

Minutes for December 21, 2010
PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION GENERAL MEETING

The meeting was called to order by President Joe Gorman at 7:02 p.m. Joe first reflected on the Troops serving overseas and offered a moment of silence in honor of the men and women in the U. S. Armed Forces. Role call for POA Board members then followed.

Board Members Present. Joe Gorman, Bill Garner, Myron Henry, Pat Layman, Ken Copp, and Frank Carr.

Substitute secretary Myron Henry read the minutes from the November 16, 2010 meeting of the POA. The minutes were approved as read.

A brief financial report was give by Vice President-elect Bill Garner. POA monthly expenditures for November exceeded monthly revenue by \$155. The POA ending balance was \$66,211.

BUSINESS

Induction of New Officers and Board Members. Frank Renner inducted new POA Officers and Board Members. Terms begin on January 1, 2011.

VCCDD. Joe invited Village Center Community Development District manager Janet Tutt to the podium. She began by wishing all a Happy Holiday Season. Ms. Tutt then introduced new VCCDD Director of Golf Maintenance Eric Van Gorder. Mr. Van Gorder spoke briefly of his own experience in golf course management and maintenance and of his previous six years of experience in working on the recreation trails in The Villages.

IRS Bond Investigation. Nothing new to report.

PALMS. The Developer received praise for his proposal to provide a facility (The Church on the Square) for renovation for a new Villages performing arts center but it was also acknowledged that what was proposed was in considerable variance with PALMS, the organization for the Performing Arts for Lake, Marion, and Sumter Counties. The search goes on for donated land and financial support for a performance arts center for the tri-county area that will truly meet the needs of The Villages and the counties.

50/50. As usual, there were three 50/50 winners. Two donated their winnings back to the POA.

Landscape maintenance and improvement. Master Gardener Ann Lambrecht, who authors the superb monthly gardening column in the *POA Bulletin*, was recognized.

The January 2011 *POA Bulletin*. Joe announced that the January issue of the *POA Bulletin* was now available. He discussed issues related to the current level of advertising and space in the *Bulletin* and acknowledged the notable roles that Richie Hausner (Advertising) and Jackie Awtry (*Bulletin* Layout) play in the success of the *Bulletin*.

Question and Answer period. Joe opened the floor for questions. There were a number of questions, and Joe was aided in responding by Janet Tutt, Rich Lambrecht and a few others. Questions from members included queries about the indoor pool (not much the POA can do on this matter), gates and road signs (why the gates are being lengthened and some road signs are in need a different font size), the width of the Morse Blvd. bridge near Lake Sumter Landing (not likely the bridge can be widened), the Sweet Bay post office hours (they are open only on Tuesday and Thursday because additional days would be too expensive), the Chula Vista golf course trail (possible improvements are still under consideration), and the condition of a lawn (it was recommended that this questioner consult a County Extension Agent).

Next Month. Joe announced the outline for the January 2011 POA membership meeting. It will feature discussion about the Moffitt Cancer Center led by Pete Wahl with a partial focus on the advantages and disadvantages of fundraising for equipment. Another Urgent Care Center will be featured, and Rescue Care will be discussed by Linda Knudsen.

NINE YEARS OF SERVICE AS PRESIDENT OF THE POA.

Joe began his reflections on his nine years as POA President by thanking POA members, officers, and Board members for their help and support on so many important POA initiatives and stances during the last nine years. He stated that because of the leadership of the POA (members, officers, and Board members), The Villages are a better place to live today. Joe stated that it has been an honor and a privilege to serve and represent fellow Villagers.

Joe then spent time reflecting on the many challenges and successes of the POA during his tenure as POA president. A list and discussion of the major challenges, successes, and issues still in need of attention are included in the *January 2011 Bulletin* (www.poa4us.org--current bulletin). Joe highlighted virtually all of these in his informative remarks.

Before Joe could direct the membership to enjoy Ollie's Frozen Treats and Cookies in the back, Vice President-elect Bill Garner nudged Joe away from the podium.

SPECIAL POA RECOGNITION FOR PRESIDENT JOE GORMAN.

What follows is a portion of the remarks delivered by Vice President-elect Bill Garner.

