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PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

"We may all live under the same sky but we all see a different horizon."

The meaning of this quote was puzzling to me until I looked in Webster's New World Dictionary (Third College Edition).

"Ho-ri-zon 1: the line where the sky seems to meet the earth; 2: the limit of one's experience and interests."

We never reach the horizon of the sky and earth for it remains ever distant. We have the potential to reach our individual horizons if we take advantage of our experiences and opportunities. There is no "limit" to our possibilities if we expand our "interests" with knowledge.

Associations with those "who see a different horizon" is just such a learning experience. We may play golf with friends who attend a different church. We may play cards with others who belong to different state clubs.

If you decide to take up fishing, will you be content to merely drop in a line? Or will you want to learn about tides, weather and the seasons which affect the catch of fish for more enjoyment of the sport?

If you were considering membership in a service organization (i.e.: Lions or Kiwanis or Elks), would your only interest be in becoming a dues-paying member? Or, for example if you joined the Lions, would you want to learn about their special interest in helping the sightless, training of guide dogs, and how used eye-glasses help people in emerging countries?

With so many activities to choose from in our community, it is easy to expand our recreational horizons with new games and skills. But with each new game, there are rules to learn as well as

how to play.

According to often quoted statistics, however, few people receive information about local, county, state and national governments from newspapers or magazines (such as Time and Newsweek). They rely on information from TV news.

How do these people decide if what they hear is rumor or false information? Do they check out the basis for and the truth of what they've been told?

I am confident these statistics do not apply to our Villages residents and that, while they "live under the same sky," they are forming their individual horizons and expanding them with knowledge of all matters relevant to their retirement.

Dorothy Hokr

PROPERTY APPRAISERS FROM LAKE AND SUMTER COUNTIES WILL SPEAK AT MARCH 19TH P.O.A. MEETING

Ed Havill, Lake County Property Appraiser, and Ronnie Hawkins, Sumter County Property Appraiser, have been invited to speak at the P.O.A. meeting which is scheduled for 7:00 P.M., Wednesday, March 19th in the Paradise Center.

Both men have served the residents of their respective county in this capacity for 20 years.

After speaking about the function of the office of a Property Appraiser, they will accept questions from those in attendance.

We were familiar with the process of appealing property in our home states. Now we have an opportunity to learn about similarities or differences there may be in our adopted state or, perhaps, from country to country.

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QUOTE OF THE MONTH

Here is land, tranquil in its beauty, serving not as the source of water, but as the last receiver of it.



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P.O.A. MEETING DATES

Board meetings:	1st Tuesday
Charlie Chaplin Room	
March 4th	- 7:00 P.M.
April 1st	- 7:00 P.M.
General meeting	3rd Wednesday
Paradise Recreation Center	
March 19 th	- 7:00 P.M.
Membership sign-up	

Speakers:
Ed Havill,
Lake County Property Appraiser
Ronnie Hawkins,
Sumter county property Appraiser

50/50 Drawing

Social hour and refreshments following the meeting.

Note: P.O.A. meetings are open to all residents of THE VILLAGES

**CORRECTIONS TO THE
FEBRUARY BULLETIN**

**1) REMINDER OF THE BENEFITS OF
THE P.O.A. BLOOD BANK PROGRAM**

Unfortunately, we inadvertently implied only those residents and employees who donated to the program were entitled to received units of blood free of charge.

The article should have stated: Donations by residents and employees ---when credited to PLAN 961 --- are available free of charge to any resident or employee who is in need of units of blood.

**2) INFORMATION RE ISSUANCE OF
MEMBERSHIP CARDS**

A change of procedure has made it possible for us to rescind the requirement for enclosing a self-addressed, stamped envelope when joining or renewing or reinstating P.O.A. membership.

Our newest member of the Board of Directors, Joe Windisch, has volunteered to personally deliver them as we were able to do in the past.

**3) JOE WINDISH APPOINTED TO
P.O.A. BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Are our faces red! In the rush to meet our printing deadline, we failed to check the spelling - - which is WINDISCH. We hope you understand. Joe did.

**4) A REVERSE MORTGAGE -
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Karen McEachern, the licensed mortgage broker who spoke at our January meeting, maintains an office in Leesburg — not Tavares. It is known as PREFERRED MORTGAGE SOURCE.

Now you know we are human and err, we hope you will carry out your end by being forgiving!

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GRAY PIPE CLAIMS CHANGE

In our March 1993 Bulletin, we advised residents how to make claim for replacement of gray pipe.

The companies involved in the manufacture of gray pipe were DuPont Chemical, Shell Oil and Celanese Plastics. They were held liable for payment of claims for replacement whether or not residents had experienced leaks.

