

TVRC NEWS- LETTER

The Villages, Florida

September 2017

The Villages Republican Club will hold its next meeting, Thursday, September 14, 2017 at the Colony Cottage Recreation Center. Doors open at 6:30 PM for a meet and greet. The meeting starts at 7:00 pm. This meeting is open to all Republicans and like-minded conservatives and their guests.

Our guest speaker will be Doug Gilpin, Chairman, Board of Sumter County Commissioners (BOCC). Chairman Gilpin will provide a State of the County address. During the address, he will discuss past accomplishments, the present state within the County and the future aspirations of the Board to move Sumter County forward in growth, tourism while keeping services high and taxes low.

The Villages Republican Club September Meeting will be Thursday, September 14, 2017 at 7 PM at the Colony Cottage 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

The Villages Republican Club President's Message

Members:

Our August Meeting was a joint meeting of The Villages Republican Club, The Republican Federated Women of The Villages and The Republican Club of The Villages of Marion County at the Savannah Regional Recreation Center.

Our Meeting was outstanding with approximately 150 Members and Guests.

Florida District 12 State Senator Dennis Baxley and Florida District 33 State Representative Don Hahnfeldt presented a slide presentation report on the 2017 Florida Legislation sessions and what legislation is expected in the 2018 session. The attached August Minutes contains detailed information on the presentation.

Our September Meeting will be held at the Colony Regional Recreation Center with the Meet and Greet starting at 6:30 PM. We will have Doug Gilpin, Chairman of the Sumter County Commissioners. With the growth of The Villages and all of Wildwood we look forward for a great discussion by Chairman Gilpin.

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 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. Please consider to be a member of the Program Committee.

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 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

Bill Ockington, President, The Villages Republican Club

Meeting Minutes of August 2017

The Villages Republican Club Meeting Minutes

August 10, 2017

TVRC President Bill Ockington called the August 10, 2017 meeting to order at 7:00pm at the Savannah 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 deferred the presentation of the Secretary's report

and the Treasurer's report until the Sept 14th, 2017 meeting, to allow additional time for the evening's speakers

Distinguished guests recognized by President Ockington included:

- Dennis Baxley, State Senator from District 12
- Don Hahnfeldt, State Representative from District 33
- Al Butler, District 1, Sumter County Board of County Commissioners
- Don Burgess, District 2, Sumter County Board of County Commissioners
- Steve Printz, District 5, Sumter County Board of County Commissioners
- Joe Elliott, Wildwood City Commissioner
- Marina Woolcock, State Committee-Woman for Sumter County
- John Calandro, Chairman, Republican Executive Committee, Sumter County

The evening's speakers, State Senator Dennis Baxley and State Representative Don Hahnfeldt were introduced to TVRC members, and they jointly presented a slide presentation and highlighted several of legislation importance that were passed in the 2017 session, including: increased education funding, education reform, medical marijuana use, increasing opioid penalties, ADA tort reform and visit /enterprise Florida spending. Also, a bill was passed which will place on the 2018 ballot to increasing the Homestead exemption for homeowners by \$ 25,000.00.

Additional notes of interest presented were a \$3.2 billion budget surplus, a new record of over 1 million visitors to Florida in 2017, and Florida's population exceeding 20 million in 2017.

Bills of interest **not** passed included ethics reform, certificates of need, whiskey and Wheaties, sanctuary city penalties, 2nd amendment restrictions, prolife initiatives and term limits for appeals/supreme court judges.

A total of 3052 bills were submitted and 249 were passed. A special session lasted 3 days. 10 projects for Sumter Co. were funded for 2017 and there are 9 targets for 2018.

50/50 Raffle

The 50/50 drawing was held and there were 3 winners.

Adjournment:

The August 10, 2017 meeting was adjourned at 8:07pm by President Ockington.

Respectfully submitted,

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Secretary TVRC

**For the Good of the
Order**

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. "

Mark Your Calendars!

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 the President of the "Club for Growth", Mr. David McIntosh. The Club is a national organization supporting the principles of limited constitutional government and economic liberty. Mr. McIntosh is a contributor to the Fox Business Network. Tickets are available at the September Meeting, 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 conservation and fun.

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.