

# TVRC NEWSLETTER

The Villages, Florida

July, 2017

**Climate change is an energy issue. Attempting to cut C02 emissions brings with it adverse conditions. Donn Dears, a TVRC member, author, and energy lecturer, will provide commentary on energy issues and the choice “we” may have to make.**

**The Villages Republican Club July Meeting will be Thursday, July 13, 2017 at 7 PM at the Savannah Recreation Center.**

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

# President's Message

Members and Guests, welcome to the Dog Days of Summer.

Frankly, it is the Dog Days for our President Trump and our Republican Party with the ever-bashing Media and the dog chewing DC Democrats.

William (Bill) Keen, Sumter County Supervisor of Elections was our June Meeting speaker at the Eisenhower Regional Recreation Center who informed us on new voting equipment, adjustments on certain precincts and poll working procedures. A great presentation by Bill Keen and his assistants.

Bill Keen will appear again in one of the near future monthly Meetings with more information on voting issues and new voting equipment to display.

Our July 13th Meeting will be held at the Savannah Regional Recreational Center with a Meet and Greet starting at 6:30 PM. Our speaker will be Donn Dears, a member of our Club, who will discuss scams and facts on global climate changes.

Donn suggests that you should view his web site to see his articles and his background at [powerforusa.com](http://powerforusa.com).

For the upcoming Meetings, we are pleased to advise you that our August Meeting at Savannah will have our State House of Representative, Don Hahnfeldt, and State Senator, Dennis Baxley, who will discuss the 2017 Florida sessions and the future issues and elections.

For our September Meeting at The Colony Regional Recreational Center, we will have Doug Gilpin, Chairman of the Sumter County Commissioners. With the growth of The Villages in Sumter County and all of Wildwood we look forward for a great discussion by Chairman Gilpin.

We need to continue to focus on the “Drive for Five” as our Republican State Officers are term limited. We need to 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

# **The Villages Republican Club**

## **Meeting Minutes of June 2017**

### **The Villages Republican Club**

#### **Minutes for the June 8, 2017 Meeting**

#### **Eisenhower Regional Recreation Center**

#### **Call To Order**

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

**Mike Gleim** told the members that the May Minutes had been distributed and asked for a motion for approval. A motion for approval of May minutes was made from the floor and second given and passed by membership.

#### **Treasurer's Report**

The Treasurer's May Report was presented by **Ron McMahon**, our Treasurer, with a current balance of \$6,216.01. A motion to accept was made and second from the floor and was followed by a vote to accept the Treasurer's report.

#### **Distinguished Guests**

The following distinguished guests in attendance:

- **Bill Keen**, Sumter County Supervisor of Elections,
- **Joe Elliott**, Commissioner, City of Wildwood
- **John Calandro**, Chairman of Sumter County Republican Executive Committee
- **John Black**, State Committeeman
- **Bill Walker**, Chairman, CDD District 8 Board of Supervisors and VP VHA

#### **Membereship**

Membership Chairman, **John Black**, presented five new members to the membership.

#### **Sumter County Republican Executive Committee (REC)**

**John Calandro**, REC Chairman, updated the members and guests with Republican Party information including the Sumter County Republican Executive Committee meeting on July 6 2017. Furthermore, **John Calandro** recognized Veterans and their dedication to our Country and Freedom.

Two Sumter County high school students are being sponsored by The Republican Federated Women of The Villages and the Sumter County Republican Executive Committee for the purpose of learning the conservative ways, political process and visiting Washington, DC.

### **Guest Speaker – Sumter County Supervisor of Elections**

**Bill Keen**, Sumter County Supervisor of Sumter County highlighted changes and updates that he was instituting for the 2018 elections, including new online training and new applications for poll worker, new warehousing for voting equipment. Further, the adopt-a-precinct program where a 501 (c) (3) “not for profit organizations” could be paid for running a precinct during an election period was discussed and displayed a new handicap/disabled voting machines.

Also, new direct print ballot processes will be in place in five precincts to expedite voting. Assistant Supervisor, **Tracy Oliver**, described new outreach programs she designed to promote election awareness. Poll workers will be able to train at home on line, as well as in the new warehouse/training facility. The new facility will anticipate a December open house for the public to attend.

### **Next Meeting**

Our July Meeting will be held July 13<sup>th</sup> at the Savannah Center with a Meet and Greet to start at 6:30 PM. Our July speaker will be Donn Dears, a member of our Club who will discuss climate changes.

### **50/50 Drawing**

The 50/50 drawing was held by **Walter Lazinski** and 2 winning tickets were drawn.

### **Adjournment**

Vice President **Mike Gleim** adjourned the meeting at 8PM.

Respectfully submitted,

**Will Statom, TVRC 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.