Please be advised the arrangement with the group or groups handling claims in the past has ended.

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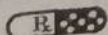


We did, however, lose the orange blossom symbol which appeared on the original signs, but it will live on in the hearts of those of us who remember our community's origin.



Now, if we could just get better street lighting!

While on the subject of street lighting, it is our understanding our street lights were installed by the developer, turned over to Florida Power for maintenance, and the cost of lighting is paid for by the Town of Lady Lake.



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HOW CAN THEY?

I receive phone call after phone call which start with "How can they?" I am listing the following as the subjects most frequented mentioned.

How can they...

1) Not honor the information and former practice of granting residents a \$200 social pool membership at the Orange Blossom Hills Golf and Country Club?

2) Install a new tee time system for golf and, after numerous complaints, still not have a work-able system?

3) Not inform residents about break-ins and robberies in the Villages in the Tri-County Sun?

4) Not publish obituaries of residents of the Villages in the Tri-County Sun?

5) After repeated reports, not remove vegetation which obstructs vision at intersections?

6) Ignore all complaints about the traffic congestion at mail pick-up areas?

7) How can a developer-owned catering kitchen be attached to the La Hacienda Center which belongs to the V.C.C.D.D.?

The answer is.... "The Golden Rule." Not the one about treating others as you would like to be treated, but "He who has the gold rules!"

Dorothy Hokr

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HANDICAP PARKING PERMITS

You might want to check the expiration date of your handicap parking permit. They are being checked in parking lots.

PROFILE OF NEWEST MEMBER OF THE P.O.A. BOARD OF DIRECTORS

As reported in our February issue, JOE WINDISCH was appointed to the Board to fill a vacancy.

Joe and his wife, Anne, reside in The Village of Silver Lake on Rainbow Boulevard but will be moving to 1016 Karney Drive on April 15th.



Photo by Jane Mills

Joe bought a lot in 1984, built in 1985 and moved from Baltimore, Maryland, to become a full-time resident in 1988.

He worked for Eastern Stainless Steel for 43 years. His parents were in the truck farming business.

Anne moved to The Villages in 1983 from Eden, N. C., where she taught school for 20 years.

Joe and Anne met at the Chapel of all Faiths and were wed 2 1/2 years ago.

From previous marriages, Joe has four children, 11 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren; and Anne has two children and three grandchildren.

They both enjoy golfing and traveling by air, on water or on land.

They are members of the United Methodist Church in Lady Lake.

They became P.O.A. members because they felt the need for representation of all the people of The Villages when they are confronting problems.

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PUBLISHER AND PRESIDENT MEET

P.O.A. President Dorothy Hokr met with Tom Laury, publisher of the Lady Lake Magazine, to discuss problems experienced in delivery of the paper to residents of The Villages.

He was informed of a rumor that the developer had been the actual buyer of the Magazine, and satisfactorily proved otherwise.

He outlined his plans for the paper's future, and has assured us everything possible is being done to ensure its delivery to every home in The Villages.

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Since I am over 65 (not saying how far over), Medicare was billed and my supplement carrier was billed for the amount not covered by Medicare.

So if you are 65 or older and on Medicare and have supplement insurance, you most likely are covered for emergency medical service. i.e.: ambulance

Check it out!

Dorothy Hokr

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A WALK DOWN MEMORY LANE WITH ORPHAN ANNIE

Do you remember turning on the radio to "Who's that little chatter box, the one with curly auburn locks?" To hear another episode in the life of Little Orphan Annie?

Born in 1924, she had achieved fame through the comic strips before her radio shows were aired. Both she and her pet dog, Sandy, were the creation of Harold Gray, a 1917 graduate of Purdue University.

Annie's story was a morality play dealing with the good and evil in the world. From 1931 to 1944, she lost and was reunited with Daddy Warbucks again and again, proving to her radio fans that piety and virtue bring happiness to just plain folks in everyday life - thanks to her Ovaltine sponsor.

She shared the airwaves with other heroes of young listeners, including "Cap...tain...Mid...night!", "Dick Tracy, Wheaties' Jack Armstrong and Ralston's Tom Mix.

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The premiums from radio's past, which include the de-coders, photographs of the stars, novelty jewelry and mugs now are highly valued by collectors.

"Leapin' Lizards," I am glad I saved my "little Orphan Annie" mug.

Taken from an article on "Historical Treasure" featured in the Terre Haute Tribute-Star. We hope you enjoyed it.

