

THE VILLAGES REPUBLICAN CLUB NEWSLETTER

The Villages, Florida

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THE VILLAGES REPUBLICAN CLUB

Come Celebrate the Republican Mid-Term Wins and Hear Dr. Gary Lester!

The Villages Republican Club will meet November 8, 2018 at Savannah Center, 1575 Buena Vista Blvd, The Villages, FL 32162. The doors open at 6:30 pm for socializing and refreshments. The meeting will begin at 7:00 pm. This meeting is open to all Republicans and like-minded conservatives and their guests. Our guest speaker will be Dr. Gary Lester, Vice President of the Villages for Community Relations. He will speak about the Republican wins during the Mid-Term Elections and how we need to move forward for the 2020 Presidential elections. For additional and up to date information; visit the Club Facebook Page at www.facebook.com/thevillagesrepublicanclub or Club Web Page at <http://sumterrepublicans.com/the-villages-republican-club-2/>.

WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU AT THE MEETING OF YOUR CLUB

President's Message

Members of The Villages Republican Club and Fellow Republicans! The Mid-Term elections of 2018 are behind us; however, we can only take a short break. The Presidential Elections for 2020 will be coming fast. We need to continue fighting for what we believe in and start moving our thoughts toward 2020 and helping President Trump win the White House again to further his agenda to **MAKE AMERICA GREAT AGAIN** and for **KEEPING AMERICA GREAT** for generations to come.

As I participated in the Sumter County Recount process there were several areas that we need to learn. First, take the time to research the candidates and issues before going to the Polls. Print the Sample Ballot from the Supervisor of Elections website or the Sample Ballot mailed to you and mark it based on your research and take it with you. Secondly, **MARK** the Ballots correctly. Here are few examples of what the County Canvassing Board had to review and make decisions based on the ballots markings.

- Voters marked the ballot lightly and the machine could not read the vote. The ballot was sent to an over / under vote stack and Canvassing Board had to decide what the voter meant. **Please mark your ballot in the correct place and make the marking dark enough so the machine can read the ballot.**
- If your ballot ends up in the Over/Under stack it may not be counted for the office you wanted to vote
- Mark **ONLY** one candidate per office, President, Senator, etc.
- Do not mark a candidate and then decide to let people know that you are an independent by marking the Write-in and stating that they were an independent. One person during the recount had a ballot like this and the Canvassing Board moved it into the Over Vote stack and the person's vote did not count.
- **DO NOT** check or circle the location to be marked. The machine cannot read and your ballot will end up having to be review to determine you intent.
- **DO NOT** mark the Party you wish to vote for, as again the machine cannot read and it will be kicked out for review.
- Please **Research** before going to the Polls, **Mark** your Sample Ballots, **Take it** with you and **Mark** your Ballot in the correct location per instructions and make them **dark** enough for the machine to read.

TRUMP 2020!

Meeting Minutes

The Villages Republican Club Minutes

November 8, 2018

The Villages Republican Club President, Jerry Prince, called the November 8, 2018 meeting to order at 7:00 PM at the Savannah Regional Recreation Center. TVRC Chaplin Cindy Evans gave the invocation followed by member, and Wildwood City Commissioner Joe Elliott with the Pledge of Allegiance. Secretary, Will Statom, confirmed that a quorum was present to conduct business.

President Prince requested approval of the October minutes, and a motion and second was received from the floor. Motion passed with voice affirmation. Treasurer Carl Kruger presented the financial report, and reported a balance of \$5905.00 as of October 31, 2018. A motion to approve the report, and a second was received from the floor, and approved by voice affirmation from the membership.

Distinguished guests recognized by Joe Elliott, Interim Vice President included:

- John Calandro, Chairman, Sumter County Republican Executive Committee (SCREC) and Community Development District 6 Supervisor
- Joe Elliott, Wildwood City Commissioner
- Dick Belles, District 3 Trustee, SECO Energy
- Andy Bilardello, CDD 12 Supervisor

TVRC Membership Chairperson Sandy Kruger introduced eight new members.

TVRC Nominating Committee Chairman Joe Elliott presented the nominees for President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer. The nominees: President Jerry Prince, Vice-President Pat Francis, Secretary Will Statom, Treasurer Carl Kruger. The floor was opened for nominations from the floor, and as there were none, the nominations were closed, and the aforementioned Officers were elected by acclamation, and affirmed by a voice vote.

SCREC Chairperson John Colandro congratulated and thanked all who participated in making Sumter County the number 1 County in Florida in turnout percentage, of 77.7%. John also stated that Republicans won 54 of Florida's 67 Counties.

President Prince made several announcements.

Promoting the TVRC Facebook page, the web page <http://sumterrepublicans.com/the-villages-republican-club-2/>

Announced an increase in the monthly dues to \$15.00 for 2019 due to rising costs of Name Tags and to promote speakers.

President Prince announced that TVRC would hold their meetings in two locations in 2019. January, March and April would be at Savannah Center and May through November 2019 would be at Colony Cottage Regional Recreation Center. President Prince also pointed out that there will be no February meeting,

The 2019 proposed meeting agenda was discussed with the membership. Additionally, the membership was asked for input to the agenda for topics they would like to hear about next year. No suggestions were made at the meeting on changing the agenda. There was no 50/50 drawing, and Pres. Prince adjourned the meeting at 8:05PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Will Statom

Will Statom, TVRC Secretary

UpComing Events

For all upcoming events and up to date information, please go to
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The Villages Republican will meet, Thursday, January 10, 2019 at the Savannah Regional Recreation Center. Doors open at 6:30 PM for a meet and greet and the meeting will start at 7:00 pm. This meeting is open to all Republicans and like-minded conservatives and their guests. Our guest speaker will be Dr. Gary Lester, Vice President of the Villages for Community Relations. He will speak about the Republican wins and how we need to move forward for the 2020 Presidential elections.

The Villages Republican will NOT meet, Thursday, February 14, 2019.

The Villages Republican will meet, Thursday, March 14, 2019 at the Savannah Regional Recreation Center. Doors open at 6:30 PM for a meet and greet and the meeting will start at 7:00 pm. This meeting is open to all Republicans and like-minded conservatives and their guests. Our guest speaker will be Mr. Bradley Arnold, County Administrator, Sumter County, Florida. Mr. Arnold will discuss the breath of the County and his work with the Board of County Commissioners, the County Constitutional Officers and the many offices within the County.

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 a program agenda to help the membership better understand the political process of Florida and our local community.

FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER

Membership dues are only \$10 for the year for 2018. Dues have changed for 2019 to \$15.00 for the year. 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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