

TVRC NEWSLETTER

The Villages, Florida

June, 2017

New Voting Technology reaches Sumter County!
Bill Keen, Sumter County Supervisor of Elections, will be our speaker. He will discuss Precincts adjustments, the new Express Voting Machines and New Poll Training. For information about the meeting, visit the Sumter County Republican Website: www.sumterrepublicans.com.

The Villages Republican Club June Meeting will be Thursday, June 8, 2017 at 7 PM at the Eisenhower Regional Recreation Center.

Hope to see you at the Eisenhower Recreation Center for “meet and greet” at 6:30 with the meeting to start promptly at 7:00 PM.

President's Message

Our June 8th Meeting will be held at the **Eisenhower Regional Recreational Center** on Buena Vista Boulevard. Meet and greet will start at 6:30 PM.

It is an opportunity to reach South in The Villages and we hope new Villager's will consider joining The Villages Republican Club. Tell your friends South of CR466A to join us.

Should Florida Primary be open or closed? A group known as "Progress for All" is accusing Florida of holding rigged elections. The grassroots group wants Florida to hold open primaries. They claim millions of voters are being shut out of primary elections. They want the state to let voters decide whether primaries should be open or closed.

In Florida, only Republicans can vote for Republicans and Democrats for Democrats in the primary. So, if you're one of the 3.5 million registered independents in Florida with no candidate running, you can't vote.

William (Bill) Keen, Sumter County Supervisor of Elections will be our June Meeting speaker. Any questions on the Primary being open or closed could not be more timely than this Meeting.

Bill Keen will have new voting equipment to display, as well as voting forms and procedures to review. Furthermore, there will be an opportunity for a discussion on the Primary, voting by mail issues, registration, poll workers and precincts.

We have said this before and we need to say it again. We need all of us to focus on the "Drive for Five" as our Republican State Officers are term limited. We need to support our Republican Candidates with a Republican win in the 2018 elections.

We ask you to continue to support President Trump and we thank you for being an active and informed member of the Republican Party.

Bill Ockington, President, The Villages Republican Club

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Meeting Minutes of May 2017

The Villages Republican Club Minutes for the May 11, 2017 Meeting Savannah Regional Recreation Center

Call To Order

William Ockington, President, called the meeting to order at 7:00PM at the Savannah Regional Recreation Center and followed with the Invocation. Wildwood Commissioner, **Joe Elliott**, led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Election of Secretary

William Ockington, announced that we would have an election for the Secretary and asked **Mike Gleim** if a quorum present. Quorum was confirmed.

He then asked for nominations and **Jerry Prince** nominated **Will Statom** for Secretary. **Joe Elliott** seconded the motion. No other candidates were nominated from the floor and nominations were closed by **William Ockington**.

Nominations were closed, and **Will Statom** was elected as secretary with an affirmative show of hands.

Meeting Minutes

William Ockington told the members that the April Minutes had been distributed via e-mail and requested if there were no corrections, that a motion be submitted to approve the Minutes.

Jerry Prince moved to accept the minutes from the April 13th meeting, and was seconded by **Joe Elliott**. Motion carried.

Treasurers Report

Treasurer **Ron McMahon** presented the Treasurer's Report, and reported a TVRC checking account balance of \$5,994.49 as of May 1, 2017. Motion made to accept the Treasurers report and membership voted to approve the report. (Detailed finance report on file with TVRC Secretary)

Proposed Resolutions

William Ockington proposed the following Resolutions:

Resolve: The Officers of TVRC shall serve in their respective offices until elections are held in November 2017, namely: President, **William Ockington**, Vice President, **Michael Gleim**; Secretary, **Will Statom**; and Treasurer, **Ronald Mc Mahon**.

Further Resolve: **William Ockington**, President, **Michael Gleim**, Vice President and **Ronald Mc Mahon**, Treasurer are authorized as signatories on any and all TVRC accounts at Citizens First Bank.

A Motion was made to approve the Resolutions. A Second was made and the Resolutions were approved the members

William Ockington announced that the Public Safety Officers Memorial service will be held, May 15, 2017 at 10:00am at the Memorial Park.

Sumter Sumter Republican Executive Committee, Chairman

Sumter County Republican Executive Committee, Chairman **John Calandro**, addressed members about several topics, including the 20 year Florida constitutional review concerning open – closed primaries. From the Sumter County aspect, consolidating precincts and acquiring new, more efficient voting equipment.

John Calandro reminded the attendees that the 2018 election is 18 months away. Also addressed was Adam Putnam's (Florida governor candidate) bus tour and his stop in Sumter County.

Guest Speaker - Lt. Robert Siemer, Sumter County Sheriff's Department

Lt. Robert Siemer, Sumter County Sheriff's Dept. officer, addressed attendees on a variety of programs, including the Vial of Life, Peace of Mind Program, Free home security inspections, Automated tornado warning system, a scent kit for locating challenged persons, senior crimes, and golf cart thefts. Lt. Siemer also

welcomed inquiries, and said his office was in the annex at CR 466 and Morse Boulevard. His presentation was interesting and very informative.

BBQ

John Black announced the cancellation of the May 27, 2017 BBQ, and proposed a possible fall date. A recommendation will be made after a meeting of the BBQ Committee on May 16th.

Next Month's Meeting Discussion and Location

Sumter County Supervisor of Elections, **Bill Keen**, will be the guest speaker at the June 8th meeting, and explain consolidating precincts and acquiring new, more efficient voting equipment and proposed voting changes.

The June 8, 2017, Meeting will be at the **Eisenhower Regional Recreational Center**. The Meet and Greet will commence at 6:30 PM.

50/50

Walter Lazinski conducted the 50/50 drawing and there were two winners.

Adjournment

William Ockington adjourned the meeting at 8:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Will Statom, Secretary

**For the Good of the
Order**

The TVRC **needs help** on several committees:

- **Membership Committee**
- **Programs Committee**
- **Other Committees as needed.**

Please contact Bill Ockington or any board member if you are interested. You may attend any board meeting to get some idea of the plans and operation of the club. This is your club and we need your involvement and continued support.

- If you haven't paid your dues for 2017 we would like you to pay at the meeting or as soon as possible. Dues are only \$10 per person for the year and help the club get speakers and hold special events.
- Shirts and name tags will be available at our meeting. If you have ordered your shirt and name tag you can pick them up at the meeting.