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BROMELIAD SOCIETY OF BROWARD COUNTY	Holiday Park Social Annex 844 NE 7th Ave. Ft. Lauderdale, Fl.	Third Monday 7:30 p.m.	Larry Groshart * 1336 Seabreeze Blvd. Ft Lauderdale 33316 305-522-5327	V-Pres. Paul Lefkowitz Sec'y (R) V. Maitland, (c) Georgene Lewis; Treas. Elizabeth Loos FCBS Sr. Rep. Wm. Frazel; Jr. Rep. Polly Pascal
CALOOSAHATCHEE BROMELIAD SOCIETY	First Federal Savings & Loan; North Ft. Myers, Fl.	Third Sunday 2:00 p.m. (except for special trips)	Victor Yingst * 13437 Caribbean Blvd. SE Fort Myers, Fl. 33905 813-694-7861	V-Pres. Frank Cornelison Sec'y Mary McKenzie III Treas. Bob Davis FCBS Reprs. Terry & Roberta Virta
BROMELIAD SOCIETY OF CENTRAL FLORIDA, INC.	Shuffleboard Court Bldg. Bob Carr Center; Mughy & Livingston; Orlando, Fla.	Second Tuesday 7:30 p.m.	Nancy Hall 1111 Glen Garry Circle Maitland, Fl. 32751 305-647-2039	V-Pres. Carol Johnson Sec'y Betsy McCrory Treasurer Tom Lineham FCBS Reprs. Edw & Nancy Hall
FLORIDA WEST COAST BROMELIAD SOCIETY	Fortune Federal S & L East Bay Drive Largo, Florida	Fourth Thursday 7:30 p.m.	Marjorie Spiegel 5203 - 108th St. North St. Petersburg, Fl. 33708	V. Pres. Rose DePew Secretary Eric Graf Treasurer Floyd Wise FCBS. Reprs Harry Luther and Ellen Jay Peyton
IMPERIAL POLK BROMELIAD SOCIETY	Div. of State Plant Industry 3027 Lake Alfred Drive Winter Haven, Fl.	Fourth Sunday 3:00 p.m.	Ms. Rose Schmidt 1475 Highway 655 Auburndale, Fl. 33823 813-984-1656	V. Pres. Whit Merrin, Jr. Secretary Edith Howells Treasurer Norton Agey FCBS Reprs. Rose Schmidt & Carl Perryn

Florida bromeliad society members have become a close knit community. Beginning with this issue, the Quarterly would like to initiate a page devoted to news regarding individuals in our community--their achievements, bereavements, happy events and even funny boo-boos. The following items will illustrate our intent. Please drop me a note when you have an item of interest and it will be included in the next issue.

We were distressed to hear of the death of Bruce Loerke of Bromeliad Society of Broward County. He and wife, Virginia, have been active and hard working society members for many years, not only for their own home society, but all over the state.

Steve Correale of Bromeliad Society of South Florida recently collected a plant in Honduras, which when brought to a meeting, was suggested as being a natural hybrid between *Tillandsia hondurensis* and *Tillandsia fasciculata*. Harry Luther at Mulford Foster BIC confirmed this fact. It is not known if this plant has ever been collected or identified before.

Your editor wishes to apologize for listing the Secretary of Florida Council of Bromeliad Societies as Polly Pascal. The position of Secretary indeed falls to Broward, but it is being filled by Bill Frazel, the Senior Rep. from that society.

Caloosahatchee member Patrick Cornelison's son, Patrick, was viciously mauled by a pit bull. He was hospitalized and will require corrective surgery. Hopefully, he will be all right. Grandad is Frank Cornelison.

Dr. Nelson Redfern, of Broward & South Florida, won sweepstakes award at the Miami Metropolitan Flower Show, winning 17 blue ribbons out of 18 entries. He also won the Polly Pascal award for the best blue ribbon bromeliad.

At the same Metropolitan Flower Show, Nat DeLeon of DeLeon's Bromeliad World won the award for the best flowering plant in commercial horticulture with his

Guzmania "Cherry Smash" hybrid. The Taro's of Bromeliad Barn and DeLeon's Bromeliad World won many blue ribbons in the commercial division, which was dominated by bromeliads (41 out of 50 entries).

Rose Schmidt, President of Imperial Polk Bromeliad society, recently returned from a collecting trip to Bolivia and Paraguay. I reprint here, verbatim, the report as it appeared in the Polk Newsletter:

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Our president has finally recovered after spending approximately a week and a half in bed having chills and fever (a severe reaction to yellow fever injection) after returning from a collecting trip to Bolivia and Paraguay. There were 22 people on the trip, who were mainly orchid collectors. Only two or three people were collecting bromeliads. The seasons are just the opposite of ours. Pres. Rose said when she left in March it was quite cool, however, over there it was 80 to 85 degrees. They never have severe weather. Pres. Rose was in the flatlands--Santa Cruz in Bolivia and Asuncion and Incarnation in Paraguay. In this area, the plants, trees, shrubs, etc. are the same as ours. Picture taking was not very satisfactory since the plants were not in bloom. Pres. Rose has added the following Tillandsias to her collection: *T. lorentziana*, *T. tricholepis*, *T. auaujei*, *T. weberbauri*, *T. meridionalis*, *T. duratii*, *T. edithii* and many others unidentified.

Pres. Rose said this was a memorable experience but mainly a trip for the young and hearty. She said that some of the jungle was impassable: sinking in red clay (quicksand?) past our knees, falling in a hole in the river, getting attacked by thorns and many more.

However, she said it was "Fun" and that everyone should experience at least one trip. Pres. Rose said while she was ill "I vowed I'd never go again, but since I've recovered I'm ready for next year."
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Florida will be electing a director and voting for delegate at large in upcoming BSI election. Ballot and list of candidates will be in the May-June issue of the Journal. BSI members, by all means vote.