DATES OF NOTE IN MARCH

- 3 - Star Spangled Banner made U.S. National Anthem in 1931
- 4 - P.O.A. Board meeting
- 8 - Total eclipse of the sun
- 12 - Girl Scout of America founded in 1912
- 15 - IDES of March
- 17 - St. Patrick's Day
- 19 - P.O.A. meeting
- 20 - First Day of Spring
- 23 - Palm Sunday
- 28 - Good Friday
- 30 - Easter

EARLY DATES IN APRIL

- 1 - P.O.A. Board meeting
- 1 - April Fool's Day
- 6 - Daylight Savings begins

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We can't always be a shining example, but we can at least twinkle a little.

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LIFE



SAFETY!

BUMPER STICKER OF THE MONTH



**SORRY! I'M NOT
IN YOUR HURRY**

A NEARBY HISTORICAL SITE

Do you recall the pleasure you experienced from reading the Pulitzer Prize winning "The Yearling" and "Cross Creek"? Perhaps you also saw the films made of them.

But did you know the author's home where she wrote these classic Florida stories is only a few miles away and tours are scheduled?

Marjorie Rawlings treasured her home for its isolation. When she was writing, she would put in from eight to twelve hours a day. Sometimes producing only one line.

Her home was bequeathed to the University of Florida, and certain students were permitted to live in it at one time. This practice was discontinued when they painted the fireplace orange and blue!

Cross Creek is located south of Gainesville off Highway 441. A highway marker indicates the turnoff.

Call 352-466-3672 for the current tour schedules and fees.

The Lady Lake Library has the video of Cross Creek which you might want to see (again) before making the tour arrangements.

HYPOCHONDRIAC: A non-golfer who joins the Country Club because it's the only place he can find a doctor on Wednesday afternoon.

Forgive a wrong and you will surely confuse the person who did it.

The art of being wise is the art of knowing what to over-look.

We may not have it altogether, but together we have it all.

KEEPING YOUR CAR IN TUNE WITH THE ENVIRONMENT

Keeping your car properly maintained is good for your car - and the environment.

Here are some easy tips for environmentally friendly car maintenance:

Keep your engine tuned. A misfiring spark plug can reduce fuel efficiency by as much as 30 per cent.

Keep your tires properly inflated. This will save on gasoline and give your tires longer life, which will reduce the number of tires in landfills.

Properly dispose of old engine fluids, tires and batteries. Each year do-it-yourselfers dump 20 times as much oil into the environment as was spilled in Alaska by the Exxon Valdez.

Keep your car's air conditioner working properly. Have it serviced by a certified technician to reduce the risk of ozone-depleting chemicals into the environment.

From the Florida News & Notes, Public Affairs Department.

GLENN SWINDLER HONORED

A donation has been made to the Memorial Organ Fund of the Chapel of All Faiths in Glenn Swindler's name in recognition of his long-time contribution to carrying out the goals of the P.O.A.

Glenn's dedication to helping others solve problems has not been limited to the P.O.A.

He is a credit to his community.

STILL ARTICLES WANTED

We are disappointed Villagers have yet to respond to an invitation to submit articles for our monthly bulletin!

We know you have a story you would like to share. It can be about any subject dear to your heart -- a favorite pet, family member, neighbor, good friend or travel.

If you include a picture with your article, it will be published and returned to you.

Items may be submitted to any officer or board member. They may be mailed to our P.O. box or brought to any meeting.

The issue in which your item will appear depends on when it was received.

Q: Father, is it a sin in the eyes of the Lord to play golf on Sunday?

A: The way you play my son it's a sin any day!

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.

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It has been the custom of robins to visit here in February during their migration back North, and they are a most welcome sight - a true harbinger of Spring.

They usually are preceded by the cedar waxwings which swoop in and out while the robins stay around for several days.

If you have noticed the absence of berries from your trees and shrubs, now you know they provided the food our friends needed for the next leg of their journey.

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At one time, superstition had it that eating tomatoes made people fall in love, which is how the name "love apple" came about.

Technically, a tomato is a fruit. But because it was being consumed as a vegetable, the Supreme Court legally changed the tomato's classification to a vegetable more than 100 years ago.

The largest tomato on record - weighing in at 7 pounds 12 ounces- was grown in Edmond, Oklahoma in 1986

The U.S. produces more tomatoes than any other country. In fact, California alone grows more tomatoes than any country.

The world is divided into people who do things and people who get the credit. Try, if you can, to belong to the first group. There's far less competition.

ALTERNATIVE THERAPIES: Challenging the Mainstream

Nelson Kraucak, M.D., of the Life Family practice Center in Lady Lake, has submitted an article relating information about acupuncture as an alternative therapy.

(Note: Due to the length of the article, it has been divided into a series of articles which will be featured monthly until it has been presented in its entirety.)

Glossy views of Chinese patients stretched out on operating tables, their bodies bristling, porcupine-like, with needles, used to be the fare of National Geographic or colorful travel brochures.

