

Republican Federated Women of The Villages General Membership Meeting 07/2026



July 9, 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: Donna Como

Pledge: Pam Glynn, Armed Services Committee Chair

REPORTS AND UPDATES:

Local Officials:

Meg acknowledged certain guests in attendance at our meeting: Debbie Hagey, FFRW District Representative; and the following local officials: Nicolas Hemes, NSCUDD; Dianne Olsen, State Committee Woman; Deb Butterfield, District 1 Sumter County Commissioner; Andy Bilardello, District 2 Sumter County Commissioner; Mark Morgan, Republican Executive Committee (REC) Chair; Sally Moss, Sumter County School Board Representative; and Logan Brown, Sumter County School Board Superintendent.

Meg gave thanks to the following members who are always helping at our meetings: Don Glynn (Power Point), Tim O'Donnell and Charley Beck (all around help), Stacey Castle (Newsletters). Meg congratulated the membership on achieving 11,000 volunteer hours from January 1st to June 30th this year.

REMINDERS:

- **August – No Membership Meeting**
- **September – Membership Meeting at Colony Cottage Rec. Ctr. – 9:30 am start time.**

Business Reports:

Recording Secretary. The minutes of the June 11, 2026 membership meeting had been circulated with the meeting announcement through Constant Contact. Eileen Gressock called for a motion to approve the June 11, 2026 General Membership meeting minutes.

Motion: Dianne Olsen moved that the June 11, 2026 General Membership meeting minutes be approved; The Motion was seconded and the Motion was adopted.

Treasurer's Report. Lou Mower, Assistant Treasurer, presented the financial reports for May and June 2026 as follows:

May 1, 2026 account balance was \$12,303.16. Total revenue during the month of May was \$90.00. Total expenses during May were \$662.11 (name tag payments, business cards and new checks). Balance as June 1, 2026 was \$11,731.05.

June 1, 2026 account balance was \$11,731.05. Total revenue during the month of June was \$285 (membership dues and tags). Total expenses during June were \$1,278.08 (dues to FFRW; deposit to Willie Jewels for Club Fundraiser; Constant Contact payment; and reimbursement to Committee Chairs for approved expenses). Balance as of July 1, 2026 is \$10,737.97.

Guest Speaker:

Sumter County School Board Superintendent, Logan Brown, spoke to the Club. Mr. Brown thanked the membership for our friendship, encouragement, prayers and unwavering support. His focus this past year has been to put the students first and spend taxpayer dollars wisely. Sumter County Schools continues to be one of the top performing Districts in the state of Florida ranking 9th out of 67 counties. Nine out of the 10 schools individually increased their performance. Our students are learning, teachers are working harder than ever and refusing to settle for mediocrity. The Board has established clear expectations for every principal, every administrator and every department because accountability should not stop at the classroom door. They have implemented a “Leader in Me” framework for all curriculum across the District based on the Seven Habits of Highly Effective People by Stephen Covey. They are intentionally teaching leadership, responsibility, integrity and service. They are striving for students to earn high test scores but also be good kids that are ready to go into the workforce on day one and contribute to society; be good outstanding citizens. They have worked hard to restore common sense to public education by strengthening classroom instruction, supporting our teachers, increasing transparency, removing books from libraries that pollute the minds of our young people and ensuring parents remain partners in education. The focus is on reading, math, career and technical education, school safety and creating an orderly learning environment where teachers can teach and students can learn. They are also being responsible with taxpayer dollars. They have improved operational efficiency at the District level. They've increased about 175 students since 2023 and have added an additional 50 instructional units so that classroom sizes are smaller, the students have a better learning environment, and they are supporting our bottom quartile kids and students with disabilities with proper support facilitation.

Conservative principles like accountability, transparency, fiscal responsibility, and just good government, is good educational leadership. These values have guided every decision Mr. Brown has made, and the results speak for themselves. He is incredibly optimistic about where Sumter County Schools are headed. They have exceptional teachers, dedicated employees, supportive families, and a community that continues to rally around the schools.

Sumter County School Board Candidates:

Troye Joiner

Troye is running for Sumter County School Board District 5. He has been a resident of Sumter County for 30 years; attending all local schools and was a member of the local Navy JRC unit. He comes from a family of teachers, college professors, and librarians. His focus on the school board is to use taxpayer dollars responsibly—to benefit the students; and support existing programs while implementing new ones.

