Republican Federated Women of The Villages

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**GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING REMINDER**

## Thursday, July 9, 2026

**Location: Rohan**

**Doors Open: 9:30AM**

**Starts: 10AM**

## AGENDA

- Call to Order
- Prayer
- Pledge of Allegiance
- President's Comments and Announcements
- Welcome - Members, Guests and Visitors
- Business Reports:
  - Secretary's Report - Eileen Gressock
  - Treasurer's Report - Lou Mower, Assistant Treasurer
- Speaker:
  **Logan Brown,** Sumter County School Superintendent
  Candidates for Sumter County School Board Presentations & Q and A
  **Tim Wilkins,** Candidate for US Congress, District 11
- Committee Spotlight
- Americanism Moment
- Closing
- Adjourn

# Meg's Message



Dear RFWTV Members,

Hard to believe we have passed the longest day of the year.  We may have had enough rain to end drought measures in July. Gas, eggs and meat prices are dropping. The economy is stronger. Last but certainly not least, this years July 4th Celebrations will be truly memorable. *"Happy Birthday America"*

This is our **Sixth Month State of RFWTV Review** to you, our Members. At January's meeting, we asked that your New Years Resolutions include  getting involved and joining a RFWTV Committee. You did and the following review shows what our Club can do!

Thank you Deb Butterfield and the Americanism Committee for your outstanding 250th Celebration program. Raffles galore, patriotic cookies, decorated water bottles and a great, truly patriotic program. Our Elected Officials present at our meeting were very impressed with our Celebration. The Committee also organized and distributed Flags at LSL on Presidents Day in February. Amazing Americanism Moments close our RFWTV meetings monthly.

Lisa Johnson, VP of Program, coordinates our Speakers. We have had great speakers including Gubernatorial Candidates Paul Renner and James Fishback, Joel Taggart on the One Big Beautiful Bill, Lt. Col. Frances Rice talking about historical accomplishments of Black Women for Women's History Month, Sheriff Breeden and the amazing SC Sheriff Office K-9 unit, Fl District 52 Representative Samantha Scott and District 4 Commissioner Candidates, so far this year…but wait there are more great speakers planned!

Everyone wants a BEAD and is sure they have earned one! Great new initiative created by Jane Falvo, VP of Membership and Membership Committee. If you don't know what a BEAD is, you missed the launch of this great Recognition Program at our June Meeting. More details are on the way!! We have had a new Member Orientation, New Member Information folders, Membership Moments Newsletter (an email which is a Membership focused picture book and highlights of what our Members have been doing) and RFWTV Information Palm Cards are ready to print. New Application and Renewal Forms were developed and posted on our **RFWTV.org** website. We have Ambassadors to welcome guests and New Members. A special seating area was set up for New Members

and Guests. New record keeping systems have also been instituted. You know we appreciate and are focused on all of our Members whether new or experienced in the ways of our Club.

**Campaign Activism** has kicked into high gear thanks to Dianne Olsen's planning and great Campaign Activism Team. Phone callers were activated to "Stop the Gerymandering" in Virginia. GOTV (Get Out The Vote) and importance of Vote by Mail are topics being reinforced at each meeting. Voter Guides and other information are in development and will be distributed soon.  It's not too late to sign up to participate in Phone Banking, Walking the Squares, Independent Living GOTV, Postal Stations information distribution, Voting Location Parking lot handouts and Special Events.

Literacy and Education is well into the process for launching the next Constitution Essay in Sumter County Schools in the Fall thanks to Judy Holleran and her Committee's diligence. Lots of books were collected and donated to the Debate Clubs for summer reading and debate prep. Judy also agreed in the Spring to coordinate collecting feminine hygiene products for girls attending Sumter County Schools. Thank you to our Membership for your support and generosity.

Pam Glynn and Armed Services placed Flags for Memorial Day at Bushnell, are on a card writing tear for Veterans and their families and are checking their lists as they move into Christmas in July with stockings. If you are a Veteran, please contact Pam for their Veterans Day project.

Maureen Foertsch and Caring for America Committee is back in Food Drive mode at Publix. Their collection totals are climbing thanks to our members bringing in canned goods to our meetings. I encourage our Members to join Maureen at a Food Drive. You will be delighted to see the generosity of fellow Villagers.

Events and Hospitality have had some great activities including a High Tea on a paddle wheel steamer, Equestrian Center tour, Melania movie and dinner and Leprechauns and Green Cupcakes - all coordinated **by** Kathy Slattery, Stacey Castle and Kathy Nichols….and Birthday Parties, with a special surprise too! Our Ladies love the Welcoming Crew when they walk into Rohan and know that there will be hot coffee waiting in the meeting room.

