



# O. B. G. Property Owners' Association

For all residents of the Villages of Lake / Sumter

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Bulletin - August 1996

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Consider the snowflake. Each one is unique, but look what they can do when they stick together! When I read this recently, it struck me the same could be said of people.

Those of us who lived in "snow country" remember the awesome beauty of snow. Accumulation of it made it possible to ski or snowmobile or for the children to make "angels" and snowcones. On the other hand, it also had the potential for snarling traffic, causing power outages, and closing schools.

What did we do? We enjoyed the beauty and pleasure snow brought while we faced the possible less pleasant aspects of it by advance preparation for them. Neighbors pooled resources for "riding out the storm".

This is the parallel I see. Like the snowflake, each person is unique and capable of accomplishments acting alone. But when like-minded people "stick together" to act collectively, their achievements can be awesome. The only thing they need to be effective is a cause or goal; and what goal could be more important than preserving their rights?

How often has the phrase "you can't fight city hall" been used to mean you can't challenge power? So - when power is misused and the powerful abuse their obligations, is it appropriate for you to merely allow it and suffer the consequences?

The answer is no! This is not the American way. Unity has won against tremendous odds before and will do so again.

The key is knowledge. Residents of The Villages need to learn what is going on in their community and how they may be affected by it. Recreation schedules can be arranged to allow time for reading the newspapers, attending important meetings, hearing both sides of issues, and listening to people who care and who are willing to go the distance for their beliefs.

So, shall you be a lone snowflake or gather with others to make a difference? I hope you will choose the latter. If you do, I must remind you to be patient. Justice may take time but it always prevails.

Dorothy Hokr  
President

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## SILVER HAIRD LEGISLATOR TO SPEAK ON AUGUST 21st.

Many of you will remember the pleasure we experienced when Florence Hunter visited us to bring us up to date on proposed legislature in behalf of seniors.

We are sorry to report Florence no longer is able to be active and she will be sorely missed. She delighted in reminding those in office - both national and state - of the

consequences to the economy of the state if all seniors were to move out of Florida.

We are fortunate, however, in that Kay Perkis has agreed to speak to us on August 21st. She has served in the Silver Haired Legislature for the past 12 years and as Senator for District 11 for 10 of those years.

Some of you may be unaware only persons 55 years of age or older qualify to serve. They meet in the legislative chambers for five days in October each year. They conduct their sessions by the same rules that apply to the Legislature.

Bills are introduced and assigned to committees. Of those that pass, 10 are selected as priority proposals for consideration by the Legislature where their success rate of enactment is 60 percent!

Before moving "north", Kay worked as a comptroller for 13 years in Miami and as an accountant for six years in Apopka. She presently works as night auditor for Super 8 in Leesburg.

Join us at our meeting and benefit from the experiences of this "young" lady of 85 years.

## PLEASE MARK THE FOLLOWING DATES ON YOUR CALENDAR

Aug 6 (1st Tuesday)	7:00 P.M.	-	P.O.A. Board of Directors Charlie Chaplin Room
Aug 8 (1st Thursday)	9:00 A.M.	-	P.O.A. Liaison Committee Lucille Ball Room
Aug 21 3rd (Wednesday)	7:00 P.M.	-	P.O.A. (Open meeting) Paradise Recreation Center

These meetings are open to all residents of The Villages

Meetings of the V.C.C.D.D. and V.C.C.D. #1 are by law, open to the public. A schedule of their meetings is available by calling .....753-4508.

Representatives of the P.O.A. Board of Directors attend these meetings with a view to keeping residents informed regarding action taken. As a monthly publication, it is not always possible to keep you up-to-date, we therefore encourage residents to attend these meetings where decisions are made which affect each community of the Development District in which they live.

## SORRY YOU MISSED IT!

Everyone who attended our June meeting enjoyed hearing the history of wine making in Florida and the cheese and wine tasting party which followed.

You also missed the unveiling of the new cover for the table where our officers sit during meetings.

This was a project we had hoped to complete in time for the celebration of our 20th anniversary last November. Still, we are so pleased with the result, we are including a photo for all to see.

Look inside for the photo of the table cover.

## KUDOS TO OUR WALKERS

This is number six in our effort to convey our deepest appreciation to volunteers so necessary to any community and without whom a non-profit organization surely would fail.

This month instead of our customary feature of individuals, we want to recognize the contributions of the many who made it possible to circulate our Bulletin throughout our community for the past eighteen years.

Since May 1978, when we began publishing our "little green book", it has been delivered to every home in Units 1-13 by volunteers affectionately referred to as "walkers".

Many of them undertook to make this delivery when there was only a smattering of homes; but delivery rapidly increased to include nearly 4,000 homes as the development on the east side of Highway 27/441 expanded.

Eventually, the development and our membership extended to the west side of the highway. Delivery of the Bulletin on the west side was limited to members until the change to the present means of printing enabled us to include every home once again.

