Republican Federated Women of The Villages

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GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING REMINDER

Thursday, September 10, 2026

Location: Colony Cottage

Doors Open: 9:00AM

Starts 9:30AM

Meg's Message



Dear Members,

It will be so good to see you all on **Thursday, September 10….where??? Colony Cottage Recreation Center….when??? Meeting will begin at 9:30 AM. Doors open at 9:00 AM.**

July seems so far away but we have accomplished so much as a Club to support Campaign Activism via Door Knocking, Walking to GOTV, Phone Calling, Postal Station GOTV, Poll Watching, and Polling Station Parking lots handing out Voter Guides. As individuals, you have campaigned for candidates, been you neighbors best information source and used up a lot of "sweat equity" fulfilling the mission to get Republicans elected. Thank you for your effort. Thank you Dianne Olsen for your leadership.

We had, not 1 but 2 lunches, on what would have been our regular meeting day Thursday, August 13 so that our members could have the opportunity to share their Campaign Activism experiences. Those attending had great stories to share about the various activities they had participated in.

September is a bittersweet month for many. It is the sad 25th Anniversary of September 11. It is one of those dates etched into our memory. You know where you were and what you were doing when you heard that the World Trade Center had been struck by two planes. It always amazes me how our lives intersect with others but you don't know it until years later. Craig Estep discussed his role in managing emergency resources in New York City after the attack. I realized as he was talking that he and I had worked together indirectly during that time. I was Operations Manager of The Harry Chapin Food Bank on Long Island. Craig requisitioned all of USDA and NYS Department of Health grant supplied food at the warehouse which was used to feed the first responders and utilized our refrigerated trucks. He also made sure that all of the food was replaced as were our trucks at a later date. Thank you Karen and Craig for you service to our Country.

On the celebratory side, September 17 is Constitution Day. RFWTV has been celebrating our Constitution with Sumter School District for over 4 years via our Constitution Essay Contest under the leadership of Judy Holleran. This years essay will be on the First Amendment: Which of the Rights in the First Amendment is most important to help you to secure the Blessings of Liberty? We hope you will consider being a Judge of the K-3 Posters, Grade 4-12 Art Works or Essay Contest and Grades 6-12 Video Contest that is for the Debate Team. NO EXPERIENCE NEEDED! It is an up close and personal way to see what our future voters are learning.

Last but not least, FFRW Virtual Fall 2026 Conference will be held via Zoom on Saturday, September 26. We have reserved the card room at Rohan from 10-2 so our members can come together to share the FFRW Conference experience of hearing and seeing our TOP TIER Republican Candidates, see our FFRW Board conduct some business, see the FFRW Resolutions read, watch a fun slide show of pictures from fellow FFRW Clubs celebrating the great 250th Anniversary of our Country, get a sneak preview in the FFRW 2027 Spring Legislative Conference in Tallahassee and so much more. Did I mention that this event is FREE…and we will have FOOD and maybe a raffle or 2? Please see the flyer below with all the information and how to sign up. If you prefer to participate in your bunny slippers from home via Zoom, you can do that too. Please call or text me at (631) 745-8828 or email me at megbeck1008@gmail.com if you would like to help with the event or have questions.

As the old song says, See you in September!

Keep Florida **RED.**

Meg

AGENDA

- **Call to Order - Meg Beck**
- **Prayer**
- **Pledge of Allegiance**

- **President's Comments and Announcements:**
  - **Welcome**
  - **Remembering Charlie Kirk and 9/11/2001**
  - **FFRW Virtual Zoom Fall Conference, September 26, 10-2 PM at Rohan**

- **Business Reports:**
  - **Recording Secretary Report - Eileen Gressock**
  - **Treasurer Report - Carol Mangan**

- **Committee Spotlight:**
  - **Program - Jane Falvo**
  - **Literacy and Education - Judy Holleran**
  - **Events - Lynn Ingenito**
  - **Armed Services - Pam Glynn**
  - **Fundraiser - Barbara Orvieto**

- **Americanism Moment - 25th Anniversary of September 11, 2001**

- **Speaker:**
  - **Randolph G. Russell, Author, “American History In No Time, Quick and Easy Read of the Basics”**

- **Closing**
- **Adjourn**

July 2026 Minutes



The first anniversary of Charlie Kirk’s passing on September 10 marks the loss of a tireless warrior for conservative principles. He built Turning Point USA from the ground up, energizing young people to carry the torch of limited government, free markets, and traditional values. His voice cut through the noise with clarity and conviction, inspiring a generation to stand firm against the cultural tide. A year later, the ache remains, but so does the movement he sparked.

