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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The phrase "UNITED WE STAND, DIVIDED WE FALL" comes from our revolutionary period and is the point I want to make for it applies today as much as it did then. We must put aside our differences and pull together in the best interests of our community.

99% of Americans united during World War II and made a difference which contributed to our victory over aggressors.

Many of us lived during that time and can recall rationing which we mostly cheerfully accepted because it was essential. We endured the poignancy of parting and the loneliness of waiting for loved ones to return. All of us contributed in one way or another and made a difference.

In our present day life, this philosophy keeps us going when incidents occur that tend to separate us.

No matter if you live on the east or west side of the highway or how long you have lived here, you have seen or are seeing the rapid growth of The Villages and we know it will continue. Rapid growth brings many benefits but it also creates many changes.

Think of the changes our residents of 20, 10 or even 5 years have seen. Changes in the sizes and styles of homes offered, locations, services and management. It is mind boggling!

One of the most recent - and significant - changes we have seen is the earlier age of our retirees and a difference in lifestyle and attitude. Our commonality is our choice of The Villages for our retirement and the connection we make as we participate together in the many available activities.

Whether we live in a Village or a Villa or in Lake or Sumter County, we are all a part of this great community. With respectful, peaceful co-existence, we can be united in the best interests of all residents and truly make these the best years of our lives.

Dorothy Hokr

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'GUARDIANSHIPS THE SUBJECT OF APRIL 16th P.O.A. MEETING

Edward J. Kennedy, a Leesburg attorney, will explain Florida's guardianship laws on Wednesday, April 16th at the Paradise Center.

Mr. Kennedy obtained his B.A. at Michigan State University and his Juris Doctorate at Detroit College of Law.

He has practiced law in Florida since 1968, and is currently a Florida Bar designate to the Estate Planning Section.

He has owned and operated the largest Legal Clinic along the Treasure Coast with five offices located from Stuart to Rockledge, Florida. This firm specialized in routine legal services at substantially reduced fees.

You may have no need at the present time to know what is required to act as the guardian of a friend or family member, but it could be helpful to have that knowledge beforehand. Remember laws differ from state to state. Here is an opportunity to learn about Florida's laws which govern guardianship.

QUOTE OF THE MONTH



"Kindness is the golden chain by which society is bound together."

- Goethe

NOTICE OF P.O.A. MEETINGS

Board of Directors 1st Tuesday

April 1st - 7:00PM
 May 6th - 7:00PM
 Charlie Chaplin Room

General Meeting 3rd Wednesday

April 16th - 7:00 PM
 Paradise Recreation Center

Membership signups prior to meeting

Speaker: Edward J. Kennedy, Attorney

Subject: Guardianships

50 - 50 Drawing

BELGIAN WAFFLES will be served during the refreshment period following the meeting

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

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

Residents are encouraged to attend these meetings where decisions are made which affect each district.

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Members interested in assisting on any of the above committees can contact the chairperson listed here.

A supplement to the Lady Lake Magazine

WE DON'T BOAST - WE DO

Usually, I am a very cooperative and courteous person and slow to anger. Lately, however, I find I can only take so many outrageous statements and actions against the P.O.A.;

We have stated many times our goal is to be a problem solving organization. It was the primary purpose of our founding. Surely the countless hours and efforts we have devoted to achieving this goal over the past 21 years prove we are worthy of acceptance in our community.

Perhaps we should have followed the example of others and have "blown our own horn" all those years.

Instead, our reward has come from the fact people know they can call on any P.O.A. officer or board member and that they can count on us to help them with their problems. **And we have done so without regard for whether or not they are members!**

Some people ask what the P.O.A. is doing, and I can't help wondering if they read our monthly Bulletin.

We are proud of our record for solving problems dealing with, to name but a few: gray pipe - street conditions - street lights - restoring reduced services - water and sewer tap-in fees - obtaining refunds for unsatisfactory products - thwarting efforts to modify deed restrictions - and referrals to appropriate professional help.

Our assistance has not been limited to solving problems. We have created a Blood Bank Program and a Vial of Life Program for the benefit of residents.

