

# **Republican Federated Women of The Villages**

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## **GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING**

Thursday, January 8, 2026

#### **MONTHLY AGENDA**

Our next meeting is Thursday, January 8, 2026 Rohan Regional Recreation Center 10:00 - 11:50 a.m.

- Call to Order
- Prayer
- Pledge of Allegiance
- President's Comments and Announcements
- Welcome Members, Guests and Visitors
- Committee Spotlight
- SC State Committeewoman Report
- Business Reports
- Speaker: Joel Taggert, Trump's One Big Beautiful Bill
- Closing
- Adjourn

#### LETTER FROM YOUR RFWTV PRESIDENT

Thank you for the great honor of electing me and my team to lead our Club in 2026-2027. This is the first time that most of you have read my thoughts on issues and topics that are relevant to the future of RFWTV.

For those who read my application for President, you know that I have been very involved with RFWTV, FFRW and NFRW over the last four years. RFWTV is the organization that I dedicated my time, energy and resources too. You only do that if you feel that an organization is worthwhile and has a mission that you agree with.

A club that is not united in its mission will fail. RFWTV's mission is to support ALL candidates before the Primary. After the Primary we work to elect the Candidate. RFWTV supports the Republican Party values. Our Club is recognized across the State for what we do to get our general election Candidates elected. As an individual, you are always free to support any primary candidate you want but never under the RFWTV banner.

Beyond getting Candidates elected, our mission is to;

- A. Increase the effectiveness of women in the cause of good government
- B. Disseminate information to all our members
- C. Inform the public through political education and activity

With that in mind, our club has amazing opportunities and committees for our members to participate in. The success of our club depends on your participation. We are not the type of club that you come to once a month to hear a speaker and disappear. We want you to be as involved as you are able with Committees and activities you are interested in.

I hope many of you are thinking about what you would like to do and see happen next year. Our new Executive Committee is meeting to plan next year's programs, talking to current and new committee chairs and discussing Special Events. I strongly encourage you to reach out to your future Executive Committee. Do you have an interest in heading up a particular project? We want to know what your ideas are, but we need your help and your willingness to step forward to make various initiatives happen. Our Club is filled with talented, imaginative, creative, successful, and the smartest women in The Villages!

## **NEW EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**



2026 is going to be a big year, heavy on politics but we can all walk and chew gum...

we are RFWTV women!

Thank you for the honor of being your future RFWTV President. Please email me or call/text me. I look forward to hearing from YOU.

Meg Beck, RFWTV President

<u>EMAIL</u>
(631) 745-8828



Jane Falvo, 1st VP and Membership
Chair, is interested in the Membership and
Achievements Awards Committees creating
a rewards program for our Members. What
does that look like? How will it operate?
Why not contact Jane, and get involved in a
brand new activity?

**EMAIL** (518) 542-0759



Lisa Johnson, 2nd VP and Program Committee Chair, wants to know which political speakers, candidates or special programs you are interested in?

**EMAIL** 

(901) 457-9181



Eileen Gressock, Recording Secretary, and Bylaws Chair, will be addressing Bylaws updates due to changes passed at the recent NFRW and FFRW Conventions. Please contact Eileen if you are interested.

**EMAIL** 

(440) 785-6570



Ann Bourke, Corresponding Secretary, would like to institute a new Committee called "Prayer Warriors" as part of her responsibilities. Please contact Ann Bourke if this touches a special place in your heart.

**EMAIL** 

(518) 330-7359

#### **OTHER IDEAS**

**Sponsor a High School girl** to be a Legislative Page for a State Representative.

**Sponsor a scholarship** for a graduating female student in Sumter County.

**Start a Red Shoe Book Club.** What a great way to share a love of literature with friends - political, topical, MELP (Mamie Eisenhower Literacy Project) children's books etc., you choose!

Create a thank you program for firefighters, police officers and other first responders? We are so fortunate to live in The Villages with all of our great amenities. When sickness, tragedy, accidents and fires happen, it is our first responders that are there to help us. Maybe it could be cards, cookies, healthy snacks, teddy bears, K-9 chew toys etc.

Are you interested in helping children learn to read?

What about teaching Citizenship Classes to future Americans?

Ramp up for 2026 with Campaign Activism through phone calling, letter writing campaigns, postal stations, door knocking etc.