SEPTEMBER 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Voter Integrity NOON Square 1 Restaurant	2 Cards 1-3:30PM Trillium RC	3	4	5
6	7	8	9 Cards 1-3:30PM Trillium RC	10 RFWTV Meeting 9:30AM Colony Cottage	11 Literacy/Education Committee 10 to noon Pinellas Library	12
13	14 Armed Services 9:30-11AM Big Cypress RC	15 Campaign Activism Leaders 9-11AM Pinellas Library (102) Birthday Luncheon Havana/NOON	16 Membership Com. 1-2:30PM Square 1 Restaurant Cards 1-3:30PM Trillium RC	17	18	19
20	21	22 Americanism Meeting 10AM | Room 120 Belvedere Library	23 Cards 1-3:30PM Trillium RC	24	25	26 FFRW Fall BOD & GOTV Meeting 10AM Rohan Virtual Conference
27	28	29	30 Cards 1-3:30PM Trillium RC			

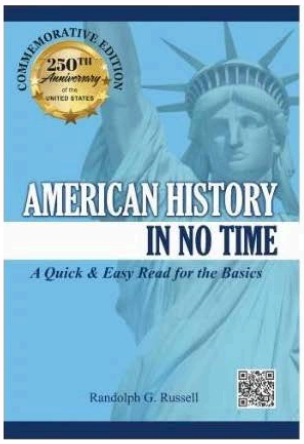
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RFWTV- KEEP FLORIDA RED!

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SEPTEMBER SPEAKER



RANDOLPH RUSSELL
Author of the book
American History In No Time





Memories of 9/11

By Marie O'Flaherty, Americanism Committee

In a few weeks we will observe the 25th anniversary of 9/11, the worst terrorist attack in U.S. history.

My memory of that day before the planes struck was how beautiful the day was in New York. It was gorgeous. There was not a cloud in the sky, it was the bluest blue I had ever seen.

By a stroke of fate I got caught in Manhattan that day. Ordinarily I would not have been there but I took a few vacation days and planned to meet my sister in Manhattan to see a Broadway show and spend the night in a Manhattan time share.

I got on the Long Island Railroad from Long Beach at 8:15. My sister was getting on the LIRR on a different train. We were going to meet at the waiting room at Penn Station.

As the train was traveling towards New York City, I noticed people on their cell phones saying a plane went into one of the towers. I remember thinking it must have been a small plane and of course was a accident. I could not image a commercial plane ever having a accident like that.

Then someone said a second plane hit and I knew then as I'm sure everyone else did that it was a terrorist attack.

Someone said look to the left. Black smoke completed covered the towers and was drifting across the New York City skyline.

Everyone on the train was calm so I knew I had to stay calm too, but I knew our train still had to go through a tunnel before it reached Penn Station. All I could think of is what if the terrorists were going to blow up the tunnels and bridges leading to Manhattan. Fortunately we made it through and reached Penn Station.

My sister had not reached Penn Station yet. As I was waiting for her there was a announcement that the LIRR was shutting down and all trains that had not reached Penn Station would be turned around. So I knew my sister would be alright and would get home, but I wasn't sure what I was going to do.

Just then another announcement told us to evacuate the building. Everyone ran. I made it out and found myself standing on the corner of 7th Ave. and 34th St. The lines to use the two pay phones were long because cell phones were not working. As I waited I heard people calling home and telling their families that they made it out of the tower they worked in. What a relief it must have been to those families. As we waited we heard that a plane had gone into the Pentagon and another was headed to the White House or Capitol. I knew we were at war.

Fire trucks and ambulances passed by going downtown from all over the metropolitan area. They were headed to ground zero. Once in a while I would see one come uptown completely covered in a gray ash. There was a strange eerie silence. This was not the usual busy Manhattan weekday.

At 1:15 there was a announcement that the LIRR would resume service. Again everyone ran. I was able to get on a very crowded train going home. People were standing in the aisle. I remember two women particularly. One woman wore a uniform that made me think she was a park ranger. Perhaps she worked at the Statue of Liberty or Ellis Island which are both near ground zero. I remember her because her shoes were covered in the same gray ash that covered the fire trucks. Another woman was standing in the aisle staring straight ahead. She looked almost frozen.

At the time I didn't know what she might have seen if she was in the towers or near them. Now I look back and understand the horror that she might have been reliving in her mind that day.

When I reached home to Long Beach everything was quiet. Not a soul on the street. Ordinarily there would be shoppers and people going to and from the beach but as I walked home it was quiet and empty.

After I got home I tried to process in my mind what had happened to our country but was overwhelmed. I remember trying to understand the amount of people who were killed, especially the police and fire fighters and I could not comprehend it. The day that had started out so beautifully ended so horribly. We were changed as a country and American people. Our sense of safety was gone. Our belief that something like this could not happen here was wiped out forever.

Now we must forever be on our guard. I pray to God that something like this never happens again and that our leaders always work to keep us safe.

