

THE VILLAGES REPUBLICAN CLUB NEWSLETTER

The Villages, Florida

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The Villages Republican will meet, Thursday, May 9, 2019 at the Colony Cottage 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 Erika Donalds, who will speak about the School Choice Movement in Florida. She will tell how we must ensure that every family can choose the education environment that is best for their child. The School Choice Movement advocates for the improvement and expansion of school choice in all of its forms. How we must be committed to securing the world-class education options that children deserve, being a resource for the facts, and a bold, honest voice for the school choice movement. She will tackle myths about school choice and share the facts about why every family in our state should have access to multiple, high quality education options, and how do we get there.

President's Message

We need to continue working hard 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.

Fellow Conservatives the 2020 elections are fast approaching. The Florida Presidential Primary is March 17, 2020. The Democrats have 21 Socialist that have announced their candidacy for President. They will be a very nasty group against President Trump. We need to learn the facts to be able to stand against their Socialist views of America. Socialism has never worked in any country or the world and we do not need it in America.

The Democrats 2020 Platform is to raise taxes, kill the unborn and now the new born, open our borders, push for Socialism, weaker economy, defund our great military, suppress free speech, take away our right to bear arms, remove the Electoral College and defend and pay, now at over 25 Billion this year, for illegal aliens. Who in their right mind would want this for America?

We must be educated on the issues, volunteer during the campaign season and get out and show the support to conservative value and America. America's future and the future of your children, grandchildren and in some cases great grandchildren depend on us to fight for America.

TRUMP 2020!

Meeting Minutes

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April 11, 2019

TVRC President Jerry Prince called the April 11, 2019 TVRC monthly meeting to order at 7:02PM, at the Savannah Center. Cindy Evans gave the invocation, followed by Wildwood Commissioner Joe Elliott, leading the membership in the Pledge of Allegiance.

TVRC President Jerry Prince asked if a quorum was present and TVRC Secretary Will Statom confirmed that there was. President Jerry Prince asked for approval of the March minutes and a motion and second was received from the floor and affirmed by voice vote. President Jerry Prince asked for a motion and second to approve the Treasurers report, both were received from the floor and affirmed by voice vote. TVRC Treasurer Carl Kruger presented the February 28, 2019 ending checking balance of \$ 6,225.90 and a March 31, 2019 ending checking balance of \$11,383.47.

TVRC Vice President Pat Frances introduced the distinguished guests and office holders present and thanked all the persons that helped make the Lincoln Day Dinner a success, with net proceeds exceeding \$16,000.00. TVRC Membership Chair Sandy Kruger introduced new members, of which there were 20 in January and February 2019, 13 in March 2019, and 8 in April 2019. The new members present introduced themselves.

TVRC President Jerry Prince announced that the May 9, 2019 meeting will be held at Colony Cottage and that Erika Donald, an advocate for school choice in Florida, will be the guest speaker. The TVRC monthly meetings for the remainder of 2019, will be held at Colony Cottage, in an effort to "centralize" TVRC meetings in order to accommodate the South expansion of The Villages.

The TVRC Executive Board approved the change for 2020 also. The 2020 TVRC monthly meeting schedule will be as follows: January, February, March and April

will be held at The Savannah Center and the May through November meetings will be held at Colony Cottage.

Sumter County Sheriff Bill Farmer addressed the TVRC membership about crime rates in Sumter County and introduced 4 deputies that were present. Sheriff Bill Farmer announced he would seek re-election as Sumter County Sheriff and needed signatures for his petition.

SCREC Chair John Temple thanked all who helped make the Lincoln Day Dinner a success and said he was looking forward to meeting new members. State Committeewoman Marina Woolcock shared with the TVRC membership that the Republican Party of Florida had raised over 5 million dollars in the 1st quarter of 2019.

Marina Woolcock reminded the membership about the Republican Federated Women of The Villages fund raiser at the Tractor Museum on Hwy 44 East, beginning at 5:30PM April 24, 2019. Villagers for Trump spokesperson, Frank Fitzpatrick, announced events that were upcoming in April and May. The Villagers for Trump website address is villagersfortrump.org if you are interested in participating in their events.

Sumter County Supervisor of Elections, Bill Keen, addressed the membership about various election topics including the 2018 recount, working with the Sumter County Tax Collector on registrations, and budget adjustments he has made since he was elected. Bill Keen had an electronic voting machine set up to show future electronic voting possibilities. Bill Keen received questions from the attendees, and answered them with his usual informed, posture.

The 50/50 drawing was managed by Walter Lazinski and there were 3 winners. 75 TVRC members were present at the April 11, 2019 meeting.

President Prince adjourned the meeting at 8:05 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Will Statom

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Secretary TVRC

Upcoming Events

For all upcoming events and up to date information, please go to
The Villages Republican Club's Facebook Page at
www.facebook.com/thevillagesrepublicanclub or Club Web Page at
<http://sumterrepublicans.com/the-villages-republican-club-2/>.

June through August is being reworked based availability of speakers during these months. Please watch our web page and Facebook page for updates.

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

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.

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

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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.

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.

Additional Item to all: Stephen Stern, Broward Republican REC, He and his son own the largest Patriotic site in the US. Their website is www.theflagshirt.com. If someone wishes to have such items you can get them at this website.

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