Michael Johnson

Michael is a 3rd generation Central Florida resident. He owns and operates a business inside District 5 and he is a partner with Edward Jones. He has served on the Lake Sumter State College

Foundation Board; has served on the Lake Sumter Seminole Club Board and has been President of the Rotary Club in Leesburg. His goals, if elected, are to support the current programs that have given the schools an A rating; support our teachers and keep our students safe. He is currently assisting his wife working with the Take Stock in Children Program in Sumter County.

Sally Moss

Sally is currently serving as the Vice Chair of the Sumter County School Board and is running for reelection. The Board recently enacted term limits for school board members but she has been grandfathered in and is eligible to run for a third term. Sally is proud of her accomplishments: 1) Coordinated with '100 Telescope Project' to donate a robotic telescope to every district school; 2) Connected robotics students with Voyage Autonomous Automobile Engineers; 3) Coordinated leadership tours for Navy Cadet Corps students; 4) Introduced the Lake Sumter Lions Club Vision Sight Program to our student services to start giving vision screening to pre-K students who had not had this done; this year they will also be screening 2nd, 4th and 5th grade students (with parental permission); 5) Founded the Sumter Public School Supply drive in 2020. This is the 7th year and to-date has raised over \$140,000 in monetary and school supply donations. Sally is proud of the student accomplishments with some of the highest test grades in the State. She applauded our Club for the recent 80-90% marks the 7th and 8th graders received on the civics test. Sally feels she is making an impact on the School Board and with the students and is asking for your vote to continue for four more years.

Jerry Loomer

Jerry taught chemistry, physics and biology for 37 years. He received the South Dakota Teacher of the Year award and the First National Presidential Award for Excellence in Science Teaching. He was also the 11th teacher (out of 15,000) on the list for the NASA Teacher in Space Project the year of the Challenger disaster. Jerry feels our students are our most important product and the teacher has the main impact with the student. Jerry supports trade and technical education. His priorities are responsible spending; higher teacher salaries to retain quality educators, transparency, parental involvement and live streaming school board meetings. He supports what the school district is doing in career and technical education and in academics. If he is elected to the school board, Jerry plans to donate \$1,000 to scholarships for teachers to assist in their certification requirements. Jerry reminded us that School Board candidates are voted on in the Primary election and will not appear in November at the General Election.

Question/Answers

The candidates were asked what should be done to keep our students safe in the classroom. Superintendent Brown stated that all the buildings are locked and anyone seeking access must be cleared. The Sumter County Sheriff's Office has assigned a Sheriff Resource Officer to each building; they know exactly what to do. They are up to date on all the new technologies and defenses to keep the schools safe. A Guardianship Program is in place which allows for armed individuals (that are thoroughly vetted) to be on campus; in one case one individual carries openly. There are layers of protection; some of which are not announced to the public for the Sumter County Schools. When asked about metal detectors, we were advised that if someone walks on campus, the administration is instantly aware; texts with pictures are instantly circulated. Canines are used for drug sniffing; weapon identification, etc. Recently the Sumter County Sheriff's Office was asked for assistance in locating two teenagers who had stolen some boats. The cameras at Lake Panasoffkee Elementary School were utilized and were able to pinpoint the exact location of those in question.

When asked about term limits, all were in favor of term limits. When asked about the biggest concern in the county, Mr. Brown indicated that Vaping is at a pandemic level in high school age students. They have enlisted the aid of vape detection dogs to sweep schools. A SWAT Club (Students Working Against Tobacco) is active in South Sumter Middle School. They have asked that instead of expelling or suspending a student for vaping or having marijuana, or any type of drug, that they could have an in-house education program. The school district has policies to help these students, even if they are not in-house, to educate the students as well as the parents.

Tim Wilkins, Congressional District 11 Candidate

Tim Wilkins stated that he is the only candidate running to serve as the next Congressman in District 11 that currently lives in District 11. He is a Marine veteran and business owner. He and his wife have a private school; he has an animation company that works with all the major studios and a faith-based movie production company where they tackle big social issues. The last big movie was called “And God Made Man” with Dean Cain and Kevin Sorbo. He had a 30-year career in entertainment from stage, TV, radio and as a professional speaker. He spent 16 years in the consumer debt industry.