"First, I want to thank all of you for attending this very special POA meeting on a date that is so near to Christmas. I know others who would have attended have holiday commitments. One of these is Elaine Dreidame, current Vice President of the POA and our President-Elect. She is with family for the holidays in Ohio. Elaine sends her best wishes for the holidays to all of you and is here in spirit for the presentation that is to follow.

You have just heard our out-going President, Joe Gorman, describe some of the many accomplishments of the POA under his nine-year leadership. Joe has been an exemplary leader of the POA. The POA just would not have accomplish all that it has during these last nine years without Joe being at the helm. He often has stated that any success he has enjoyed is due in large measure to POA members such as those of you who are in attendance tonight. And Joe

is absolutely right in his assertion. But to achieve what the POA has these last nine years requires a leader to be the voice and image of an organization. Joe Gorman has been the voice and image of the POA on so many major issues, a number of which he has already described to you.

I won't repeat the extra ordinary achievements Joe has already discussed, but permit me mention a few more things that Joe has done that have been so important to the POA and the residents of The Villages. Joe has served as chief editor of the *POA Bulletin*. Through the *Bulletin* as well as in POA meetings, Joe has informed residents of "the rest of the story." Because of his determination, courage, and ability to present the other point of view, The Villages is a much better place today for all of us. Here are two examples Joe did not mention. He helped to restore the Christmas parade for residents of The Villages, and Joe helped to stop the implementation of a priority fee on using the recreation facilities.

At this time, I would like to invite to the podium another POA president and leader from an earlier time in the history of the POA. Colleague POA members, please help me welcome Eva Hawkins, past president of the POA during the very challenging 1989-1991 period when the POA was forced to file its first lawsuit against the Developer. Eva will also offer words about Joe's leadership of the POA, and then she will help us present a very appropriate plaque to President Joe Gorman."

EVA HAWKINS' REMARKS.

Joe, I am privileged too be included in this celebration of your many years of service and devotion to the Property Owners Association. It is understandably difficult for some people to appreciate the love you have for the POA. They cannot always identify with the challenges a president of the POA faces and sometimes even direct unwarranted criticism at a president. On occasion some might assert that a president "isn't tough" enough or is "too negative." Praise and criticism go with the job. I know because I too have worn the president's shoes. But your leadership has stood the test of time, nine year's worth. And we are all here tonight to show you our appreciation for the many hours, no, the many years you have devoted to all of us and to the POA, the PEOPLE'S ASSOCIATION. Enjoy your rest but don't be fooled by it. This "baby" of ours grabs you and you will be around in the future to lend a hand because you have helped to grow our group and it needs your continued involvement. Thank you for your leadership and all that you have done for members of the POA and resident's of The Villages."