Stacey Castle has created water bottle labels, special design banners and flyers, Calendars, Legislative Action Alerts and Constant Contact newsletters galore - more than I can count! Additionally, she has updated our **RFWTV.org** Website and cleaned up our email lists too,

Rosemary Pratt is keeping our RFWTV Members Only Facebook orderly and helping our Members get signed up. She has also taken on organizing the "1776" theatre outing and dinner afterwards on June 30.

Fundraising led by Barbara Orvieto is off and running. Lots of great ideas are in the works and basket donations are starting to show up at drop off houses. Time to look at your cookie recipes for the ultimate cookie-pallooza for our Fundraiser Event!! Check the flyers in the RFWTV emails.

Voter Integrity Committee led by Elaine Johnson is getting lots of face time with area Supervisors of Elections. First task completed involved checking out 67 SOE Websites statewide to see if there was information posted on how to get off the voter rolls in other States. They sent emails to those SOEs who are outside our Tri County area with the plan to set up Zoom calls to discuss how to clean up Voter Rolls. The Committee has also developed some great handouts too. They are exploring talking with Tax Collectors Offices regarding ways to remind people to get off the voter rolls in the state they moved from when they get their Florida License and register to vote.

Legislative Affairs Committee Chaired by Mary Lazich toured the Prager University Freedom Truck 250th Celebration Program that was parked at the Pinellas Library. Legislative Alerts are being sent out to have Members call our Legislators on Keep Nine (Nine Justices on US Supreme Court), the SAVE Act and others. It's not too late to call as these are still hot Legislative issues.

Prayer Warriors, led by Ann Bourke, have requested and received Prayer Requests from our Members. So many of us have been uplifted by their prayers when they are needed most. They have been promoting 1@9 which is an opportunity to pray for 1 Minute at 9 PM across our great county for our President and Nation. They also participated in World Day of Prayer and Rededicate 250, a Nationwide prayer event in May. Additionally, Ann is our Corresponding Secretary and takes it very seriously writing lots of cards to our Members and thank you notes to our Speakers.

Marilyn Licul, Sergeant at Arms, keeps us on time at our meetings with her decorative signs and hand motions. With so many speakers going to the podium, it is a busy job.

Carol Mangan, Treasurer and Lou Mower, Assistant Treasurer did a great job organizing our Financial system so they know where every penny goes. RFWTV's Budget process and Financial Review were successful and timely. We are in safe hands! Carol is also FFRW Assistant Treasurer handling Membership records for all FFRW Clubs.

Eileen Gressock, Recording Secretary, does our Board and RFWTV Meeting Minutes and makes sure they are perfect. They are a great read. You feel like you are in the room! She is also our Bylaws Chair and her team is working on revising and updating our Bylaws based on templates from NFRW and FFRW.

So you can see everyone has been busy. This leads me to…**Have you sent your very valuable Volunteer Hours into Arleen Glowacki?** She is working so hard to get the data

entered into her HUGE spreadsheet but she can't do it if you don't do your part. Arleen took on a big job that is not visible like other Committees or Activities but is crucial for FFRW and NFRW Club Awards and Requirements. **All hours from Jan 1 - June 30 are DUE NOW. Email pictures of you Volunteer Hours sheets to: arleenglowacki4@gmail.com**

See you on Thursday, July 9 at 10 AM at Rohan. Remember, the room can be cold so please bring a sweater or jacket. We want you comfortable, not shivering.

Keep Florida **RED**
Meg

## SPEAKERS

As the political expert in each of your respective friend groups, you will not want to miss the July speaker line up. **Logan Brown, Superintendent of Schools,** will kick off the meeting with a Sumter county school update. He will be followed by school board candidates each sharing their platform with you, followed by a Q&A. Next we will hear from **Tim Wilkins** who is looking to fill the Congressional seat from District 11 being vacated by the retirement of Daniel Webster. This is the last meeting before the August 18 primary, as the club will be focusing on campaign activities the week of early voting August 8-15, in lieu of our regular meeting on August 13.