(Anyone who is interested in more details about the P.O.A. may obtain a copy of our history - 1996 revised edition - by calling me at 750-5469.)

As I have written repeatedly, we solve problems and help people because that is our primary goal - - not because we want credit for doing so.

It would make me extremely happy to know you are truly aware that you only need call on the P.O.A. for us to do all in our power to help you solve your problem - - not to get any credit.

Dorothy Hokr

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Last month we stated replacement of gray pipe would be made whether or not residents had experienced leaks.

Thanks to our readers, we have learned we had been given incorrect information which we regret having passed on to you.

In checking into the matter, we discovered there have been some changes made and other changes are being considered.

We hope to receive this new information in time to include in next month's Bulletin.

YOU'RE A DUFFER WHEN: Your best lie all day is the one you tell at the club bar.

ABOUT THE GOLF CART PATH.

L.R.M.C. and doctors located north of The Villages in Sumter County are interested in having golf cart path access to their facilities from a vacant lot on Paradise Drive to which L.R.M.C. has access from the Villages developers.

Paradise Drive residents met with David Klein, Chief Operating Officer for L.R.M.C., to discuss how this access would serve the community and how Paradise Drive would be impacted.

The meeting resulted in a more positive attitude on the part of many residents. Concern was expressed on aspects of safety and an increase in traffic.

Mr. Klein expressed appreciation for the willingness of the residents to meet and discuss the proposal.

No decision was reached, and there are several procedures necessary before this project becomes a reality. Another meeting with residents is being discussed.

V.H.A. President Frank Topping, P.O.A. President Dorothy Hokr, and Lake Lake Commissioner Lee Hokr have been working together on this matter for several months. The residents of Paradise Drive are served by this cooperative effort.

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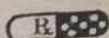
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THE SIGNS OF SPRING

'Tis a wonderous time of year. We hope you find time in your busy schedule to witness the wonders of nature. Here are some of the things you could be missing.

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CAMELIA BLOSSOM



DATES OF NOTE IN APRIL

- 3 - Ponce de Leon landed in Florida in 1513
- 4 - NATO established - 1949
- 6 - Daylight Savings begins
- Peary discovered North Pole - 1906
- 13 - Thomas Jefferson born - 1743
- 15 - Titanic sank - 1912
- Federal Income Tax due
- 16 - P.O.A. GENERAL MEETING
- Wilbur Wright born - 1876
- 18 - Paul Revere's ride - 1775
- 22 - Earth Day
- First day of Passover
- 24 - Library of Congress established in 1800
- 25 - Arbor Day
- 26 - Sothern Memorial Day
- 28 - Maryland became 7th state - 1788

EARLY DATES IN MAY

- 1 - National Day of Prayer
- Loyalty Day
- 6 - P.O.A. Board meeting
- 8 - V-E Day - 1945

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REPORTS FROM OUR LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL AGENCIES

REPORT FROM THE LADY LAKE COMMISSIONERS

"Let's play ball" was the yell from the Lady Lake Little League field March 8th. This was opening day for the season and what a bustling of activity. No matter which direction you looked, kids of all ages in their bright colorful uniforms dragging bats and tossing balls.

The T-ball age is the group to watch as they peer out from their hats. Hopefully their heads will grow into the hats by season's end. The American flag comes center stage and the hats come off, the anthem is sung and the cheers go up. Each team and its sponsor is introduced; family members wave, cheer and have the perfect photo moment. It really is a great day.

If you missed opening day this year, try to make a note to attend next year -- it's worth the effort. You are always welcome at the games during the week at the field behind Town Hall. Get out and give the kids and their parents your support.

It's a joy to see so many parents involved with their kids in activities which will keep them busy and away from undesirable forces. As a community, we need to work together and enforce all these positive efforts.

Many people are asking or at least wondering about the **Town Hall**. Never fear, it is moving forward no matter that it is at a snail's pace! The Commission and the Town Manager are doing all we can to get this project on line; however, we want to ensure that it is done correctly.

We had some changes and corrections to the plans which set the project back a tad, but it is moving forward again. We had a special meeting on Monday, March 10th which I feel was fruitful and should wrap things up fairly quickly now.