THE SIGPRO STUDIO

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REPUBLICAN FEDERATED WOMEN OF THE VILLAGES

WEDNESDAY

SEPTEMBER 23RD

DINNER & SHOW

3:30PM VKI Japanese

7PM The SigPro Studio

MUST!
RSVP
(516) 909-1602
PLEASE TEXT
Lynn

Chicken & Biscuits
1030 Old Mill Run
Lake Sumter Landing Sumter Landing
(Its on same side of street as VKI)

Patrons Should arrive at least
30 minutes before show begins.

TICKETS
$35
Tickets should be purchased ahead of time.



From Mark Morgan, Sumter County GOP Chair

Dear Republican Federated Women of The Villages members,

I would like to thank everyone's efforts for the primary election and also encourage you to support our upcoming Lincoln Day Dinner!

Thanks to everyone's efforts to get out the vote for the Primary Election!

Thanks to everyone who:

- Volunteered for the **Election Task Force** to make calls, knock on doors, and help get out the vote
- Joined the **golf cart parade** to promote early voting
- Helped **spread the word about the election**to your friends and neighbors

Now that the primary is behind us, let's rally around our Republican candidates and fully support them for the General Election!

Please support our Lincoln Day Dinner by buying Tickets or a Sponsorship:
Our Lincoln Day Dinner is our annual fundraising event that supports our Get Out The Vote efforts to elect strong Republicans!

2026 Lincoln Day Dinner
Saturday, September 12

Olympia Rec Center
1210 McPherson Terrace, The Villages, FL 34785

- 4:30 PM VIP Reception (Sponsors only)
- 6:00 PM Dinner

Three of our great Republican candidates are scheduled speakers for our upcoming Lincoln Day Dinner:

Byron Donalds, current Florida Congressman and our Candidate for Governor
Blaise Ingoglia, running for re-election as our Florida Chief Financial Officer
Wilton Simpson, running for re-election as Florida Commissioner of Agriculture

Tickets are $150 each and are limited, so please don’t delay to get your tickets!

To buy tickets or sponsor, please go to our link below, make your selection and complete your contribution. Or you can make out a check to “SCREC” and I would be happy to pick it up from you and shake your hand!

Let’s celebrate our wins and our candidates and work together for a strong Republican win in November!

Mark Morgan
Chair, Sumter County
Republican Party
MarkMorganGOP@icloud.com
310-528-7471

REGISTER FOR DINNER



Even if it is **NOT** your birthday month you are welcome to join us. If you were not able to make it on your birthday month, you can join us. Its a great time to meeting and discuss politics and what we have to do to keep Florida RED!

Florida Federation of Republican Women

VIRTUAL

★ FALL CONFERENCE ★

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

SEPTEMBER 26, 2026

10:00 AM – 2:00 PM (EST)





PLEASE SUBMIT YOUR VOLUNTEER HOURS

These forms are so IMPORTANT!

Please do your part.

These forms are a MUST.

FORM LINK

RFWTV VOLUNTEER HOURS

Member Name: _____

Date	Committee/Activities	Hours
	Americanism • patriotic and promotion of USA	
	Armed Services • flags at cemet wreaths ristmas stockings, veteran's e nts	
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	Fund	
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	Literacy and Education • essay, School Board, book club	
	Membership • attend monthly RFWTV meeting • committee meeting	
	Prayer Warriors • 1 @ 9, World Day of Prayer	
	Social Media and Communications • newsletter, Facebook, Twitter	
	Technology • RFWTV Website	
	Voter Integrity • clean up voter rolls	
	OTHER: Sergeant at Arms / Bylaws / Budget / Achievement Awards / Planning / Program / Administration / Board	

ALL MEMBERS PLEASE SEND YOUR HOURS INTO ARLEEN
arleenglowacki4@gmail.com

Return Form to: Arleen Glowacki
arleenglowacki4@gmail.com or 773-320-0004



We collected 303 lbs. of food and $302 this weekend at Colony Publix!



Totals from Publix Tables
as of August 10, 2026

Food: 1100 lbs.
Money: $1,525
Bags of Clothing: 37

THANK YOU VOLUNTEERS!

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Fighting for Freedom
Honoring Our Military in Preserving America

October 14, 2026

Rohan Regional Recreation Center
850 Kristine Way, The Villages
Tickets $30 pp

Doors Open 4:45 p.m. ★ Event begins at 5 p.m.