**June 2026 Minutes Document**



Pam Glynn - Email

Pam Glynn - Text

# JULY 2026

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | *Please check our FaceBook group for updates:* RFWTV- KEEP FLORIDA RED! | | 1 Cards 1-3:30PM Trillium RC | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| 5 | 6 | 7 Voter Integrity NOON Square 1 Restaurant | 8 Cards 1-3:30PM Trillium RC | 9 RFWTV Meeting 10AM | 10 Literacy/Education Committee 10 to noon Pinellas Library | 11 |
| 12 | 13 Armed Services 9:30-11AM Big Cypress RC | 14 Campaign Activism Leaders 9-11AM Pinellas Library (102) Birthday Luncheon Evans Prairie/NOON | 15 Membership Com. 1-2:30PM Square 1 Restaurant Cards 1-3:30PM Trillium RC Dinner & Movie 1:15PM Young Washington | 16 | 17 | 18 |
| 19 | 20 | 21 Americanism Meeting 10am \| Room 120 Belvedere Library | 22 Cards 1-3:30PM Trillium RC | 23 | 24 | 25 Caring Hands Food/Donation Collections 10AM - 3PM Colony Publix |
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LAST UPDATED: 6/17/26

SMASH
PRODUCTIONS

# 1776
## the Musical



AMERICA 250

**TUESDAY, JUNE 30th**
**2PM SHOW**

**SAVANNAH CENTER**

$35 AND UP

Please purchase your own tickets through the box office or online at www.thevillagesentertainment.com and let Rosemary Pratt know you are attending.

We will be having cocktails & early dinner afterwards.

★ Nancy Lopez Legacy Country Club ★

**Rosemary Pratt:**
Text: (951) 231-5221

Free & Open to the Public!

