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Huge Negative Vote For Top Villages Officials

The recent Mock Vote conducted by the POA Bulletin over the last three issues shows the following results:

The Results - A total of 298 votes were received and tabulated. Results for the votes cast in each of the five categories are:

Pete Wahl, district administrator/ manager of the VCCDD and various CDDs in The Villages, received a 96% negative (not retain) vote;

Monica Andersen, an assistant district administrator reporting to Pete Wahl, received an 89% negative (not retain) vote;

John Rohan, an assistant district administrator reporting to Pete Wahl, received an 84% negative (not retain) vote;

The five VCCDD supervisors received a 92% negative (not retain) vote;

The five Sumter Landing CDD supervisors did not receive enough votes, either positive or negative, to provide a meaningful tabulation. This probably reflects the fact that the POA Bulletin does not circulate widely in that area south of Highway 466.

The total of 298 votes came mainly from the areas administered by the VCCDD east of Buena Vista Blvd.

The vote total is not necessarily statistically significant. However, it is large enough to be representative of the thinking of Villagers on these issues.

And, these results are not meant to be personal - but, rather, a commentary on the job performance of each individual.

Let's make a point immediately about Mr. Wahl and the large negative vote recorded for him. He is a very capable administrator and we are fortunate to have him. The districts are well run under his administration. The huge negative vote seems to be based more on bedside manner, temperament, and personal conduct rather than substance. However, these traits can be significant and disruptive in the overall workings of any organization or government

The POA Reaction - The POA reaction on seeing the tabulation was both surprise and disappointment.

Our surprise centered on the huge, lopsided negative vote for the top administrative officials in our community. Residents are very dissatisfied with these officials. Governments should govern with the consent and support of the people governed. But, it is clear that these administrative people do not have the support, respect, or confidence of the residents of The Villages.

Our disappointment was realizing that there is this embarrassing dissatisfaction with our government administrators. On the contrary, there should be pride in and respect for our government officials. These results are a terrible indictment of the way government works in The Villages. We are greatly disappointed - and, quite frankly, embarrassed that we would have this awful disconnect in our own back yard

The Solution - OK - we have a serious problem that affects all of us. How do we solve it?

Many have suggested that the solution was to just clean house and fire at least the top three people and all of the VCCDD supervisors.

Unfortunately, we can't do this because of the way Chapter 190 Florida Statutes works. This is the law that created CDDs and continues to regulate their activities. This allows the developer of The Villages to effectively appoint the supervisors of the VCCDD and the top administrators, including Wahl, Andersen, and Rohan. There is no way residents can exercise their will on these issues or vote to retain or not retain any of these officials.

So, until we either change Chapter 190 or incorporate into a municipality (or a similar government organization) and throw out all the CDD-entanglements, we are stuck with all these people problems.

Rather than let these problems fester, the POA would like to make several recommendations below that may be able to counter these negative personnel assessments.

First, the three key people and the five VCCDD supervisors (total of eight) should be required to attend an off-site three-day sensitivity training course. These courses are popular with business organizations as a way of sensitizing people to how they are perceived by others. The goal of these courses is to train people to be more sensitive in their everyday dealings with the people with whom they interact as they perform their duties.

Second, all of these eight administrators should be required, individually, to have at least one breakfast meeting a month with a random selection of eight or ten Villagers. The purpose of these monthly meetings would be to frankly discuss Villages issues and allow each of the eight administrators to get to know typical Villagers. The goal here would be better public relations, mutual understanding, and better personal rapport for our government officials with residents.

Third, all eight should be required, individually, at least once a month, to be the guest speaker at a Village club or organization to explain the workings of the VCCDD. The objective would be to encourage better rapport between these eight administrators and Villagers and a better understanding of VCCDD operations.

