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## BULLETIN



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### PRESIDENTS THOUGHTS

Over the years I have been personally acquainted and involved with Presidents, Congressman, Senators, Governors and many elected officials in many states. I know that it has been said that "that and a dime will probably get you into a public toilet." This proves one thing that, your local elections are very important, to the issues of your interest.

This year we have the opportunity to elect officials for public office. Whomever you elect for president, will have very little effect on the people who live here locally. Therefore, we must put more emphasis on our local elected officials. The P.O.A., will extend an invitation to any person regardless of party affiliation to address our membership. The position of the P.O.A. is that we, will not, endorse any candidate for any office. However, the P.O.A. will publish any news items or times and places of events that will be taking place, for the benefit of the public.

On March 1, I sent the following letter to the candidates that are running for public office:  
*Dear Senator Cowin, (Everett Kelly)*

My name is Thomas Poss. I am the President of the Property Owners Association of the Villages. Our group meets on the third Wednesday of every month, at the Paradise Center, located in the Villages. I would like to take this opportunity for you to attend one of our meetings and address the concerns of the people in our area.

It would be to the advantage of the elector, if both you and your opponent, could be present at the same time to address our concerns. Although my calendar is flexible, I would need at least 30 days, in order to place the notice in our monthly bulletin. Our monthly new bulletin reaches more than nine thousand people in the area. Our group is looking forward to meeting with you.

As of today I have not received an answer from either candidate, a lack of response indicates, that they are not interested in public opinion. Therefore, you must use common sense when you go out to vote and remember that if they do not want to talk to you the elector why should you give them your vote.

The American government goes all over the world to encourage the people of different countries to fight for their right to vote for their representatives.

The State of Florida has enacted public law 190 which in certain cases takes away your right to vote. Public Law 190, allows developers the right to collect your money and spend it the way they wish without your right to vote on it. I heard the phrase mentioned before that this could only happen in America.

Cast your vote for the people who will represent YOU and not a special interest group. Don't forget that we who live here in the Villages, live under Public Law 190.

—Tom Poss—



HAPPY EASTER  
And  
PASSOVER

### NEWSPAPERS

I retired here with a moderate income, but I need help. Buying at least five daily newspapers has put a strain on my budget. It would be nice if one newspaper carried all Budget Hearings, Property Transfers, and Notices of Intent, especially when these actions concern the local residents. But to get this information, you have to read the Legal Notices in several newspapers.

For example, the Daily Sun lists the CDD meetings (formally found in the Daily Commercial). To find public information about property transfers, you need to read the Daily Commercial and/or the Sumter County Times which lists Property Transfers and Notices of Intent. The Star Banner also now prints the Notices of Intent and Public Hearings for this development. When you want to find out about Bids, you have to get the Orlando/Lake Sentinel.

So, can you see what I mean? It is getting very expensive buying newspapers, especially when one is as extremely interested in all these legal transactions as I am. If all of the above concern the residents of Lake/Sumter, why is it so difficult to find this information? Maybe the higher echelon do not want us to know and use the "out of sight, out of mind" theory!

—Russell G. Day.\*

\* Although my mail address is Lady Lake, I am a Villages' resident who actually lives in Sumter County.

### BELIEVE IT OR NOT

By TOM POSS

This is a reprint from 55 Plus Newsletter dated March/April 2000, top page. "The LRMC Board of Directors unanimously approved the definitive agreement to move forward with developing The Villages Regional Hospital. If all continues as planned, the new hospital is scheduled to open in late 2001. The hospital will be a not-for-profit, 60-bed facility located in The Villages. **It will be wholly owned by LRMC** and managed by our partner Orlando Regional Health care.

This is everyone's hospital. The hospital will be, located in the Villages but **wholly owned** by LRMC.

Just at the time the public will benefit from this agreement, **greed once again has raised its ugly head.** The rumor is that the developer wants to be included in the agreement that the hospital which is a non-taxed entity include the Wellness Center and the Nursing Home. These two entities are now fully taxed and if included in the agreement would be taken off the tax rolls. Now if a county or town has some decreases in revenue from a tax-exempt entity who picks up the balance? You and I, John Q. Public. The public should be outraged at this kind of greedy attitude.

I am always looking for different views. Please contact me. 750-5469, Fax 750-2320, e-mail Tcposs@aol.com. Until next time, this is Believe it or not by.  
—Tom Poss—

### IT'S THE SEASON TO BE WARY

This is the time of the year, when the "Tinkers/Gypsies", come to town. These Rovers prey on the weak and the elderly, offering repairs - Tree Trimming, Roofing, etc., also Breaking and Entering.

If you see any **STRANGE TRUCKS OR CARS**, loitering/parked or slowly roving on your street, **Do not Hesitate To Call The Police:** Lady Lake: 751-1560 or Satellite Office: 259-4058 and in Sumter County 728-6909. Try to get a **Tag Number** and description of the individual and the vehicle i.e. color, make, model. Stay Alert. Be Aware.

