

TVRC NEWSLETTER

The Villages, Florida

October 2017

It is BBQ Time!

Don't miss out on a fun and tasty event! Saturday October 7 from 4 – 7PM will be our annual BBQ, sponsored by the Sumter Republican Clubs. It will be a catered event, by Sonny's, with ribs, chicken and all the trimmings. This is a BYOB event. Our guest speaker is a member of the executive staff of the Club for Growth, a national conservative organization promoting conservative ideas and candidates. Plan on joining us for a behind the scenes view of what is happening in Washing DC. Tickets available on line and a limited number will be available at the door. Don't forget your "Western Wear"!

The Villages Republican Club October Meeting will be Thursday, October 12, 2017, 7 PM at the Savannah 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

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Members:

Our September Meeting was held at the Colony Cottage Recreation Center with Doug Gilpin, Chairman of the Sumter County Board of Commissioners as our speaker. His excellent speech was a "Look at the past, present and future for Sumter County". His presentation included information on our unexpected visitor, Hurricane Irma. Our September Minutes are included in the Newsletter and contain specific information on Doug Gilpin's speech.

Officers are elected at the regular meeting in November and serve a one-year term from January. You are being asked to consider being an upcoming Officer. The officers of our Club are President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. All Officers must be an Active Member of the Club and in good standing. Nominations shall be accepted from the floor during the October Meeting.

We need a Chairperson now for our Program Committee and at least one additional club member to work with other like-minded groups and organizations to ensure current and future planned programs and content to address the objectives and mission statement of our Club. We need a person to handle the 50/50 drawings. Please consider to be a member of the Program Committee.

Members, when attending our Meetings, look for your Name Tags as you come into the room. We also have Club shirts available and you should consider getting a shirt. They look great and help promote our Club.

We ask you to continue to support President Trump and we thank you for being an active and informed member of the Republican Party. We need to win in the 2018 election.

Bill Ockington, President, T.V.R.C.

Meeting Minutes of September 2017

The Villages Republican Club Minutes September 14, 2017

Call to Order

TVRC President Bill Ockington called the September 14, 2017 meeting to order at 7:00pm at the Colony Cottage Regional Recreation Center and followed with the invocation. Wildwood Commissioner Joe Elliott led attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance. It was determined there was a quorum in attendance.

President Ockington requested approval of the minutes for the July 13, 2017 meeting. A motion for approval of July minutes was made from the floor, seconded and approved by voice vote. President Ockington requested approval of the minutes for the August 10, 2017 meeting. A motion for approval of August minutes was made from the floor, seconded and approved by voice vote.

TVRC Treasurer Ron McMahon presented Treasurer's Report for July with a balance of \$6,417.42. A motion to accept was made and second from the floor and was followed by a vote to accept the July Treasurer's report. TVRC Treasurer Ron McMahon presented Treasurer's Report for August with a balance of \$6,278.32. A motion to accept was made and second from the floor and was followed by a vote to accept the August Treasurer's report.

President Ockington had deferred the presentation of the July Minutes and the July Treasurer's report until the Sept 14, 2017 meeting to allow additional time for the evening's speakers.

Distinguished Guests

Distinguished guests recognized by President Ockington included:

- Al Butler, District 1, Sumter County Board of County Commissioners
- Doug Gilpin, District 2, Sumter County Board of County Commissioners
- Joe Elliott, Wildwood City Commissioner
- John Calandro, Chairman, Republican Executive Committee, Sumter County
- John Black, State Committee Man
- Phil Walker, Chairman District 8 CCD
- Ron McMahon, Vice Chairman, Republican Executive Committee, Sumter County and Chairman, Community Development District 7

Francesca Markus was introduced as Regional Field Director, Region 7 of the Republican Party of Florida (RPOF) and our point person for our district. Francesca Markus presented a Tax Reform petition and many of the members signed the petition.

Club Announcements

Jerry Prince was introduced as Chairman for the Nominations and Elections Committee for 2018 TVRC Officers asked the membership for their help selecting TVRC officers for 2018 at our October meeting and vote in November. The four positions include President, Vice-President, Treasurer and Secretary.

John Black discussed the October 7, 2017 BBQ with the membership, and encouraged ticket sales. The TVRC goal is to have 200 in attendance. Also, corporate sponsorships are available. It will be a fun event for all.

Ron McMahon, representing the TVRC Board, presented the membership with a new Constitution and By-Laws with three amendments for the membership to approve. A quorum was present and a motion to approve the presentation was made by Jerry Prince and seconded by Joe Elliott. President Ockington requested a voice vote from the members present and the motion was unanimously approved with no dissenting votes.

A special thanks to Ron McMahon and the Board for all the hard work that went into this effort that makes our club viable and compliant with necessary RPOF requirements.

Guest Speaker

Doug Gilpin, Chairman of the Board of Sumter County Commissioners, Sumter County representing District 2, was the evening's speaker. Chairman Gilpin presented a look at the past, present and future of Sumter County. Chairman Gilpin is committed to less government for Sumter County and their residents, coordinated with planned growth.

He set out the priorities of the Commissioners which included: Local children's education, job training for their future, improvements in public safety, commercial/industrial development that will decrease the property tax burden on residential property owners and making Sumter County government services outstanding.

Currently county property tax funding levels are 70% residential, and 30% commercial/industrial. Access to The Villages, via I-75 is a priority and reducing congestion in several areas are future goals for the Commissioners. They believe that public/private partnerships that already exist and future expansion of the partnerships are important parts of a successful future for Sumter County.

Chairman Gilpin discussed the impact of Hurricane Irma, its damage, both in the county outside The Villages and in The Villages.

50/50

Walter Lazinski conducted the 50/50 drawing and there were 2 winners.

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made and the meeting was adjourned at 8:05pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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Secretary TVRC

**For the Good of the
Order**

BBQ This Saturday!

Saturday October 7, 2017 the Republican Clubs of Sumter County and The Villages will be holding a **BBQ at Savannah Center**. This will be

a catered event by Sonny's BBQ with chicken ribs and all the trimmings. This is a BYOB event.

Our guest speaker will be Ms. Rachael Slobodien, the Director of Communications for The Club for Growth. The Club for Growth is a national organization supporting the principles of limited constitutional government and economic liberty. She will give us a "peek behind the scenes" of what is going on in Washington relative to important legislation and republican Candidates.

Tickets are available on line at sumterrepublicans.com (under the Sumter republicans club tab) and by mailing your check to TVRC P.O. Box 222, Oxford Fl. 34484.

This is a casual event, so dust off your best "western wear" (blue jeans, western boots and hats) and join us for some BBQ, like minded conservative conversation and fun.

Election of Officers

" The Villages Republican Club Policy and Procedures

Article IV, Section 2 – Election of Officers

All Officer nominations are open to all Active Members and shall be accepted from the floor during the October Meeting. The membership shall be advised of this requirement by notice given by publication in the newsletter and/or on the website not less than 30 days prior to the date of the October meeting.

Officer positions shall be nominated and elected in order of precedence; President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer. "

Help Wanted.

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 may be ordered. If you have ordered your shirt and name tag you can pick them up at the meeting.