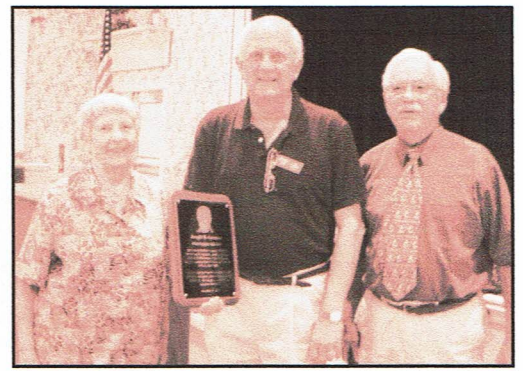
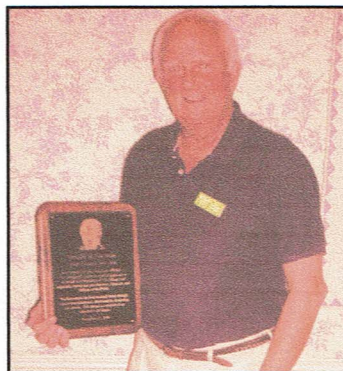
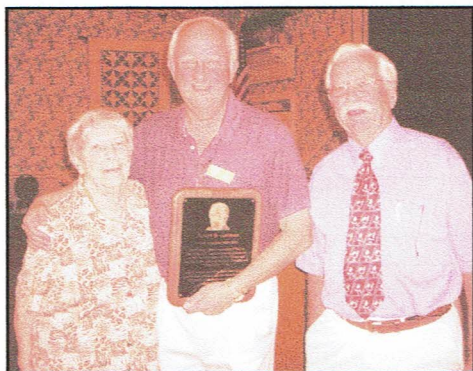
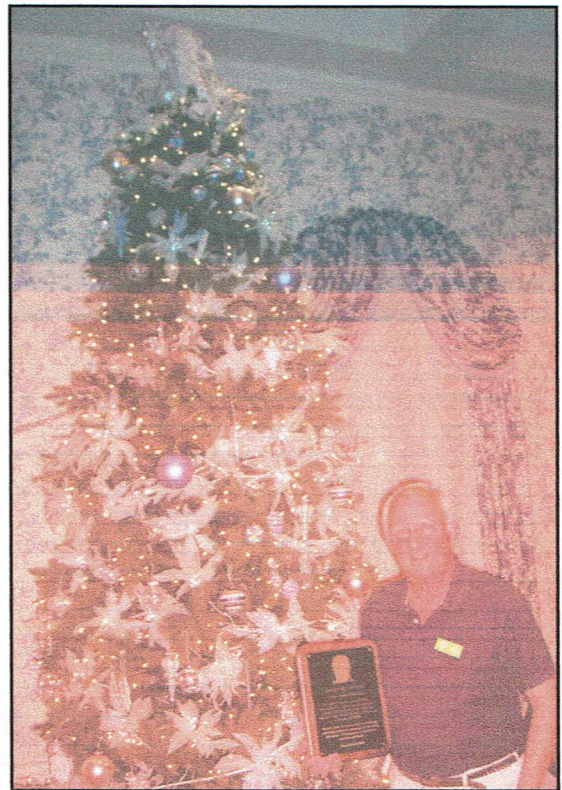
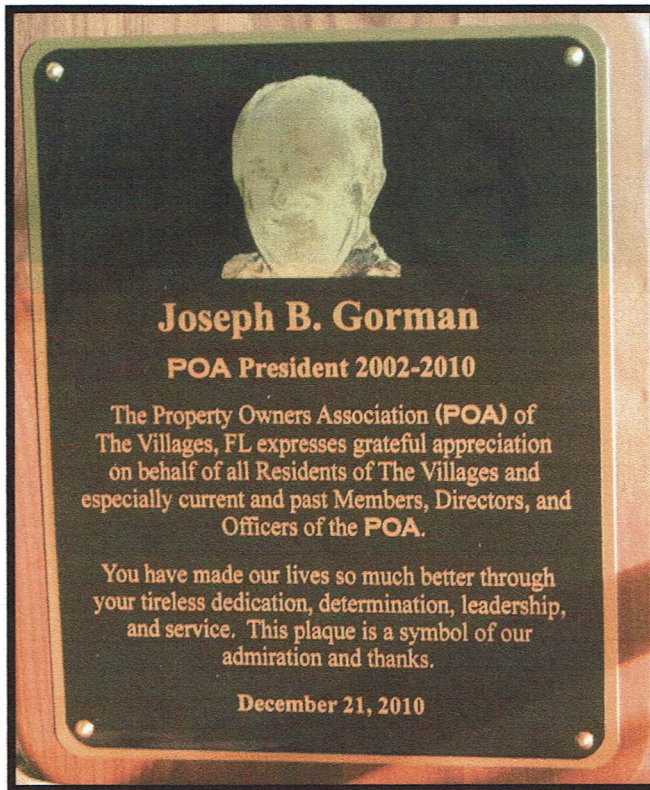
PLAQUE PRESENTATION.

Bill Garner returned to the podium. "Thank you Eva Hawkins. As a past POA president, please help me present a plaque of appreciation to Joe for his nine years of distinguished leadership. Joe, the plaque reads,

'The Property Owners Association (POA) of The Villages, FL expresses grateful appreciation on behalf of all residents of The Villages and especially current and past members, Directors, and Officers of the POA.

You have made our lives so much better through your tireless dedication, determination, leadership, and service. This plaque is a symbol of our admiration and thanks.’ ”

THE PLAQUE AND PICTURES.



OLLIE'S ICE CREAM AND COOKIES.

After a standing ovation, Joe graciously thanked all and asked POA members to join him for ice cream and cookies. He again wished all a Happy Holiday.