

# Republican Federated Women of The Villages General Membership Meeting 01/2026



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January 08, 2026 / 10:00 AM / Rohan Recreation Center, 850 Kristine Way, The Villages FL 32163

## AGENDA:

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by RFWTV President, Meg Beck.

Prayer: Ann Bourke, Chaplain

Pledge: Deb Butterfield, Americanism Chair

## REPORTS AND UPDATES:

Meg acknowledged and expressed her gratitude to all the members who have volunteered to assist in putting together today's meeting.

Meg introduced Samantha Scott, Chair of the Sumter County Republican Executive Committee (REC) and Florida State Representative-Elect. Samantha will be sworn into the Legislature on March 24, 2026. Samantha thanked the membership for all their hard work in 2025, especially the election for Ralph Massullo as State Senator; he won the election by only 18 points. The democrats are campaigning on the low turnout of Republicans. Sumter County had the highest turnout in the special election. We need to get the word out that Republicans need to show up to vote this year.

## Committee Highlights:

Committees are the backbone of the RFWTV; our mission is to get Republicans elected. In order to do that we need all of you to get involved. Each Committee should focus on one or two "done in a day" projects as well as a larger project that will take a few months or even a year. The smaller projects help the committee members feel as if they are accomplishing a goal. Members – please sign up for at least one Committee. On your chairs is a form to submit your "hours" for the time you spend working for the Club. The Achievement Awards from the FFRW represent the work you are putting into the Club and making us successful. Please send your hours to Mindy Haataja at: [rfwtvaa@gmail.com](mailto:rfwtvaa@gmail.com).

Meg introduced the Committee Chairs: Mindy Haataja, Achievement Awards; Pam Glynn, Armed Services; Deb Butterfield, Americanism; Eileen Gressock, Bylaws; Carol Mangan, Budget; Dianne Olsen, Campaign Activism; Maureen Foertsch, Caring for America; Kathy Slattery, Events and Hospitality; Kathy Nichols, Hospitality Coordinator; Barbara Orvieto, Fundraising Coordinator; Mary Lazich, Legislative Affairs; Judy Holleran, Literacy and Education; Jane Falvo, Membership; Ann Bourke, Prayer Warriors; Lisa Johnson, Program; Marilyn Licul, Sergeant at Arms; Stacey Castle, Social Media and Communication; and Elaine Johnson, Voter Integrity.

Kathy Slattery, Events Chair described the activities the Club has recently held and a few activities coming up; view the Club website for details. Kathy Slattery introduced Kathy Nichols, Hospitality Coordinator.

Lisa Johnson introduced the following local officials: Michael Squier, candidate for Sumter County Commissioner District 4; Samantha Scott, REC Chair and Florida State Representative-Elect; Nicolas Hemes, NSCUDD member; Deb Butterfield, District 1 Sumter County Commissioner; Ellie Decker, NSCUDD member; Dianne Olsen, State Committeewoman; Andy Bilardello District 2 Sumter County Commissioner, Sally Moss, School Board Member; Bob Greene, State Committeeman. We have two representatives from a sister club present: Beth Ramsey, President, Southern Diamonds FRW and Debbie Hagey, Recording Secretary, Southern Diamonds FRW and FFRW District 5 Representative. Meg acknowledged that Cindy Brown, Daniel Webster's Constituent Services representative, was also present at our meeting.

**Guest Speaker:** Joel Targgart and Katie Vansant from Ameriprise Financial spoke to the Club about Trump's One Big Beautiful Bill. Mr. Targgart identified certain tax benefits for various age brackets; lower tax rates and higher standard deductions extended.

### **Committee Spotlights.**

**Armed Services.** Pam Glynn, Chair, stated that the mission of Armed Services is to remember, thank and support our military and veterans. Christmas Stockings is still the large project for this Committee. This Club filled 171 stockings last year and delivered them to the VA in Orlando. Pam would like the members to start looking now for Christmas stockings to fill as well as purchasing bulk supplies to fill the stockings. Meg recognized that our sister club, Southern Diamonds, also contributed to our Christmas Stocking project.

**Campaign Activism** - Dianne Olsen, Chair. Campaign Activism activities include: phone banking, door knocking, postal stations, going to the polling stations, golf cart parades, walking the squares with banners and poll watching. In 2018 the RFWTV Phone Bank put Sumter County on the Political Map. In 2018 Governor DeSantis won by 32,000 votes, that is less than 500 votes per county. During the 2026 Primary in August and the General Election on November 3<sup>rd</sup>, we need all hands on-deck. We can again lead Sumter County to get out the vote. Dianne passed signup sheets for members to volunteer for one or more of the many options available to campaign this year.

As State Committeewoman, Dianne wanted to clarify (for the members that are not familiar with the REC) that the REC is the Republican Executive Committee. In the Special Election in December 2025 to elect a new State Senator, Republicans had 26% of voter turn-out while Democrats had 56% of voter turn-out. Pundits are saying that Republicans do not vote unless Trump is on the ballot; and this is true. On a positive note, in December 2025, we gained 12,000 registered voters for the GOP. We have 1,421,908 more registered Republican voters than Democrat voters.

**Social Media and Communication.** Stacey Castle, Chair

Meg advised we have been working on revising and refreshing social media. You should have received two Constant Contact emails from the Club. Constant Contact is our way of notifying you of Club events; committee meeting dates and activities; volunteer opportunities, etc. You also

receive information from the FFRW and NFRW through Constant Contact. Please do not unsubscribe from Constant Contact as it is hard to reinstate you once you have unsubscribed.

Our Club website is [www.rfwtv.org](http://www.rfwtv.org) – please check it out. Much of the information on the website was outdated but Stacey Castle, Social Media and Communications Chair, has spent many hours/days updating it. Stacey would like the Club to have an Instagram account; we currently have a YouTube account but have not used it recently. Rosemary Pratt is the gatekeeper of our Facebook page. As the Club Facebook page is only available to Club members, please see Rosemary to obtain access to the Club Facebook page.

Membership. Jane Falvo, Chair, acknowledged the women who joined her team and offered her gratitude to each of them. Jane’s new endeavor is to have each new guest be greeted by an Ambassador. The Ambassador will talk to prospective new members about the Club and if asked, will walk them through the process to join. Jane asked the members to join the Membership Committee and become active in the Club.

Prayer Warriors. Ann Bourke, Chair, shared how powerful prayer has been in her life. Prayer Warriors will provide spiritual leadership, comfort to those in need, a listening ear, and a place to share God’s love. Monthly meetings will be held to pray as a group and members have the ability to send prayer requests to the Committee. All prayer requests will remain confidential, sharing only information with permission. Everyone can be a prayer warrior; just need a willingness to pray with/for others. If interested, include on your application or call Ann Bourke, contact information on the Club website.

Meg introduced the newly elected Executive Committee: Jane Falvo, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President and Membership Chair; Lisa Johnson 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President and Program Chair and Conference Chair; Eileen Gressock, Recording Secretary and Bylaws Chair; Ann Bourke, Corresponding Secretary and Prayer Warriors Chair; and Carol Mangan, Treasurer and Budget Chair. Meg advised that the Club has a new officer position, Assistant Treasurer. Lou Mower has agreed to stay on as Assistant Treasurer to provide continuity in the RFWTV.

Lisa Johnson announced that our speaker in February is Paul Renner, Candidate for Governor and immediate past Speaker of the Florida House.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:50 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Eileen M. Gressock, Recording Secretary