A final presentation will be made April 7th by the architects. If you have any questions or want to see the final presentation, you are cordially invited to this meeting at Town Hall at 7:30 P.M. We are anticipating a ground breaking ceremony within the next 30-45 days.

The **road work** on Old Dixie and the connector road for the new Town Hall are moving right along. The bids for Old Dixie have been awarded and work start date is set for April. The paving of this road will be an asset to all of Lady Lake, but especially to all the businesses who have endured that mess for all these years (at least 12 years). We are hoping to make this into a nice little downtown section with quaint shops.

Our Town Manager, Mary Scott, has been busy interviewing and hiring **new personnel** to fill department head slots. Our new Community Development Director, Ken Thomas, is becoming more familiar with the town. He has some great ideas and is working on some new projects. We look forward to his implementation of these activities. We also hired a new Finance Director and look forward to his arrival.

Johanna Perrigo, Mayor

STREET NAMING CONTEST

Become a part of Lady Lake history and enter a contest to name two streets for delicious prizes!

Town Commissioner Lee Hokr is conducting a contest to name two streets as follows:

- 1) That part of Highway 25 within Lady Lake which will be given another name.
- 2) The access road to the new Post Office, Town Hall/Police Complex which runs from Highway 25 to Highway 441-27 will become a new street.

Two winners. Two prizes -- contributed by Vic Donahay. Each winner will receive Sunday brunch for six (6) at Vic's Embers.

Mail your entries to Lady Lake Town Hall, 225 Guava Street, Lady Lake, 32159 to the attention of Lee Hokr.

Entries must be received by April 30th. Judges decisions are final. In case of ties, winners will be decided by a drawing.

Don't delay. Enter today and as often as you wish.



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COMMENTS FROM LAKE COUNTY COMMISSIONER WELDON CADWELL

Thank you for inviting me to contribute to your monthly newsletter. It often seems we only hear about the negative things going on in Lake County; and I appreciate this opportunity to bring forward some of the programs you rarely hear about, but which exert a positive influence on the quality of life for many Lake County residents.

This month, I would like to talk about some very special people - - our volunteers. The residents of the Villages are well known for their volunteer spirit. We see you helping out in hospitals, the libraries, and picking up litter from the roadways.


But, did you know that the County has its own Volunteer Program? The Lake County Volunteer Program currently has 82 volunteers active throughout the County in such areas as Purchasing, Animal Control, Records Management, Veterans' services, emergency services, the Law Library, and Reprographics.

The Welcome Center alone uses 34 volunteers, and could not be open seven days a week without their help. A cadre of 28 specially trained volunteers conduct the Court Mediation Program, resolving minor civil disagreements before they become full-blown, costly court cases.

The Information desk in the administration building is entirely manned by volunteers. According to the most recent quarterly report from Mr. Haig Medzarentz, coordinator of the program, volunteers provided 2,280.75 hours of service to the community in October, November and December of 1996, and that translates into several thousand dollars.

We are proud of our volunteers and the contributions they make to the community and honor them at a reception every spring. If you have an interest in being part of this program, please give Haig Medzarentz a call at 343-9711. He'll be glad to hear from you.

Note: Monthly articles from the Sumter County Commissioners are scheduled to begin with the May issue.



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URGENT MESSAGE FOR P.O.A. MEMBERS

Six years ago the Property Owners' Association took legal action to protect the contractual rights of a large group of residents and property owners in Units 1 through 13 on the east side of the highway.

An out-of-court settlement was reached on February 4, 1991 whereby the property owners and residents in these units were allowed free trail fees, free storage facilities for trailers and recreational vehicles, and free garbage and cable television in accordance with prior agreements and based on property closing dates.

It was agreed at that time, that the POA would not promote or advocate future litigation unless a majority of the members consented.

To comply with this settlement agreement, we are hereby requesting that each member do the following: 1) check "yes" or "no" below, (2) sign this document, and (3) return it to an officer of the POA as soon as possible after receipt. (You may return the form by: (a) calling one of the POA officers to arrange for pick up, (b) placing it in the POA drop box in Paradise Center or (c) mailing it to P.O.A. Box 1657, Lady Lake 32158-1657.)