Keep your doors locked, Close your Blinds at Sundown.  
—SA Woollard—



### HE MADE MY DAY

The other day a car was behind me on Joe Street. He followed me all the way over to Publix'. I parked my car and did not get out of the car until I saw some people that I knew.

When I got out of my car, the man in the car that was following me approached and said; you surely must not live here in the Villages, because you stopped at every stop sign. The people here in the Villages don't do that. I told the man that I do live here, at that he stated I would like to congratulate you.

The man then stated that he was hit twice by drivers going thru the stop signs. Does this tell us something? **WAKE UP FOLKS!**

-R. Harvey-

### HIGH COST OF PRESCRIPTIONS YOU COULD QUALIFY TO RECEIVED THEM FREE.

There is a program available to you, to fill your medical needs for prescriptions. Please attend the next P.O.A. meeting to get full information on this program. We will have the applications available for you. -T. Poss-

### HOW CAN WE BETTER SERVE YOU

The POA is trying to solve some minor problems.

Would you be willing to help? How? Suggestions - bringing a neighbor or resident friend to the meetings - signing up a business ad- pay your dues - contribute your comments to the Bulletin- Let's hear from you. Thank you -SAW-

### WHY STOP?

My wife and I were leaving Silver Lake one Sunday. We had stopped at the stop sign entering Rainbow Boulevard. Another golf cart came up on our right side, and kept on moving. I mentioned that, that is a stop sign to the other driver. The answer "Why stop, there is nothing coming."

What a sad state we have come, too! Stop signs are placed to protect drivers in all directions. They are placed for your safety and the safety of other drivers and pedestrians.

In safe driving schools and classes a stop is defined, *when all wheels on a moving vehicle come to a total stop.* Not a slow down and put the pedal to the metal called a rolling stop.

Think of this when you approach a cross walk. Many of these people have difficulty walking.

Just a couple of facts, in the past two days I observed that one out of three golf carts does not even slow down. The Villages taxis don't ever stop at crosswalks.

Why stop? The life you save might be your own.

Isn't Spring great, the flowers the trees, the warm days and ideal weather? We have retired. Why are so many of us in a hurry? Let us all slow down and enjoy our retirement years. -C. Harvey-

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### HAPPY EASTER - PASSOVER

The Holy Season is upon us - Let us give thanks for the many blessings bestowed upon us by the Resurrection of the One who is the hope and light of the world -SA Woollard-

### CHANGE IN CDD & VCCDD MEETINGS

They will be held at the Savannah Center. Ashley Wilkes Room. 9 am for VCCDD and 11 am for CCD 1

### CCD MEETINGS

I have stopped going to District 1 CDD meetings. I get so sick of Mr. Topping & Mr. Bell complaining about the flowers being the wrong color or not enough flowers.

They should feel good that they have any flowers at all.

We do not have any flowers, why not plant some on the East side of the highway?

-R. Harvey-

### Panic Cake

1 can pie filling of your choice

1 Box cake mix yellow or white (Jiffy) one layer.

1 Stick Butter

½ cup chopped pecans

Grease 8" round or Square pan. Pour in pie filling, sprinkle DRY cake mix over pie filling, melt butter and pour over cake mix, Sprinkle nuts over top.

Bake 45 min. at 350. Cool well and serve cold with whipped topping. -C.Poss--

### KUDOS

While reading this mornings' Commercial, I was amazed again, to see, that there are other readers out there, that also have opinions.

I want to quote part of this letter; "One of the things I've learned in recent years and really enjoy is to put my thoughts and views in writing. One thing that hinders this is when someone comments "you're being negative. How expressing one's view can be considered to be negative in general is beyond me. All I know is that life is basically a state of mind. I will continue to write down my thoughts and views. If I am moved to, I will publish some of them. I will continue to read the thoughts of other people in the form of newspapers articles or books."

I hate to harp on this subject, but read and absorb what is written here, there and everywhere. How can a group or club be called negative, when the purpose is to only put out the news, the truth and the facts. All which are documented and printed elsewhere, minutes and reports, etc.

If all the hate mongers out there would take the time and effort to research the printed truth, maybe, by a miracle, they would understand the word.

Don't forget, court suits would be flying all over the state if the information presented where wrong. -Joyce G.--

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
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### HEART STRINGS

As I wrote before, elections are just down the road. I sure hope that they all have the Pinocchio theory computer chip embedded somewhere.

Mr. 'Emmett' Kelly was elected when Florida became a state (or so it seems). In the last election we voted for term limitations. Now, to get around a term limitation, Mr. Kelly decided to run for State Senator. Mr. Kelly finally woke up and found out that his district has an abundance of elderly citizens. So, now, he is promising us that he (if elected) will get us a break on medicines.

