

# THE VILLAGES REPUBLICAN CLUB NEWSLETTER

The Villages, Florida

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### **Hear about the 2018 Florida Legislative Session and Meet the Candidates**

The Villages Republican Club will meet August 9, 2018 at the Savannah Recreation Center, 1575 Buena Vista Blvd, The Villages, FL 32162. The doors will open at 6:30 PM for social time and talk to the candidates. The meeting will begin at 7:00 PM. Our speakers for this meeting will be the candidates for State Senate Dennis Baxley who is the incumbent and will tell us about the Legislative Session for 2018 and let us know he is running for our Senator again. Additionally, we will have Brett Hage candidate for District 33, State Representative, Judge Paul Militello, Sumter County Judge, incumbent; Edward Lynum, Candidate for Sumter County Judge; Sean Parks – Lake County Commissioner, District 2, incumbent; Tad Schnauffer– Candidate for Lake County Commissioner, District 2; Gary Cooney, Lake County Clerk of Courts, incumbent; Jason Paynter, Candidate for Lake County Clerk of Courts; Donnie Prophet, Candidate for Marion County School Board, District 3; and Ed Wilson, Candidate for Marion County School Board, District 3; Nancy Thrower, Candidate for Marion County School Board, District 4; Angie Boynton, Candidate for Marion County School Board, District 4; and Jane Moerlie, Candidate for Marion County School Board, District 4. We look forward to hearing from the candidates to learn more about them and help us make our decision for voting in the upcoming State Primary and General Elections. For additional and up to date information; visit the Club Facebook Page at [www.facebook.com/thevillagesrepublicanclub](http://www.facebook.com/thevillagesrepublicanclub) or Club Web Page at <http://sumterrepublicans.com/the-villages-republican-club-2/>.

# President's Message

Fellow Republicans! 2018 is an exciting election year! The Primary Elections are August 28, 2018. If you are a registered Republican you will be able to vote in the Florida Primary. As a reminder, Florida is a Closed Primary State, which means that individuals must be registered as a Republican or Democrat in order to vote.

Unfortunately, July 30, 2018 was the last day to register for the Primary. This will not affect you voting in the General Election on November 6, 2018. It is important that we elect the **best** candidate for the General Election for each of the Offices. A candidate that can beat any Democratic candidate that win their Primary. We have strong Republican candidates for the offices of United States Senator, United States House of Representative, Florida Governor, Attorney General, Agriculture Commissioner and Consumer Services and Chief Finance Officer. They have all been at our Club meetings or in The Villages. Please vote in the Primary to ensure your candidate in on the November ballot. After the Primary we will fight to make sure that we keep Florida **RED**. This is important to ensure the President Trump has the United States Senate and House of Representatives to further his agenda to **MAKE AMERICA GREAT AGAIN**. Tell your neighbors, friends and family to vote to keep American strong.

Governor Scott has made Florida strong with a great economy, crime at an all-time low, more visitors to the State and The State topped \$1 trillion Gross Domestic Product (GDP) in July. We can keep this going with the election of Republican candidates that want to keep the State strong on creating jobs, lowering taxes, keeping the residences and visitors safe and building on what Governor Scott has started.

**FLORIDA PRIMARY on August 28, 2018 – VOT! VOTE! VOTE!**

By keeping Florida **RED** we help keep President Trump in office in 2020!

**TRUMP 2020!**

# Meeting Minutes

Since we did not have a meeting in July, the June 2018 Minutes are included for you to review

The Villages Republican Club Interim President, Jerry Prince, called the June 14, 2018 meeting to order at 7:05pm at the Rohan Regional Recreation Center.

The invocation was given by TVRC Chaplin, Cindy Evans followed by member and Wildwood City Commissioner Joe Elliott lead the membership in the Pledge of Allegiance. A quorum was established by TVRC Secretary, Will Statom, as a 20% minimum of the 2018 Active members were in attendance.

Seven new members were introduced by John Black to the membership, as were three renewal members.

Distinguished guests recognized by John Black, State Committeeman, included:

- Joe Elliott, Wildwood City Commissioner
- Sally Moss, District 1, Sumter County School Board
- John Calandro, Chairman, Sumter County Republican Executive Committee and Community Development District 6 Supervisor
- Ron McMahon, Vice-Chairman, Sumter County Republican Executive Committee and Chairman, Community Development District 7
- John Black, Sumter County State Committeeman
- Phil Walker, Chairman, Community Development District 8

Wildwood Commissioner, Joe Elliott, Chairman of the TVRC Nominating Committee, announced that the TVRC President and Treasurer vacancies would be filled, in accordance with TVRC By-Laws. Chairman Elliott announced TVRC Vice President Jerry Prince submitted his name with the Committee, and asked if there were any nominations from the floor. As there were no nominations from the floor, the nominations were closed for the President's position, with a motion and second from the floor. Jerry Prince was elected President of the TVRC, by acclamation.

Chairman Elliott followed by announcing Carl Kruger submitted his name with the Committee for the TVRC Treasurer's vacancy, and asked if there were any nominations from the floor. There were no nominations from the floor and the nominations were closed for the Treasurer's position, with a motion and second from the floor. Carl Kruger was elected Treasurer of the TVRC by acclamation.

President Prince announced tickets were still available for the Florida Governor's Forum to be held at the Savannah Regional Recreation Center, July 18, 2018.

President Prince encouraged the TVRC Membership to view and participate in the new TVRC Facebook Page and recognized the 243rd birthday of the US Army.

President Prince introduced Candidates for the Florida Attorney General, and the Florida Chief Financial Officer. They were Attorney General Candidate, Judge Ashley Moody and current Florida CFO, Jimmy Patronis seeking re-election.

Both candidates gave excellent presentations including qualifications, job description, political and personal history and their visions for the future of Florida. They then took questions from the audience.

Sandy Kruger conducted the 50/50 drawing with 2 cash prize winners.

President Prince adjourned the meeting at 8:15pm.

*Will Statom*

Will Statom  
Secretary TVRC

# Up Coming Events

**September 13, 2018** Club meeting will be about the 13 Amendments proposals to the Florida State Constitution. There are some complex Amendments and attending the meeting will hopefully let you understand more about each one to make an educated decision on how to vote on each of them.

**October 11, 2018** Club meeting will be about our local Candidates. We have two Sumter County Commissioners, three Sumter County School Board Members and the City of Wildwood City Commissioners running for office. Additionally, we will have nomination of Club Officer for 2019.

**November 8, 2018** Club meeting will be our Annual Business meeting and election of Club Officers for 2019. The Business meeting will be a discussion of the 2019 Program and give you the opportunity to have input to the type of events you would like to hear in 2019. Also please attend to elect your Club Officers for the next year.

For current information about the Club meetings, please go to The Villages Republican Club's Facebook Page at [www.facebook.com/thevillagesrepublicanclub](http://www.facebook.com/thevillagesrepublicanclub) or Club Web Page at <http://sumterrepublicans.com/the-villages-republican-club-2/>.

# Help Wanted Ads

**Critical!!**

Your Club is looking for individuals who wish to get involved with the Club in many roles. We need volunteers to help the Club get ready for a big push to keep Florida **RED**.

## Opportunities

### **Program Chairman**

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.

## FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER

Membership dues are only \$10 for the year for 2018. Dues helps 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 can pay your dues at a Club meeting or by sending a check to P.O. Box 222, Oxford, FL 34484.

Shirts and name tags will be available at our meetings. If you have ordered your shirt and name tag you can pick them up at the next meeting.

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