**Conference planning -** how do we get YOU to attend a FFRW Legislative Conference in Tallahassee and our Fall Conference?

Our Legislative Affairs Committee has spoken about having a rapid response system for State and Federal Legislative issues for 2 years....lets make it happen!

**Baby shower or Diaper collection for a Pregnancy Center?** 

Candidate and/or Teacher of the Year luncheon?

I hope something I listed interests you or did it generate a new idea?



#### ARMED SERVICES COMMITTEE

The Armed Services Committee provided donated stockings to RFWTV members from July through November 2025, and they were returned to us filled with goodies and love. Besides our generous members, some members also brought in stockings filled by their friends and neighbors, and we received 25 from the Southern Diamonds Federated Women's club.

Our committee ensured that every stocking included a holiday greeting card and that all of these heavily filled stockings were securely closed and boxed up.

On December 2nd, Pam and Don Glynn, Meg and Charley Beck, Jane Bergman, and Jan Morison made the trek to the VA regional healthcare complex in Orlando to deliver 171 stockings for them to give to their veteran residents.









### **TEAM CALLERS**

Our efforts paid off and Ralph Massullo is our new State Senator! He won **60.45%** of the vote, the Democrat had 39.55%. Only 26% of all voters in Sumter County turned out to vote. We knew the Democrats were pushing very hard and even "rushing" businesses. If we had not put all the effort into what we did, the outcome may not have been what we wanted.



Thank you to the 47 Callers who made calls during the General Election and the

43 Callers who came out during the Primary. You all made a total of 31,101 calls for Ralph Massullo. In September our calls made a real push for people to Vote By Mail, knowing the General Election was going to be during holiday time. It paid off. Republicans had 7,319 VBM and the Democrats had 8,864. Total votes were

Massullo 19,541, Marwah 12,788, *only a 6,753 vote difference*. Without the VBM by Republicans the Democrats would have won! This is significant. This is why we have to keep pushing the VBM. Please share that tidbit with the naysayers.

I do not expect that everyone is able to come out and make calls every time we have Phone Banking and that's why we need to have an extensive list of Callers. Things happen in our lives that we are not always able to volunteer.

I deeply appreciate and am thankful for all of you!

So rest up and enjoy the holidays, we have a busy year next year! May God bless you all.

Dianne Olsen
Sumter County State Committeewoman

<u>EMAIL</u>

## **DAY TRIP**

A Mt. Dora Evening









Come join the fun! Don't miss our next trip. Suggestions for Day Trips are always welcome.

Contact: Kathy Slattery, **EMAIL** 

**RFWTV,** would like to invite you to join us as we celebrate our members birthdays.

January 13, 2026 | Noon

Evans Prairie Country Club 825 Evans Prairie Trail

> RSVP to Ruthie Mazzei (914) 420-5703

**EVERYONE IS WELCOME TO ATTEND!** 





# TIME TO RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP

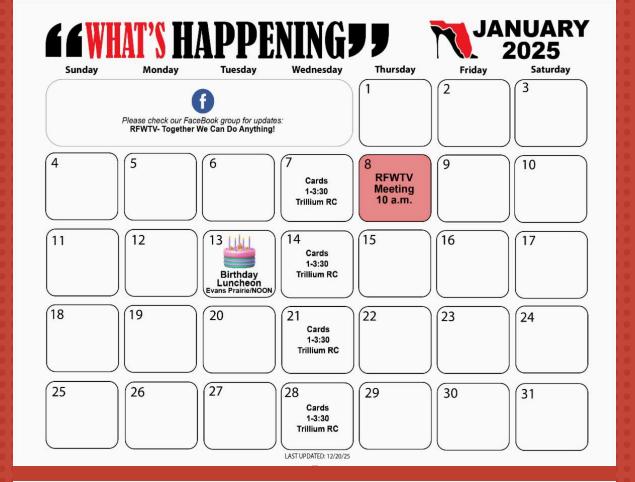
It is time to renew for 2026. Please see the Membership Table for your application at our monthly meeting or our website.

#### **APPLICATION FORM**

You may mail it with your check to:

RFWTV 333 Colony Blvd #130 The Villages, FL 32162

Please include a completed Renewal Form with your payment, whether you renew by mail or in person at the meeting. We cannot accept your renewal without a completed membership form, Members Dues are \$45 and Associate Members Dues are \$25.



# **NEXT MEETING**

Thursday, February 12, 2026

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