He would like to go to D.C. to speak up and fight for the people. He plans to hold town halls and be accountable to this District; to take care of our seniors, our veterans and the issues they are dealing with. He has been to D.C., met with House Leadership and the White House and has started inroads for mentorship to get on the right committees. He offers his experience, his faith, his values and full scope of his work ethic and work experience to go to D.C. and tackle issues like immigration, healthcare, and others.

Committee Highlights:

Armed Services:

Pam Glynn, Chair, announced that her Committee is starting the Christmas Stocking program today by handing out stockings for you to take home and fill. A flyer is provided at the table with suggestions of what to fill the stockings with. Cards are available, also with suggestions of what to write.

In November we will have a ceremony to honor veterans in our Club. Pam is asking for copies of pictures of any veteran in your immediate family. If you have already given Pam pictures but did not identify the person or that the person is your relative, please contact Pam to give her that information.

Campaign Activism:

Dianne Olsen, Chair, advised that Campaign Activism is in full swing; we are in a fight to get people out to vote in the Primary. Only 33% of registered voters vote in the Primary. On August 13th there is no membership meeting, we will be holding two luncheons at Evans Prairie; one 11:00—12:15 p.m. and the other 12:30—1:45 p.m. Everyone is not invited—only those who have volunteered that day are invited. So, volunteer either the morning or afternoon.

Below are Election Task Force activities:

- Phone Calling – Phone calling from home has already begun. Dianne is taking signups today for phone bank training for you to make calls from the phone bank or from your home.
- Poll Watching – several spots still need to be filled, especially in Bushnell.

- Door Knocking – has begun; training held last week; anyone still interested in door knocking, please let us know.
- Postal Stations – Nicolas Hemes leading; begins August 1st, signup now; will be putting signs on your golf carts and in your vehicles.
- Polling Stations – Judy Holleran has several slots to fill.
- Walkers – Christy White is looking for walkers for Middleton and Olympia.

Golf Parade scheduled for August 2nd – Stacey Castle to lead.

July 20th candidates running in the August primary (U.S. House, Judges, Sumter County Commissioners and School Board candidates) will be available for you to ask questions. Lake Miona Recreation Center; doors open at 6:00 pm and program will last to 8:30 p.m.

Caring for America:

Maureen Foertsch, Chair, has been working with Caring for America for about five years. She collects food, clothing, shoes and just about anything. The Club website has a complete list of everything you can donate. Last year she collected 1,157 pounds of food, 48 bags of clothing, and \$1,889 cash donations. This year we have collected 562 pounds of food, 29 bags of clothing and \$803 cash donations. Caring Hands has need of hygiene articles: toothpaste, toothbrushes, etc. Maureen will set up tables at Publix at Colony on July 25th and 26th if you are interested in joining her to solicit food from shoppers.

Events:

Lynn Ingenito and Stacey Castle are filling in for Kathy Slattery. Lynn announced “Dinner and a Movie” on July 15th at 1:20 p.m. to see Young Washington. A signup sheet is circulating the room. Dinner will be at the Japanese restaurant at Lake Sumter Landing. If you sign up and find you will not be able to participate, please text or call Lynn on 516-909-1602 that you will not be able to attend.

Fundraising:

Barbara Orvieto, Chair. Annual fundraiser is October 14th at Rohan, 8-9 persons per table—reserved seating. Tickets are available for purchase next week. The packet of information distributed at meeting included a list of items needed for baskets and drop-off locations; signup sheet for baking cookies; volunteer opportunities for the fundraiser. Meeting for all volunteers to be held on Thursday September 3rd at 6:30 p.m.

Membership:

Jane Falvo, Membership Chair, has started a new incentive program for our members. The Bead Recognition Program utilizes the collection of beads to make a personal bracelet. You receive a bead for your participation in Committee activities within the Club as well as bringing guests to meetings and signing up new members. This month we are recognizing the following members for bringing guests and signing up new members: Jill Rose, Carla Rousseau, Sally Anderson, Emine Master, Donna O’Neil, Lynn Ingenito, Linda Vercillo, Rosemary Pratt and Julia Spellman.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Eileen M. Gressock, Recording Secretary