PLEASE VOTE. IT'S IMPORTANT. A "yes" vote permits the POA to be involved in litigation to protect the rights of hand owners and residents. A "no" vote means the POA should not engage in such litigation.

YES _____ or NO _____
 Printed name _____ Signature _____
 Address _____ Date signed _____

**16 BOOKS OF THE BIBLE FOUND
BY PERSISTENT RESIDENT OF
THE VILLAGE OF DEL MAR**

A number of residents reported finding 14 of the 16 books of the Bible reputed to be in the article in our December issue. Some had even resorted to use of their computers for a solution with the same result.

MARY PAINTER, whose hobby is solving puzzles, was one of them. She never gave up the search and, thanks to her, we learned two very pertinent sentences were missing from the copy we had used to print the puzzle.

Please accept our apology for inadvertently providing incomplete copy, making it impossible to find all 16 books.

The corrected text is shown below. We have capitalized only the 14 answers already found. You should have no problem finding the other two.

"I once made a reMARK about the hidden books of the Bible. It was a luLU, KEpt people LOOKING So hard for FACTS but for others it was a REVELATION. Some were in a JAM ESpecially since the names of the books are not capitalized; but the tRUTH finally struck home to NUMBERS of readers. To others, it was a real JOB. We want it to be a A MOST fascinating few moments for you.

"YES, THERE will be some really easy ones to spot.

"Others may require JUDGES to help them. I will quickly admiT IT USually takes a minister to find one of them, and there will be loud LAMENTATIONS when it is found.

"A little lady says she brews a cup of tea so she can concentrate better. See how well you can compete. Relax now for there really are 16 names of books of the Bible in this story. See how well you can do at finding them."

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**LAKE COUNTY PHYSICIANS VOLUNTEER TO PROVIDE
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By: Mark Sheppard, P.O.A, member and counselor for the Lake County Medical Society's WE CARE Program

Many of us who receive medical care from local physicians may not be aware that a number of our Lake County physicians volunteer to provide FREE MEDICAL SERVICES to needy low income persons through a program called WE CARE OF LAKE COUNTY.

The We Care program is sponsored by the Lake County Medical Society with its staff funded from county funds and private donations. Although there is no similar program in Sumter County, Marion County also has a We Care program.

Low income, uninsured persons seeking medical help from We Care doctors usually need to be medically screened by a primary care physician to determine that the medical ailment is severe enough to warrant referral to the services of a specialist.

Persons referred to We Care are typically referred by clinics, hospital emergency rooms or by a family physician who is knowledgeable about their financial situation.

Eligibility criteria include:

- six months Lake County residency:
- income less than 125% of the federal poverty level standard (approximately \$13,000 annual for two persons, and \$10,000 for one person); and
- financial assets (exluding the primary residence and one vehicle) are allowed up to \$6,000 for two persons.

Persons already eligible for any other subsidized program such as Medicare, Medicaid, veterans' medical services or coverage by other medical insurance are ineligible for the We Care program.

From 3-1-95 through 12-31-96, Lake County's We Care program has provided over \$1,000,000 in medical services donated by over 180 physicians, all three county hospitals and many related medical service providers.

Services have ranged from removal of benign cysts to major cancer surgery and radiation treatments. Once a person has been screened for eligibility, he/she can receive complete treatment related to the ailment from physician specialists, nurses, radiologists, anesthesiologists, medical laboratories and hospital staff.

Regrettably, We Care has no resources for prescription medications. Lake County government, however, has allocated a one time annual payment of up to \$50 for prescribed medications to low income persons through its Social Services Unit in Tavares (Phone: 343-9530).

Lake County is fortunate to have so many caring medical providers who give back to their community by volunteering their services without reimbursement. All of us owe our gratitude to these physicians, hospitals and allied health professionals who volunteer their services through this unique program.

