

THE VILLAGES REPUBLICAN CLUB NEWSLETTER

The Villages, Florida

January, 2018

**2018 - -An election year that
will be very important to us!**

The Villages Republican Club (TVRC) January Meeting will be Thursday, January 11, 2018 at 7 PM at the Savannah Regional Recreation Center. Meet And Greet starts at 6:30 PM.

This meeting initially be the induction of TVRC Officers and business items.

Then we will have a Panel to discuss the upcoming 2018 Federal, State and Local elections. The Panel is comprised of John Calandro, Chairman of the Sumter County Republican Executive Committee, Marina Woolcock, President of The Republican Federated Women of The Villages, David Gee, Board Chairman of the Villagers for Trump and William Ockington, President of The Villages Republican Club.

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President's Message

Happy New Year TVRC Members:

With the upcoming 2018 Federal, State and local elections, we need to focus our efforts in having our Republican candidates have successful campaigns.

To start with, our January Meeting on January 11 will be with a Panel comprised with John Calandro, our Chairman of the Sumter County Republican Executive Committee, Marina Woolcock, President of The Republican Federated Women of The Villages, David Gee, Board Chairman of the Villagers for Trump and William Ockington, President of The Villages Republican Club.

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Throughout 2018, we will have a presentation on the new Tax Cuts and Jobs Act, have many monthly Meetings with Federal, State and local candidates as well as the Florida Republican Gubernatorial Debate.

Other events that are very important to our Republican members are the:

The Fifteenth Annual Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Commemorative Awards Breakfast which will be January 13, 2018 at 9:00 AM at the Savannah Center. We need to have members attend the Awards Breakfast to provide us a presence as we are contributing to the student scholarship program. Please call Jerry Prince at 352-358-1084 or Bill Ockington at 352-775-8450 to arrange for a ticket.

Lincoln Day Dinner which will be March 3, 2018 at the Savannah Regional Recreational Center commencing 6:00 PM. The Villages Republican Club is selling tickets so our membership can sit together at the tables provided by the Sumter County Republican Executive Committee. The tickets are \$ 75 per person.

There are two ways to buy your tickets. Come to our January or February meetings and buy the tickets there or contact club member, Darilyn Dolimpio, at 352-446-4092 or dadolimp@aol.com.

Looking forward to seeing you all Thursday, January 11, 2018.

Bill Ockington
President TVRC

The Villages Republican Club

Meeting Minutes of November, 2017

The Villages Republican Club Minutes November 9, 2017

TVRC Vice President, Mike Gleim, called the November 9, 2017 meeting to order at 7:05pm at the Savannah Regional Recreation Center and followed with the invocation. Wildwood Commissioner Joe Elliott led attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance. The October 12, 2017 Meeting Minutes were accepted by the membership. There was no Treasurer's Report since Treasurer, Ron McMahon was not at the meeting. After some discussion, it was determined there was a quorum in attendance.

Distinguished guests recognized by Vice President Gleim, included:

- John Calandro, Chairman, Republican Executive Committee and Community Development District 6
- Joe Elliott, Wildwood City Commissioner
- John Black, Sumter County State Committeeman
- Dick Belles, District 3, Board of Trustees, SECO Energy

2018 Candidates slated for TVRC Officers, to be elected November 9, 2017, included Bill Ockington, President, Jerry Prince, Vice-President, Ron McMahon, Treasurer and Will Statom, Secretary were introduced by current Vice President, Mike Gleim.

Mike Gleim asked for nominations from the floor and there being none, the slate was nominated by Joe Elliott and seconded by John Black. Mike Gleim asked for a vote by active member acclamation and the slate presented was approved by the membership.

John Calandro had comments for the membership, including Sharon Day being appointed as the Ambassador to Costa Rica, points of interest about the 20 year constitutional review, felons voting rights being reinstated after release, and information about the Lincoln day Dinner on March 3, 2018.

Paula Bedner promoted the Republican Federated Women of The Villages' Club Jingle Mingle Christmas Party/Dance and said a limited number of tickets were available. A "Help out our Party" round table was announced for November 16, 2017 at Lake Miona Recreational Center

The Villages Republican Club will not hold a December membership meeting.

Jerry Prince presented a tentative schedule of events and locations for TVRC membership in 2018 with some miscellaneous discussion from the floor.

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

VP Mike Gleim adjourned the meeting at 8:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Will Statom

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Secretary TVRC

The Villages Republican Club

Meeting Minutes of December, 2017

There was no meeting in December of 2017 due to the combined effort of the Republican Clubs of The Villages celebrating the Christmas Holiday with the Federated Women of The Villages "Jingle Mingle" Holiday Event.

For the Good of the Order

- January starts a new year and it is Membership Dues Time. If you haven't paid your dues for 2018 we would like you to pay at the meeting or as soon as possible. Dues are only \$10 for the year and help the club get speakers and hold special events.

Remember if your dues are not paid you will not be able to vote on TVRC issues. You may pay your dues on line by going to the “sumterrepublicans.com” web site, select clubs, TVRC, and look for the “pay dues” button.

- Shirts and name tags will be available at our January Meeting. If you have ordered your shirt and name tag you can pick them up at this meeting.

We have positions available for our members to get involved in 2018:

- **50/50 Raffle** – sell tickets and distribute 50% of the receipts to the winners drawn and give the other 50% to the TVRC Treasurer
- **Publicity** – Contact local news outlets with information on upcoming TVRC Events.
- **Program** – work with the TVRC board and members to develop and manage the TVRC program for the year.
This would include suggesting speakers / events, contacting speakers and coordinating the event activities. This individual will head a committee to accomplish this.