Fourth, there should be a section in the annual Villages survey devoted to tracking the progress of Villager attitudes about all eight officials. Favorable progress would have to be demonstrated quantitatively for each on a year-to-year basis, or termination of the individual would be indicated. If the Villages or the VCCDD cannot or will not add tracking questions like this to their survey, then the POA can handle this in its annual survey.

Fifth, the twice-weekly VCCDD school conducted by Mr. Pete Wahl is worthwhile and should be televised by VNN at least once a week. It would be immensely helpful to have this televised. This would help Villager understanding about CDDs. And, the school would get to a larger and perhaps untapped audience.

Sixth, the monthly meeting of the VCCDD should also be televised on The Villages Television channel (VNN). The meeting generally lasts only about 30

minutes once a month and this would not represent a burden for VNN. This would be an excellent communication tool for the VCCDD and provide Villagers with a better understanding of the operations of our government.

Seventh, the weekly "Pete's Place" column of Mr. Wahl in the Thursday Daily Sun Supplement should be focused on important governmental issues in The Villages. Mr. Wahl should not be allowed to publish trivial or non-related material as he has done in the recent past. No more of his nonsense about sun screens, and SPF ratings, or "that golden orb in the sky." Let him focus on relevant matters rather than frivolous blather.

In Summary - Villagers need better relationships with their government officials. Let's not ignore the problem or try to sweep it under the rug. Let's make a real effort to address this problem and solve it. Maybe we can make The Villages an even better place in which to live.

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Harold Schwartz: LRMC Comments

In an October 11, 1996, article in The Villages Sun, Mr. Harold Schwartz said:

"...you may rest assured that I'll live to see the day that The Villages will have the finest medical facilities that money and technology can provide. We must, for it is the most important ingredient in a happy and healthy lifestyle. We have earned it, we deserve it and we have a viable and growing medical market to support it..."

"I feel sorry for LRMC in a way. We have tried to do business with them ever since the day we arrived. But they have been so badly mismanaged over the years by the fickle ever-changing Board of Directors, that resulted in a revolving door policy for CEOs, having six in the past five years with one coming back twice. Obviously, you can't run a hospital or any other business that way.

"Over the years we have tried to relate to each new CEO (some didn't last six months), about who we were and what our growth rate is. We tried to tell them that they needed to take the ever increasing amount of money they were making in The Villages and reinvest it in medical facilities in The Villages, just as we do with amenities in The Villages. Further, that they needed to team up with a strong hospital group so that they would be prepared to handle The Villages when our Self Contained Retirement Hometown grew to 20,000 or 30,000 or 40,000 residents.

"But, it was to no avail. LRMC has always treated The Villages like a stepchild. They continue to take the money they made from The Villages and use it to improve and expand their hospital in Leesburg to the tune of \$23,000,000. Now, they woke up one morning and said 'oops! The Villages is now bigger than Leesburg and they deserve their own hospital. But we can't put one out

there and we must do everything we can to keep anyone else from putting one there, because we need all The Villages' hospital business to support the monster we built down here in Leesburg with the moneys we made out there in The Villages.

"That's the bottom line and it's the sad truth. LRMC has backed themselves into a situation whereby they must continue to treat The Villages like a stepchild, even though the stepchild is now bigger than the stepmother. They must have The Villages' hospital business. What's good for The Villages is now bad for LRMC. They can't afford to have your dream and my dream come true. They can't afford to have The Villages become a Self Contained Medical Market with their own hospital. They have refused to team up with a strong hospital group to accomplish it. That's why I feel sorry for LRMC.

"But we cannot halt our quest to bring The Villages the medical facilities and hospital we have earned and deserve, just because LRMC has erred. And we can't let LRMC stand in our way of accomplishing this."

Editor's Note:

Maybe Harold Schwartz had it right.

Maybe LRMC doesn't really want to expand the hospital in The Villages because it would capture Villages business that would otherwise go LRMC.

Maybe LRMC claimed it could not expand TVRH without the tax knowing that the tax idea was doomed from the start.

