

**Property Owners Association of The Villages**  
**General Membership Meeting**  
**February 20, 2024**

**Called to order:** by Cliff Wiener, President, at 7:05 pm.

- Board members present: All, except: Mike Gross, excused.
- Members present: Approximately 110.
- Organizations present: Realty Executives, One Trust, Sun Kool and Seniors vs Crime.
- Membership meeting minutes from January 16<sup>th</sup> read by Reb Benson and unanimously approved.
- Treasurer Report (January) by Ash Marwah, Income: \$13,113; Expenses: \$22,621; Net Loss: \$9,508; and, Operating Funds: \$103,393.
- Membership Report: Ken Knodel mentioned that being a member, at \$15/year...which is \$1.25/month, helps ensure the POA bulletin gets to all residents. He added that new members get a 2024 bonus card with discounts at 21 business, and that existing members can purchase the card for \$5, which pays for itself after just two or three uses of the card.
- Raffle: Three winners of \$30 each were announced.

**Announcements:**

- Cliff introduced the various representatives in the room: Gary Kadow, Mark Hayes, Steve Lapp, Jerry Ferlisi and himself, District Supervisors; Dan Warren, North Sumter County Utility Dependent District supervisor; and, Reb Benson and Jim Vacarro, Amenity Authority Committee members.
- Cliff mentioned the membership meetings are live-streamed on Facebook and available to watch on the website at any time within 24 to 48 hours after the meeting.
- Cliff went over what the Vial for Life program by Sumter County Sheriff's Department is about, mentioning that Marion County has a similar program and those responders know about the Sumter program.
- Cliff mentioned the 2<sup>nd</sup> Multi-Modal Path (MMP) discussion took place on February 20<sup>th</sup>. The meeting had representatives from every District except the 9<sup>th</sup>. This group will meet three times a year to address issues across all MMPs within the Villages.
- Cliff said there will be a Town Hall meeting at Mulberry Recreation Center in March for District 4 residents.
- Shredding Event. Cliff mentioned the annual event will be on April 20<sup>th</sup> from 9am-12pm at the New Covenant United Methodist Church off CR-466, and is for members only that are current on their dues as of that date. You can email POA4YOU@GMAIL.COM requesting a ticket. He stated over 500 tickets have gone out so we might close out ticket distribution before the end of March.
- Member Meetings at Laurel Manor. Cliff mentioned Cheryl Chestnut from The Villages Regional Hospital in March, Edelman Financial in April, Len Hathaway on Lightning in June (with a raffled off Lightning System) and Candidate Night in July.
- Member Meetings at Everglades. Cliff mentioned Dr Danielle Rosier, audiologist for TruEAR, in April and Candidate Night in July.
- Cliff requested anyone is welcome to call or email the POA with suggestions for speakers. We want to provide topics and speakers that are relevant and of interest to members/residents.

**Questions:**

- What is the current bulletin circulation? **Ans:** Cliff said we are at 70,000 Bulletins delivered now and another 4,000 that get it electronically only.
- A resident described the time she called 911 and police arrived before the paramedics and did nothing to check her medication list via the Vial for Life program. **Ans:** Cliff said, ACTION: he will get with Captain Seimer on this issue.

**Speaker:** Dr. Norm Anderson, Robert Bossinert Oncology Institute (RBOI) provided a presentation on cancer treatment innovations.

- Dr. Anderson said treatment he performs regarding malignant melanoma - which is twice daily lower dosage therapeutic radiation versus typical once daily higher dosage - has not been done in the last 100 years; with decades of data now showing this methodology works best in some cases.
- He called this a “non-professional” lecture with a more detailed and longer “professional” lecture available at the RBOI website. He went over many different cases of melanoma he has treated – face, brain, shoulder, various organs, etc. - stating skin cancer usually spreads to the lungs but also to other organs. Some key points included:
  - There are over 325,000 melanoma skin cancer cases annually – 100,000 in the U.S. – with the rate having tripled for women. There were 57,000 deaths in 2023 and expect that worldwide number to grow to 96,000 by 2040.
  - A PET CT Scan is part of the process for determining the level of cancer and treatment. Doctors are looking at the sugar content...which is what cancer cells thrive on...in areas where it shouldn't be present. A unit value greater than 2 means you are probably dealing with cancer.
  - Since cancer cells thrive on sugar...a diet low in carbohydrates and high in fat can possibly help regarding some types cancer.
  - Immunotherapy helps but in many advanced cases the cancer will not completely go away or reappear and advance. The cost is \$53,000/month for the drugs (OPDIVO/Yervoy combination the most widely prescribed) and patients usually die within 3 years.
  - Low dosage radiation helps the patient avoid side effects (collateral damage) with 85% of patients having their immune system start attacking the cancer cells that the radiation treatment was not targeted at (abscopal effect). Principles of radiation (biology and physics) apply - don't mess with mother nature.
  - Twice daily low dosage radiation allows normal cells to heal while once a day high dosage results in T-Cell exhaustion.
  - Having treated 108 patients in 107 geographical areas...80% are still alive after 3 years (twice as many as immunotherapy) and their cancer is almost non-existent.
- Questions, some pertinent ones:
  - Is the radiation therapy just 2 to 3 minutes twice a day? **Ans:** Yes, and that this is done for about 5 to 6 weeks usually.
  - If you had melanoma removed, how do you know if it is metastatic? **Ans:** Do a PET CT Scan to determine this.
  - Daughter has Stage 1 breast cancer, is this treatment a good option? **Ans:** No, cure rate for this type and stage of cancer is very high, would go with once a day versus twice a day.
  - Does this therapy act as a vaccine? **Ans:** Yes, in essence it does, with five decades of research showing that affect.
  - Is a low carb/high fat diet recommended? **Ans:** No, for prostate or breast cancer; yes, for brain cancer.

There was a Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:35pm that was seconded and unanimously approved.  
Submitted by: Reb Benson, Secretary