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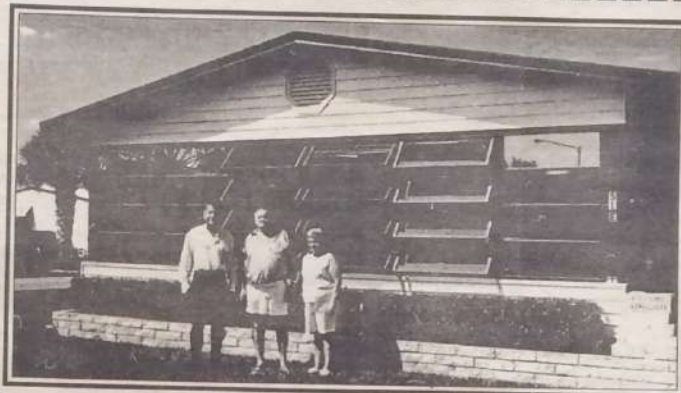
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ALTERNATIVE THERAPIES: Challenging the Mainstream

The following is the second part of an article submitted by Nelson Kraucak, M.D. of the Life Family Practice Center in Lady Lake, on the subject of acupuncture as an alternative therapy.

The trend (toward acupuncture) is easily measurable in dollars and cents. A third of adult Americans, most of whom consult medical doctors as well, spend an estimated \$13.7 billion a year out of their own pockets on a bewildering array of breakaway treatments including: chiropractic - colonic irrigation - meditation - homeopathy - naturopathy - hypnotherapy - music therapy - folk medicine - guided imagery and Shiatsu massage.

More than 1,000 homeopathic medicines are sold over the counter, along with a bewildering variety of: vitamins - minerals - herbal remedies - fat burners - passion promoter and bee pollen.

The alternative movement has progressed from offbeat practitioners and adventurous patients to the medical establishment itself, as well as a number of health insurers.

Kaiser-Permanente of Northern California reimburses its 5 million subscribers for some alternatives. Cary Badger, its vice president says: "We do a lot of clinical trials and research with these treatments, but our ultimate judges are our physicians who feel these are reasonable alternatives."

Illustrious medical schools, no friends of untested practice, have joined lesser known schools and research groups in taking a new look at what some prefer to call complementary medicine.

Harvard Medical School, a bastion of high-end biomedical research, offers a course on how alternative treatments might affect clinical practice and research. It also has endowed a Mind/Body Medical Institute chair, the first in the field of behavioral medicine. This chair is currently held by Dr. Herbert Benson, the fervent promoter of the "relaxation responses," a physiological state of decreased blood pressure, heart rate, metabolism and respiration.

Dr. David Eisenberg, a Harvard professor who studied Chinese medicine in Beijing directs the Center for Alternative Medicine Research at Boston's Beth Israel Hospital.

Stanford offers its medical students a course that examines the alternatives; and its Center of Research in Disease Prevention is one of 10 centers nationwide that participates in a federally funded project to evaluate promising nonorthodox treatments.

(This interesting subject will be continued in future issues.)

A FACT OF LIFE

THE MIND WILL ABSORB ONLY LONG ENOUGH FOR THE SEAT TO ENDURE

Submitted by Dot Montanino

"TO KEEP UP A QUARREL IS SIMPLY ABSURD FOR NOBODY EVER HAS HAD THE LAST WORD."

- Cheerful Cherubs

DON'T QUIT!

When things go wrong as they sometimes will.

When the road you're trudging seems all up hill.

When the funds are low and the debts are high.

And you want to smile, but you have to sigh.

When care is pressing you down a bit - Rest if you must, but don't you quit.

Life is queer, with its twists and turns.

As every one of us sometimes learns.

And many a fellow turns about

When he might have won had he stuck it out.

Don't give up though the pace seems slow

You may succeed with another blow.

Often the goal is nearer than

It seems to a faint and faltering man;

Often the struggler has given up

When he might have captured the winning cup;

And he learned too late, when the night came down,

How close he was to the golden crown.

Success is failure turned inside out - -

The silver tint of the clouds of doubt.

And you never can tell how close you are.

It may be near when it seems afar.

So stick to the fight when you're hardest hit.

It's when things seem worst that you mustn't quit.

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"Your greatness is measured by your kindness, your education and intellect; your ignorance is betrayed by your suspicions and prejudices; and your real caliber is measured by the consideration and tolerance you have for others."

- William H. Boetcher

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