Maybe LRMC was counting on the election day negative vote to perpetuate its hold on Villages business going to LRMC.

Maybe LRMC really doesn't want to expand The Villages hospital.

Maybe LRMC just looks at Village residents as "cash cows."

Maybe LRMC cares more about itself than it cares about you.

Maybe Harold was right....

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Comments From The Mock Vote Tabulation

The Mock Vote tabulation mentioned on page one of this issue received 298 responses. Many people responding also wrote in unsolicited comments on the mock voting form. These comments are listed below:

- All these people are puppets of developer and should be replaced asap.
(Also,
people with special or private memberships should support the Orange Blossom restaurant.
- A Big "Not Retain" for Wahl; Monica doesn't even live in The Village.
- Also get rid of Gary Lester.
- Write-in vote for not retaining Gary Lester.
- Wahl: Not informed; Rohan: Stay in Rec.; Andersen: Lip service only.
- Don't retain Rick Murray: Home warranty and Mark Morse's hatchet man.
- Wahl: Definitely no.
- VCCDD should be retained if elected.
- Pete, John + Monica are doing a good job and what they were hired to do.
- Not retain Gary Lester.
- Big not retain to Wahl.
- Pete Wahl: No! No! No! Also, we should be able to vote on all supervisors.
- All 5 VCCDD administrators should be voted on by residents.
- The Villages is fast becoming "The most autocratic hometown in Florida" as evidenced by Mr. Rohan's statement that this is a private community and they, The Villages management, can do whatever they want. In other words, residents have no rights if they don't agree.
- Monica doesn't make you feel like you are in the Friendliest Town in Florida. I find Monica to be a very cold and uncaring person.
- Also, vote to not retain Gary Lester.
- It's time for a total change.
- John Rohan should resign as Director of Recreation.
- What a waste! Trying to run everyone else's life when you don't even have a life of your own. Get a life! You don't really have that much time left.
- You ask the wrong questions. The (people) below are bossed by the developer.
Any you get to replace them must have the same loyalty or risk losing their jobs. The people below (them) are all-right. Their loyalties need changing and new bosses.
- We don't need 2 assistant district administrators. Pete Wahl is overpaid + total Village organization person. Doesn't care about Village residents. Why do you think Lake county got rid of him? Monica Andersen is a very nasty individual, get rid of her immediately. Don't know anything about John Rohan.

First I have seen his name. (signed) Longtime Village resident.

- Let's get rid of the "puppets." Be careful -- there are "big brother" spies in the POA.
- Try for a whole new slate.
- Two bits says Pete and Rohan stuff the ballot box. Probably has his help doing them in the office.
- I think your organization and publication can serve a very useful function, but so long as you are so confrontational, arrogant and do not present well-thought out constructive views, much of what you publish will fall on "deaf ears", especially yours truly and fellow Villagers. Polo Ridge Villager
- Definitely not retain: Wall, Rohan and Andersen.
- Absolute Power corrupts. Power corrupts absolutely (very true here).
- Get rid of the Gestapo that runs VCCDD and Neighborhood Watch. Their way or the highway.
- Great editorial on the hospital.
- It would appear that all these people (Wahl, Andersen, Rohan) are doing the same job.
- Pete's a good man, but he must answer to a constituency and not to "the money man."

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POA Letter to Mr. Hugh Gibson

This is a letter sent to Representative Gibson just after the announcement that he would not attempt to revise the hospital tax legislation that was rejected by voters in November:

Dear Representative Gibson:

This is in reference to the hospital tax article on the front page of today's Daily Sun.

The POA supports your decision to discontinue efforts to reformulate the hospital tax bill. We agree that residents strongly oppose the tax. Additional attempts to push this through would only serve to delay the expansion and further aggravate residents on this issue.

