

# THE VILLAGES REPUBLICAN CLUB NEWSLETTER

The Villages, Florida

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## THE VILLAGES REPUBLICAN CLUB

### **What our Sumter County Supervisor of Elections can tell us**

#### **The Villages Republican Club**

The Villages Republican will meet, Thursday, April 11, 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 Bill Keen, Sumter County Supervisor of Elections. He will speak about the upcoming elections in 2020 to include the Presidential Primary in March 2020. He will also talk about the Florida election rules during Primaries and the Offices for Federal, State and Local candidates. 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/>.

**LOOKING TO SEEING YOU AT OUR MEETING OF OUR CLUB**

# President's Message

Members of The Villages Republican Club and Fellow Republicans! We are less than a year away from the Florida Presidential Primary, which will be on March 17, 2020. Additionally, the Florida Primary election on August 25, 2020 will be for all other candidates other than the President. The General Election on November 3, 2020 will be for the candidates that win the primary and have an opponent from another party. We need to start working now to ensure Republican keep the White House and Senate and retake to the U.S. House of Representatives from the Radical Left Socialist Democrats. Please look for ways to get involved to make this happen.

In addition to the President and Vice President, we have at the National level our District 11 Representative Dan Webster. He is trying his best to do a good job for his district despite the House Speaker Pelosi not getting anything done except find way to blame President Trump for any and everything.

At the State level we have State Representative Brett Hage that will be running for his second term. Also, we will vote on a State Attorney and a Public Defender.

At the Local level we will be voting for all six (6) Sumter County Constitutional Officers – Supervisor of Elections; Tax Collector; Property Appraiser; Sheriff, Clerk of Courts & Comptroller and Superintendent of Schools. Additionally, we have three (3) County Commissioners up for reelection – Al Butler, Don Burgess and Steve Printz.

You need to get involved to help and working hard with all Republicans in a grass roots effort to ensure President Trump wins the White House again to further his agenda to **MAKE AMERICA GREAT AGAIN** and for **KEEPING AMERICA GREAT** for generations to come.

**TRUMP 2020!**

# Meeting Minutes

## **The Villages Republican Club Minutes March 14, 2019**

TVRC President, Jerry Prince, called the March 14, 2019 meeting to order at 7:02pm at the Savannah Regional Recreation Center. The invocation was given by John Temple and followed by Wildwood Commissioner, Joe Elliott who led the membership in the Pledge of Allegiance.

TVRC did not have a Meeting in February so no February minutes were presented for approval. A voice motion for approval of the January minutes was received from the floor, and seconded from the floor. The motion carried with a voice approval.

Treasurer Carl Kruger reported a February 28, 2019 balance of \$ 6,225.90. Previously, State Representative Bret Hage had donated \$ 5,000.00 to TVRC and a similar amount to four other Republican groups. Under Florida law the donations had to be returned. The \$ 5,000.00 will now come back to TVRC through the Sumter County Republican Executive Committee later in March, 2019. The four other Republican groups will receive their donations through their Republican Executive Committees. Treasurer Carl Kruger advised that our 2018 Audit of our Treasurer's Report was completed and was approved by the Audit Committee. A motion to approve the two reports was received from the floor, and seconded from the floor. Voice affirmation from the floor approved the reports.

Distinguished guests recognized by President Jerry Prince, included:

- Brad Arnold, Sumter County Administrator
- SCREC Chair John Temple
- Marina Woolcock, Sumter County State Committeewoman
- Wildwood City Commissioner Joe Elliott
- Wildwood City Commissioner Marcos Flores

- CDD District 8 Supervisor and Vice President of the VHA Phil Walker
- CDD District 12 Supervisor Andrew Bilardello.

The 2019 membership meeting schedule is as follows: January, March and April meetings will be conducted at The Savannah Center. The May, June, July, August, September, October and November membership meetings will be held at Colony Cottage Regional Recreation Center.

SCREC Chair John temple informed the TVRC attendees that the 33<sup>rd</sup> Lincoln Day Dinner will be March 16, 2019 at the Savannah Regional Recreation Center and tickets are still available.

President Jerry Prince advised the membership that TVRC was on Facebook and that we had a website: <http://sumterrepublicans.com/the-villages-republican-club-2/>.

Marina Woolcock, Sumter County State Committeewoman advised the attendees of the issue of maintaining the Closed Primary and the 2020 election plans. Further, a barbecue will occur of April 24, 2019 at 5:30 PM. Further information to follow.

A reminder from the TVRC leadership that 2019 dues are \$15.00, and due by February 28, 2019.

Frank Fitzpatrick of Villagers for Trump announced that on April 1, 2019 at Lake Miona Recreational Center starting at 7:00 PM that Roger Stone will be the speaker.

Brad Arnold addressed the TVRC Membership on the functions of the Sumter County Board of Commissioners in providing the funding and directions for the constitutional officers in the County. Specifically, the functions of the finance and tax collector, property appraiser, administration, public safety, sheriff and circuit court judge, emergency management, health and human services, supervisor of elections, library, animal services and, to a degree, the school board.

Sumter County provides many consolidated services such as county dispatch of emergency 911, fire and enforcement. The County wants to expand such present

consolidated services and intends to add street lighting. All to the financial benefit of all residents in Sumter County.

Sumter County in 2018 entered into a thirty year contract with the Villages Developer to work together on road development in the proposed areas that should provide excellent working conditions and controlled installations of the new roads, curbing, traffic controls and landscaping.

Walter Lazinski conducted the 50/50 drawing and 3 winners were selected. President Jerry Prince adjourned the meeting at 8:05PM.

Respectfully submitted,

*William J. Ockington*

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Acting Secretary TVRC

# UpComing Events

For all upcoming events and up to date information, please go to  
The Villages Republican Club's Facebook Page at  
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May 9, 2019 – Ericka Donalds – School Choice

June 13, 2019 –

July 11, 2019 – John Michael Chalmers - Illegal Immigration

August 8, 2019 – State Representative & State Senator

September 12, 2019 – Breadth of Roles of the Florida Chief Finance Officer

October 10, 2019 – Club Officer Nomination & Florida Term Limits

November 14, 2019 – Club Officer Elections & Open Discussion on Next Year's  
Agenda

December 12, 2019 – Club Christmas Celebration

The Republican Federated Women of The Villages will meet April 11, 2019 at 10:00  
am at Bacall Recreation Center.

The Villagers for Trump will meet May 6m 2019 at 6:30 pm at Colony Cottage.

# 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 \$15 for the year of 2019. Remember if your dues are not paid you will not be able to vote on TVRC issues. Dues must be paid by February 28, 2019 to be a member in good standing for the year. 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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