Special Guest Speakers
Basket Raffle Drawings, Silent Auctions, 50/50
Hot BBQ Buffet, non Alcholic Beverages & Dessert

BYOB

Villages ID or Guest Pass Required
Cash or Check made payable to RFWTV

Tickets available for purchase at upcoming events and at the homes of:

Meg Beck – 1409 Martinez Drive, Village of Rio Grande II (631) 745-8828
Barbara Orvieto – 2201 Parris Island Pl., Village of Bridgeport at Miona Shores (516) 643-4493
Jane Falvo – 5686 Zebra Longwing Path, Village of Fenney (518) 542-0759
Eileen Gressock – 1109 Indale Place, Village of Hemingway (440) 785-6570

Questions Contact Barbara Orvieto | (516) 643-4493 | jbmij971@gmail.com

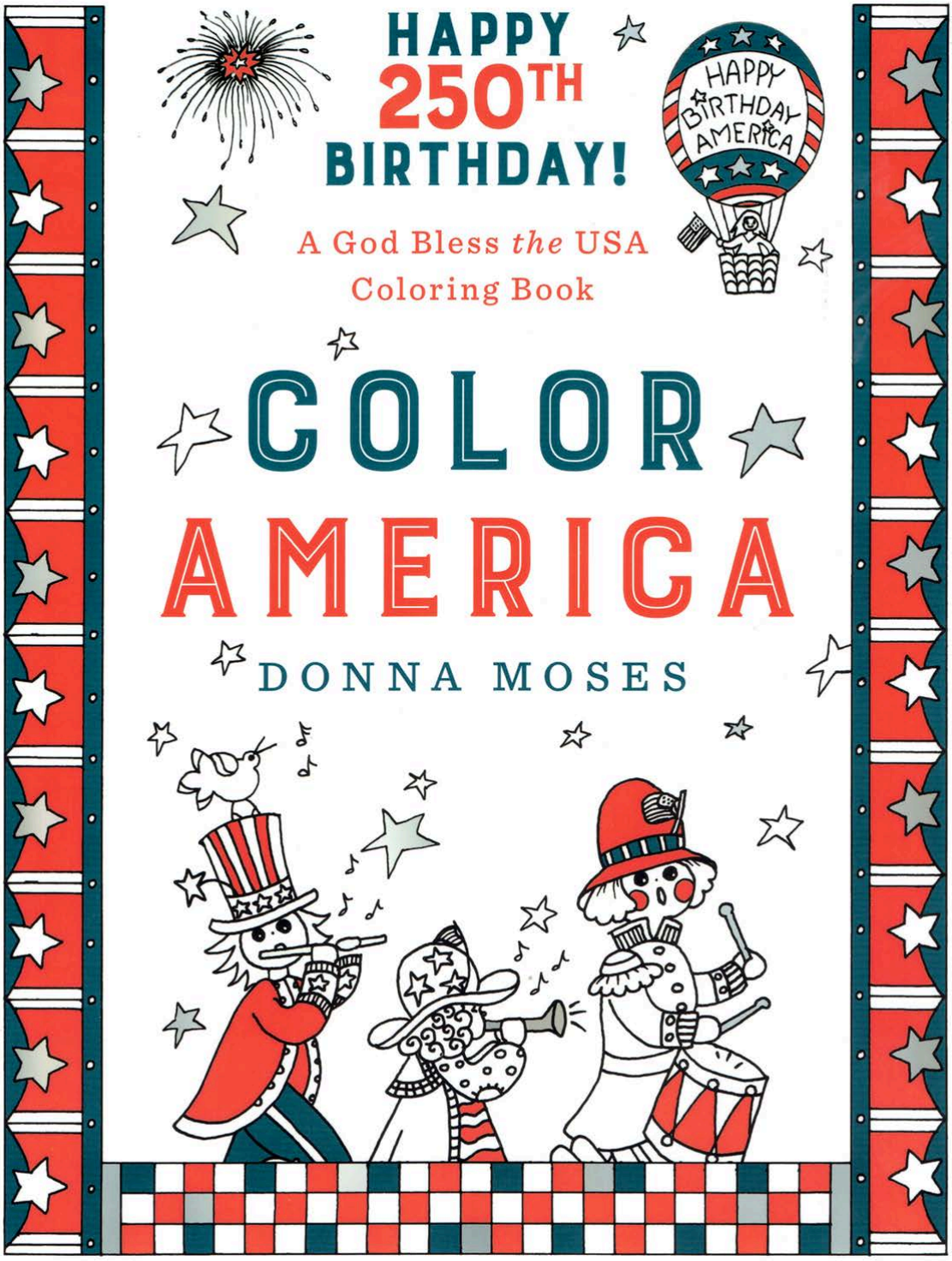
REPUBLICAN FEDERATED WOMEN OF THE VILLAGES

Limited number of 250th Coloring Books

Cost $10.00 (exact change)

Look for table at September 10 Meeting at Colony Cottage.

Questions; call/text Meg at (631) 745-8828



September Meeting will be
Thursday, September 10, 2026
Location: Colony Cottage
Doors Open: 9:00AM
Starts 9:30AM

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