Incidentally, ask Mr. Kelly what bills in the past and present has he presented and /or supported that benefitted the elderly? Especially since he has been living the life of a millionaire on a limited income. Using the Pinocchio theory, watch his nose grow.

His opponent, incumbent, Ann Cowin is coming after your heart strings with a little "children" campaign. Although, we residents, do not have little children, we willingly pay, above and beyond, our school taxes. What I can't understand is why there are such short comings in our state education program.

Mrs. Cowin's 'Kayla McClain Bill' is so screwed up, it will probably take several legislative sessions to straighten it out. (Kayla's grandfather even wants it revoked.)

I guess I'll start looking for another candidate for State Senator. I understand there is one on the horizon. I'll Report later on Leslie Scales, for District 11, Florida State Senator.

-Russ Day-

### THIS AND THAT

The recently opened Savannah Center is a dream come true. How can we be so lucky as to have a building that cost millions, be at our disposal?

Yes, we are lucky to be living in a beautiful place. Of course, again, this building is not on gated locked property, anyone driving in off Route 466 can reach this building and possibly use those bocci courts, tennis courts and other equipment that are located out near the Polo field. I've noticed that the Polo field, is also open, for wanderers to go onto the property. There is no locked gate. We are sooo forgiving.

I went through the Villages Lake Medical Imaging Center recently and again was amazed to see a hotel type setting, marble, or granite floors, furniture and wallpaper, and paintings to die for. Again, can I say how lucky we are. Hopefully, the juice bar and newsstand will open shortly.

How about the El Santiago restaurant, what is the status of that? There sits a building with eating facilities, and adjacent to the swimming pool and bocci and tennis courts, what happened to the eating facility?

-Joyce G-



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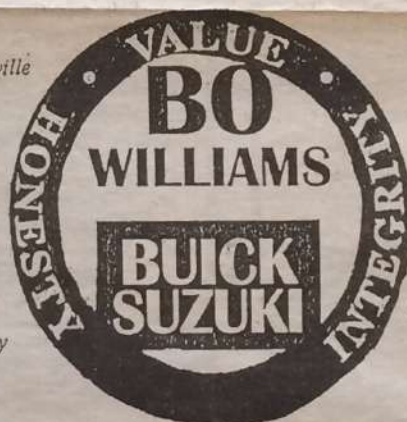
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**APRIL 19 - POA GENERAL  
MEMBERSHIP MEETING**

Our next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 19, 7:00 PM. Paradise Rec Center. Our guest speaker will be Mr. Dan Baker, Administrator of Veterans Affairs, for Lake and Sumter County. Mr. Baker will be speaking on Veterans Benefits and have a question and answer session.

**COME AND JOIN US— APRIL 19 TH  
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My Mother taught me about my ROOTS...  
"Do you think you were born in a barn?"

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**HUMOR**

Growing old is mandatory; growing up is optional. My mind not only wanders; sometimes it leaves completely.

**P.O.A. MEETINGS**

Board of Directors - 7:00 PM

1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of the Month

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All CDD Meetings are held in the room adjacent to Pete Wahl's office on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of the Citizens First Bank Building

VCCDD - Villages Community Center

Development District - last Friday of the month at 9:00 AM

CDD#1 - Meets on the last Friday of the month at 11:00 AM

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Would you be willing to pay higher taxes and better wages for the services you want? Speak up.

It takes courage to face some of the situations a police officer has to encounter every day.

So speak up, or change your attitude about the services you receive. Than you -*SAW-*

**DRESS CODE RULES FOR THE  
EXECUTIVE COURSES**

About one year ago, there was a large hoopla created on how the ladies, and I suppose the gentlemen, were dressing to play golf, here in the Villages.

They even went so far as to paste pictures, (actual photos) on the windows of a few starter shacks. Showing the ladies what clothing was suitable to wear to play golf.

The rules were plain, the pictures even plainer, but . . . now, in the past few months I have been at several executive courses and noticed that the dress code rule has fallen by the wayside.

I, have noticed collarless tops (many), and round necked shirts appearing. On one occasion, a very dapper gentleman, looked like he was going on a safari. Shorts with pockets, (okay) with his bush hat (okay), but, that collarless, pocket type tee shirt? Oh my, I thought to myself, the starter is going to tell him he is not dressed properly to play here. But, Oh No, he was not told one word. His wife was also dressed in the wrong kind of shirt.

What happened? The big campaign to "Get those Gals" is over? Girlfriends, please take note, remember when you all Stormed down to Steve Wresh's office? I will never forget it.

I was going to let this story go by, but I have seen it happen to many times. I thought "What was good for the goose was good for the gander." Or is this just plain double standards for whomever get caught?

- Joyce Gottfried -

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