There are several alternatives as follows for the "creative financing" that you mentioned:

1. Sell the hospital to any one of many hospital management companies that are better financed and managed and would relish the opportunity to own and expand TVRH. Please do not get hung-up on the self-serving aspects of LRMC ownership. These hospital management companies are true pros at managing hospitals. We would be much better off than with the provincial thinking of LRMC. Furthermore, we seriously question the capabilities and judgment of LRMC management as demonstrated on this issue over the past year.

2. Arrange a joint venture with any of the hospitals around here, including those in Ocala and/or Orlando. This could bring in the necessary financing. And, association with any of these hospitals could prove to be worthwhile for the professional and medical interaction benefits that would certainly follow.

3. Talk to the developer of The Villages about using its resources to arrange financing. After all, a picture of Mr. Harold Schwartz hangs in the lobby of the hospital. It was he who said: "I will build a hospital here." If Mr. Schwartz made the commitment, then his family should recognize the continuity requirements by using its resources to help us over this financing hurdle. The family helped considerably on the charter schools - why not the hospital? Remember, there are substantial advantages for the developer's sales efforts for helping the community on this issue.

4. LRMC should arrange its own financing no matter what problems they claim with their existing loan covenants. The problems LRMC cites always seemed to us to be a bogus argument anyway. Any covenant restrictions can be renegotiated. And, we refuse to believe that the future cash flow of TVRH cannot more than satisfy any loan requirements. Remember also that we are no longer required to pay the substantial burden of 20% off the top to the Morse Family Foundation -- this should improve the financing picture.

5. As a final suggestion, LRMC should do a better job of laying out the financing issues for us to consider. LRMC management never made the case that the tax was needed. They never provided 10 year financial statements showing the "With The Tax" and the "Without The Tax" alternatives. And they never embraced the "creative financing alternatives" that you just mentioned. As a Letter To The Editor in the December issue of the POA Bulletin said: "It is not the money for the hospital tax that has me so shaken; it is the attempted swindle." Villagers saw through the blizzard of "we-need-the-hospital-at-any-cost" emotional appeals. And, they recognized Mr. Wooten's poor judgment in trying to stick us with this public handout fiasco.

By the way, I have been contacted by at least one of the hospital management companies profiled in the December issue of the POA Bulletin. There is interest in acquiring TVRH. I would ask that you use your influence with the LRMC board and ask them to have an open mind on this question of selling TVRH. If the directors truly have the best interests of our community in mind, they should seriously consider this possibility.

One final point: the sunset provision that you mentioned would be meaningless

without a requirement that all TVRH surplus operating funds and/or excess cash flow be directed to debt reduction until the final payoff. During this time, any TVRH repatriation of funds to LRMC through dividends, royalties, loans, equity transfers, etc. should be prohibited. If you don't close this loophole, LRMC could draw out debt repayment for much longer than necessary.

Mr. Gibson, you have taken a courageous stand to scrap the hospital tax bill. We applaud you for this stand. Now, let's light a fire under LRMC management and get going with the financing and the expansion. We need that expansion asap.

Please let me know if either I or the POA can be of assistance to you on this issue.

Sincerely,
Joe Gorman
President
The POA

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Paradise Center Updated Rebuilding Timetable

Planning for the Paradise Center rebuilding program is proceeding. On a preliminary basis, this is the schedule just published by the VCCDD for the remainder of 2005:

March 15 - Bids advertised
April 15 - Bids due
April 28 - Contracts awarded
June 15 - Construction starts
Dec. 15 - Construction completed
Dec. 20 - Ribbon cutting ceremony

Please note that this schedule is preliminary and may change as the process unfolds.

The recreation staff will be contacting clubs and organizations meeting in the Paradise Center to arrange alternate meeting rooms during the construction period.

Let's all be happy this process is proceeding. Let's all be patient and understanding during the inevitable disruptions during this period. And, let's say "thanks in advance" to the staff and the VCCDD for making this happen.

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Re-Direct Lake and Marion Hospital Tax

One of the issues overlooked in the recent debate about the hospital tax needs to be addressed.