Acupuncture -- the Oriental practice of piercing the flesh with steel needles to relieve illness -- was long as exotic to Westerners as snake soup or I ching.

The mere mention of it to a Western physician would invite a stern lecture on the perils of quackery. No more. Today thousands of Americans and Europeans gladly submit to this ancient practice -- often with the help or approval of their doctors.

In addition to thousands of lay practitioners, an estimated 3,000 American physicians have begun to incorporate acupuncture into their practices. Hundreds more are taking courses in its use. In Europe the trend is overwhelming: 62,000 medical doctors number among the 88,000 practicing acupuncturists.

The mainstreaming of acupuncture is only the most dramatic example of how a wide range of techniques (known collectively as alternative medicine) is winning popularity with patients and acceptance (or at least increased tolerance) among physicians.

As modern medicine moves on to new frontiers, it is uneasily accompanied by a camp following of nonconventional, unorthodox medical practices. Some of them have been known for hundreds, even thousands, of years. Others, like biofeedback, are modern techniques that have found useful niches along-side orthodox medicine.

(Additional information on this interesting subject can be found in future issues.)

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SOME FOOD FOR THOUGHT

The popularity of and belief in a person or an organization is a winning combination. No one will deny that.

Supposing that person or organization took action which was disapproved by some. Would you continue your support or withdraw it?

The P.O.A. faced such a dilemma a few years ago when trying to restore illegally reduced services.

Consider that other means had been tried and failed and that, by taking an unpopular step, a great many people could derive considerable benefit as the end result. Would you have "hung tight" in your support despite the disapproval of some or whether or not you were one of the persons whose services had been reduced?

Abraham Lincoln could just as easily have said "No one can please some of the people all of the time; no one can please all the people some of the time; and no one can please all of the people all of the time." For its true.

Its also is true that support often is generated because a crisis appears eminent; but what person or organization can prevail without continuing support in order to be available when needed?

The P.O.A. has accomplished what no one or other organization has even tried to do and that is to stand up for the rights of residents!

If there were no P.O.A., where would you look for help when you needed it?

If new residents of The Villages had known our development began as Orange Blossom Gardens in the late '60s, they would have known the origin of the name of the first and only organization to protect the rights of the residents for 17 of its 22 years of existence. I.e.: The Orange Blossom Gardens Property Owners' Association (O.B.G. P.O.A.).

The Development, meanwhile, had not only expanded but the name had been changed, making it difficult for new residents to associate our name with an organization located within The Villages.

Unfortunately, for a time, we were bound by statute to limit our representation to owners of manufactured homes. All we could offer during that brief period of time was to help owners of site-built homes in forming their own organization.

When the only other organization formed was one which had the blessings of management, we extended our "umbrella" to include all residents. On July 20, 1994, our members overwhelmingly approved the necessary changes to our corporate charter and bylaws to include site-built homes.

More recently, we have taken legal steps to become "THE PROPERTY OWNER'S ASSOCIATION OF THE VILLAGES" which we hope will eliminate any confusion about the scope of the P.O.A.'s concerns for the residents' rights.

The first opportunity newcomers have to join either organization is the welcoming hosted by the Villages Homeowners Association. Membership in the V.H.A. does not preclude membership in the P.O.A. nor vice versa. In fact we welcome your comparison.

We have prepared a history of the P.O.A. which sets forth our purposes and accomplishments on behalf of residents since 1975. Any new resident who has not received a copy may obtain one by contacting President Dorothy Hokr and one will be provided.

DID YOU KNOW?

We have a bald eagle which takes up residence during the winter months.

Yessireebob, we do! He or she perches at the top of a tree on Nell Way and has for a number of years.

There's been no sign of a mate or a nest, but we do know the attraction to the site - - the fish in the lake between Nell Way and the Hill Top executive golf course.

The proof of the pudding, as they say, is the picture which was taken by Jane Mills.



TO JOIN THE P.O.A.

All that is required is completion of the membership form and, payment of dues.

Dues may be remitted by any of the following means:

- at meetings (and membership card issued)
- in our drop box in Paradise Recreation Center
- by mailing your check to:

P.O.A.
P.O.Box 1657
Lady Lake, FL 32158-1657

If received by mail or drop box, your membership card will be delivered to you as soon as possible.

Please make your check payable to the P.O.A.

P.O.A. Membership FORM (please print)

NAME(S) _____

ADDRESS _____

VILLAGE/ VILLA _____

COUNTY _____ UNIT _____ PHONE _____

NEW _____ RENEWAL _____ REINSTATE _____ DATE _____

DUES: \$6.00 / YEAR FIRST YEAR RESIDENTS \$.50 / MO.

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