise Center

(all POA members welcomed)

General Meeting - 7:00 PM

3rd Wednesday of the Month

Paradise Recreation Center

Refreshments Served

(ALL RESIDENTS WELCOMED)

Let's meet at my house Sunday before the game. Bring the kids.

- God

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