This is the fact that all residents in the Lake County portion of The Villages are compelled to contribute to the Lake County Hospital Taxing District. LRMC has identified this as amounting to \$540,000 annually that is now being paid by Villagers, but used for LRMC operations.

That money should be directed to The Villages Regional Hospital (TVRH).

The POA calls on Representative Gibson, our State representative in the Florida Legislature, to sponsor legislation to break out the portion of The Villages in Lake County from the Lake County Hospital Taxing district and allow those funds to go directly to TVRH.

Along similar lines, a portion of The Villages in Marion County is part of the Marion County Hospital Tax District. Although Marion County has the tax-enabling legislation on the books, it has not activated the tax. Any Marion County taxes collected in the future, if the tax is eventually activated, should also be directed to TVRH.

In the event that the TVRH expansion proceeds without the need for a hospital tax, Mr. Gibson should introduce legislation abolishing the tax in the Lake County and Marion County portions of The Villages. To not do this would subject residents of our community to unequal tax treatment.

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POA Letter Sent to LRMC Directors

Below is a the text of a letter sent to the six LRMC directors by the President of the POA in early January:

Enclosed is the latest copy of the POA Bulletin. Also enclosed is a copy of a letter I sent to Representative Gibson commenting on the "creative financing" that he proposes for the hospital expansion.

The lead stories in the Bulletin again deal with the Villages Regional Hospital. Please note that this issue was prepared before Representative Gibson

decided to drop the legislation to revise the hospital tax bill. The key point of the articles is that the expansion should move forward as soon as possible. If LRMC is unable or unwilling to fund the expansion on its own, then it should sell TVRH to a hospital management company that can.

The letter to Representative Gibson lists and explains several "creative financing" options that LRMC could pursue. I would urge you to read these comments and then seriously consider these suggestions. For you to not consider these alternatives now that the tax idea has been scuttled would be morally wrong and unethical.

Please contact me in confidence if you have any questions or comments.

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Cheers and Jeers

Cheers - To Pete Wahl, district administrator, for his Pete's Place column describing the problem with the recent increase of the minimum wage. This is a Villages-wide problem that will impact our assessments starting in the next budget cycle later this year. Thanks, Pete, for a worthwhile explanation. This is a really good use of the Pete's Place column.

Jeers - To the owners of many of the buildings in the La Plaza Grande strip mall for allowing deteriorating conditions in the buildings. Some need paint; some need a good washing; some need new awnings; some need better maintained landscaping. Shabby is not always chic.

Cheers - To Representative Gibson for canning the idea of revising the hospital tax legislation that was decisively defeated with a 74% negative vote in the November elections. Mr. Gibson correctly read the mind of residents. We hope that he can swing the "creative financing" that he mentioned as the alternative. Hopefully, he will now be part of the solution rather than part of the problem. We may have defeated the tax -- but, we really need the hospital expansion asap.

Jeers - To Katie Belle's for allowing too many non-residents to grab and hold multiple tables during entertainment times. Please make a better effort to monitor and control this situation -- it seems to be getting out of control.

Cheers - For the Villages developer for finally starting construction on the new Sumter County library. New commissioners Francis and Hoffman grabbed all the glory in the ground-breaking ceremony pictured in the Daily Sun. However, the real thanks has to go to Commissioner Roberts who wasn't even invited to the ceremony. He insisted that the developer follow through with its promise to build a library in Sumter County as pledged in the original development plan filed by the developer. Roberts insisted that the developer honor its promise to build a library after the developer tried to renege on that promise. So, Cheers to Commissioner Roberts also.

Cheers - To the town of Lady Lake for considering having a Christmas parade to replace the one so cruelly cancelled by Pete Wahl. We hope the town can find enough support and participants and make it happen.

Jeers - To the Daily Sun for another frivolous front-page article on Jan 27 that Florida might re-institute a sales tax on ostrich feed.