The "little green book" has been put to rest but any benefits derived from it will be remembered as being possible only because of the dedication of those volunteers who delivered it.

We wish it were possible to personally thank each and every one of you. We hope our inability to do so in no way diminishes your sense of the gratitude we feel for a job well done.

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Nor did we have FM radio, TVs, VCRs, tape recorders, electric typewriters or word processors. Time-sharing meant togetherness -- not computers or condominiums. A chip was a piece of wood. Hardware meant hardware, and software wasn't a word.

Bunnies were small rabbits and rabbits were not VWs. Fast food was what we ate during Lent. Grass was mowed, coke was for drinking, and pot was something we cooked in.

We didn't have 40-hour weeks or minimum wages. We did have 5 and 10¢ stores where you could buy things for a nickel or a dime. And for a nickel, you could make a phone call, ride a streetcar, buy an ice cream cone or mail a letter and two postcards. Gas cost 11¢ a gallon but few could afford a car.

We were not before the difference between sexes was discovered but before sex-change operations. We made do with what we had. We were the last generation to think a husband was needed to have a baby.

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P.O.A. NEW TABLE COVER

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**REVERSE ANNUITY MORTGAGES**  
 Michael Milhom, a local attorney, spoke at the July P.O.A. meeting on the subject of reverse annuity mortgages.

So much interest was shown in the subject that an article on it will be featured in our September Bulletin.

**LSCC TO TELEVISION TOWN COMMISSION MEETINGS**

Channel 13 will feature Lake-Sumter Community College programming under recent changes of cable TV channels.

VNN will tape regular meetings of the Lady Lake Town Commission held on the first and third Mondays of each month. They will edit the tapes to fit into a one hour time slot for airing on the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month between 8:00 and 9:00 P.M.

Airings may also be repeated on Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

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**P.O.A. SPONSORS MEETING OF PRIMARY CANDIDATES**

The P.O.A. is sponsoring a meeting of Primary election candidates from both Lake and Sumter counties.

The meeting will be held in the St. Timothy Hall at 10:00 A.M. on **Saturday, August 24th.**

This will be an excellent opportunity for Villagers to meet the candidates who hope to win their vote on September 3rd.

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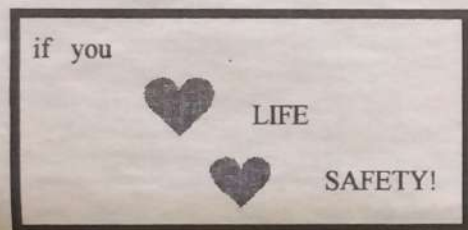
Please be reminded the Primary Election will be held on **Tuesday September 3rd.**

If a run-off election is required, we could be travelling to the polls again in October and then, of course, in November.

Some voters do not regard primary elections as important while others prefer to vote only in a general election rather than declare a party affiliation.

With more than one candidate for an office, voters need to support the one who best represents their views or endure the possible election of one who does not.

A candidate for an uncontested office is assured of his or her spot on the ballot in the November General Election.



### TO JOIN THE P.O.A.

Please complete the membership form and bring it with your payment of dues to our meeting. Or you may mail form and check to OBG POA, P.O. Box 1657, Lady Lake, FL 32158-1657. You may also use our drop box in the hallway at Paradise Recreation Center.

Please make checks payable to: OBG POA. Annual dues are \$6.00 per household. New residents may join during the first year of residence at pro-rated 50¢ per month.

PLEASE NOTE: Membership cards are issued to members who join at meetings. To join by mail or drop box, please enclose a self addressed, stamped envelope.

REMINDER: Membership cards are not needed for admittance at our meetings except at those at which a vote is to be taken. Notice of these meetings is printed in the Bulletin one month in advance.

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Photo by Jane Mills

She is well qualified for this position as she spent 15 years with Spaulding Sports Worldwide as a secretary and executive secretary before retiring as administrative assistant to the manager of the computer division.

Her previous employment included the Atomic Energy Commission, the Veterans' Administration, and General Instrument.

Carol and Michael, her husband of 48 years, were born and reared in New York. In 1993, they moved from West Springfield, MA to their retirement home at 608 Lisbon Lane in Village Rio Grande in Sumter County.

Carol is learning the game of Bridge. She enjoys window shopping, crocheting and reading. Her other community involvement includes helping to form the "Gals of Rio Grande" and she served as their treasurer for two years. She is active in the Oxford Fire Department Auxiliary where she first served as treasurer and then as secretary.

The Kopes have been involved in politics for many years, and Carol presently is Vice-president of the Women's Republican Club.

"Mike" spent 25 years in the insurance business and was an agency manager when he retired.

He is in charge of the 50-50 drawings at P.O.A. meetings. His hobbies include golf, tennis, and playing the organ and trumpet.

They have a son and daughter and two grandchildren who reside in Fort Lauderdale.

They became members of the P.O.A. because they found it to be the only organization which actually represents property owners in The Villages.

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