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If the Bulletin is not delivered to your driveway in the first week of the month, remember that you can pick up the Bulletin at the following locations:

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Publix Supermarket
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Spanish Springs Shopping Center

Albertsons Supermarket
Walgreens Drug Store

Mulberry Grove Shopping Center

Publix Supermarket
Walgreens Drug Store

Southern Trace Shopping Center

Ace Hardware
Dunkin Donuts (new)
CVS (formerly Eckerd) Drug Store
Publix Supermarket
76 Gas Station (new)

We do not yet have complete home distribution of the Bulletin west of Buena Vista Blvd, into Marion County, or south of Highway 466. Residents in these areas can get a copy at a distribution point listed above.

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Seniors vs. Crime Senior Sleuths

If you have a problem related to financial losses due to scams by dishonest vendors or salespeople, consider contacting the Senior Sleuths for help. Here is the contact information for The Villages:

Sumter and North Lake Counties

Sheriff's Annex -- Sumter County
8035 E. County Road 466
The Villages, FL 32162
352-753-2799, ext. 4253

Marion County

Sheriff's Annex
8230 SE 165th Street -- CR 42
The Villages, FL 32159
352-753-7775

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Pick Up Bulletins In Driveways of Vacant Houses

If you see that the POA Bulletin and either the Lady Lake Magazine or the Village Spectator, enclosed in a single plastic bag, are delivered but left on the driveway or the lawn of an unoccupied house, or where people are away for a few days, please be a good neighbor and remove these from the driveway or the lawn. Either dispose of these papers or hold them for your neighbor's return.

Papers left for several days in a driveway might signal an unoccupied house. Our delivery service tries to avoid tossing the papers on these driveways, but it is not always evident which houses are unoccupied.

So, please help us avoid these situations. Thanks in advance for your help on this.

Your CDD Meetings

The various CDDs in The Villages meet once a month for meetings as follows:

Last Friday of the month at the Sumter Landing Offices, 1894 Laurel Manor Drive:

- VCCDD at 9:00 a.m.
- CDD # 5 at 9:45 a.m.
- CDD # 6 at 10:15 a.m.

First Friday of the month at the VCCDD Offices, 3231 Wedgewood Lane:

- CDD # 2 at 9:45 a.m.
- CDD # 3 at 10:30 a.m.
- CDD # 1 at 11:15 a.m.
- CDD # 4 at noon

These meetings are worthwhile and show our local governments in action. Residents wanting to know what's going on or to give input into any of the governments' decision making processes should attend.

Also, the District Administrator, Mr. Pete Wahl, conducts a weekly CDD school at the district offices on Wedgewood Lane. Each school lasts about two hours and is held twice a week, on Monday and Thursday, at 10:00 a.m. Contact Pete Wahl's office at 753-4508 for details.

CDD school is informative and provides a good overview of how CDDs work and are organized. The POA recommends the program. However, the POA also recommends that, after going to this, you come to a POA meeting for the rest of the story. You will not get the whole story at Pete's CDD school.

The POA has a Special Discount Program for POA members sponsored by various Discount Partners in The Villages and the surrounding central Florida area.

All you have to do is identify yourself as a POA member and present your valid 2005 membership card before ordering the product or service.

Please also mention that you saw the listings of the Discount Partners in the POA Bulletin. And, be sure to thank the merchant for making this special offer available to POA members.

The listing below is in effect right now. Additions to this list will be made as new Discount Partners sign up.

Free-Time Errand Service - This is a personal service company that will pick-up and deliver, shop, run errands, etc. POA members get a 25% discount. Call Elizabeth at 352-286-3205 for details.

Pizza Hut at Spruce Creek - Show your POA membership card before ordering for a 20% discount on every guest check.

Vic's Embers - Complimentary after-dinner cocktail or dessert for each person in the party.

Great Day On The Water Boat Tours - \$5.00, \$7.00, or \$10.00 discount per person on various boat tours. Call the office toll-free at 1-866-269-6584 for details and reservations.

Grosvenor Resort Hotel - In Downtown Disney in Lake Buena Vista. Call toll free at 1-800-624-4109 for special POA rates (as low as \$69.00 plus tax) based on availability, day of the week, and time of year.

Adam's Mark Clearwater Beach Resort - Call 1-727-443-5714 for special POA rates (as low as \$89.00 plus tax) based on availability, day of the week, and time of year.

Enterprise Rent-A-Car - In Leesburg just off of Hwy 441 on Mount Vernon Road. Call 1-352-787-1128 for special rates for Villagers. A pick-up service is available.

Gourmet Go Go - A local delivery service for full dinner menus from ten local restaurants. POA members will receive a 50% discount off the regular delivery fee of \$4.99. Call 205-0829 for more details or the 30 page menu.

Herman's Ice Cream and Sandwich Shoppe - On Main Street by The Villages Square. Buy one single ice cream cone, get one single ice cream cone free.

Ollie's Frozen Custard - Next to Blockbuster in the Spanish Plaines Shopping Center. Either use the Ollie's Coupon in the POA Bulletin, or get a 10% off discount by showing your 2004/5 POA membership card.

Please also remember that the advertisers in the POA Bulletin are supporters of our organization. Any chance you have to patronize these advertisers will ultimately be a big help to us when the ads are up for renewal.

How to Contribute To Your POA

The more common ways you can contribute to your Property Owners' Association:

- Send in your annual membership dues as early in the year as possible,
- Make an additional cash donation at the time of your membership renewal,
- Make a direct payment to cover some of our operating expenses,
- Help pay for the Bulletin's monthly printing or distribution expenses,
- Make a gift of stock, insurance, or other asset,
- Make a gift of real estate or personal property,
- Make a bequest and/or remembrance to the POA in your will,
- Make a special gift memorial for a friend or loved one,
- Donate cake, cookies, and/or refreshments for members at our monthly meetings,
- Tell your neighbors and friends about the benefits of membership in the POA,
- Say a prayer in support of the POA -- this is always welcome.

Whatever method you use to support your POA, please know that it will help enhance the wonderful way of life we enjoy here in The Villages.

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We Need Your Help

The POA board needs help on the following tasks. Joe Gorman (259-0999) can provide more information on either of these positions. Both of these positions will be compensated:

- An experienced sales representative is needed to sell advertisements in The POA Bulletin on a part time basis. A generous commission will be paid. Previous experience selling newspaper or magazine ads is helpful, but not necessary.

- We need route delivery people to help with distribution of the Bulletin in Sumter and Marion counties. Routes taking between one-half to two days per month are available. A dependable car is needed. Compensation will be paid. Call either Joe Gorman or Pete Cacioppo at 259-9774 for details.

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POA Speakers For Club Meetings

If your group or organization is looking for a speaker at one of your meetings, consider having a POA speaker in for a 15 minute presentation on the POA, its mission and goals, and the Residents' Bill of Rights. This is a good opportunity to learn more about the POA and how it represents the interests of residents. Call Joe Gorman at 259-0999 to check the speaking and meeting schedule.

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April Fool's Day Revisited

(Don't Believe Any of This)

Martha Stewart has opted to transfer and serve her jail time at the Coleman Correction Facility just southwest of Wildwood. As part of the sentence, Ms. Stewart will concurrently serve her sentence for community service by working as an intern at Katie Belle's restaurant. In addition to washing dishes, Ms. Stewart will design a collection of "prison chic" fashion wear for ladies that will be sold at various ladies' clothing stores on the Square. Customers will be treated to a "fashion night" at the Coleman facility that will involve a wine-tasting party and an overnight stay. Patron members will be given a complimentary corsage.

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Limerick of the Month

"Let's move to The Villages, honey.
Every day there is bright and sunny."

It is too bad they did not appreciate
The developer's plans to expropriate
A really big chunk of their money.

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