SUMTERGOP
SUMTER COUNTY REPUBLICAN PARTY

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# CANDIDATES & COFFEE

## US House of Representatives FL District 11

## Candidate Forum

### Friday July 3rd 9:00 - 11:00AM

8:30AM Doors Open
9:00AM Candidate Statements & Questions
10:00AM Mingle

Warfield Auditorium, 98 N Warfield Ave, Wildwood



**Carey Baker**
Confirmed



**Ivette Palomo**
Confirmed



**Nizam Razack**
Confirmed



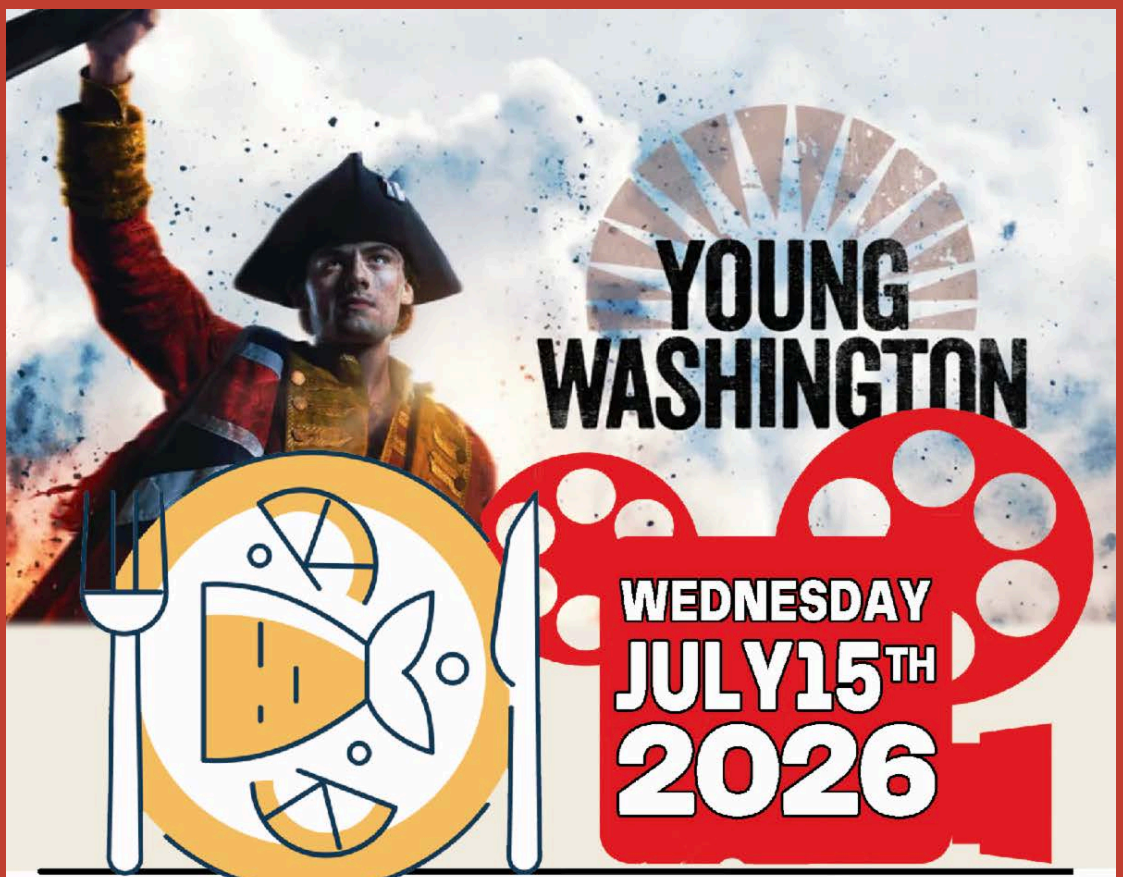
**Joe Strada**
Confirmed



**Tim Wilkins**
Confirmed

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# DINNER & A MOVIE

**MOVIE:**

**Young Washington** | Matinee 1:20PM
Old Mill Playhouse Epic Theater
Lake Sumter Landing

**DINNER:**

**VKI Japanese Steakhouse** | Directly After
1004 Old Mill Run in Lake Sumter Landing

REPUBLICAN FEDERATED WOMEN OF THE VILLAGES

**MUST!**
**RSVP**
**TEXT LYNN**
**516.909.1602**

# You're Invited!

**MUST!**
**RSVP**
**(914) 420-5703**
**PLEASE TEXT**
**Ruthie**



## July Birthdays

REPUBLICAN FEDERATED WOMEN OF THE VILLAGES

**TUESDAY, JULY 14, 2026**
**NOON AT**
**EVANS PRAIRIE COUNTRY CLUB**

Republican Federated Women of The Villages
invites you in honor of your birthdays!

Please note that each guest will be responsible
for their own meal and beverages.




At the birthday lunches each month, the birthday girls receive a patriotic bracelet and a complementary dessert.

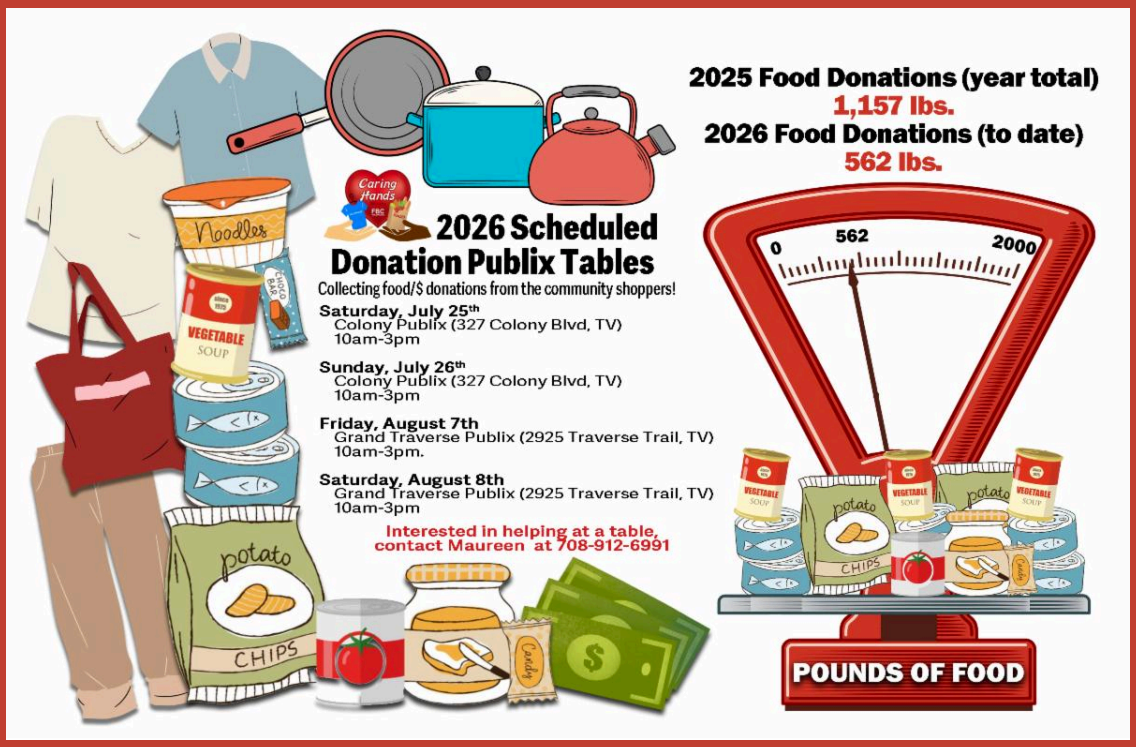
Come join us on your birthday month!




## Time to Fill Your Stockings for Veterans!

Please pick up a stocking (or 2 or 3) at the July club meeting and fill it for a veteran's holiday. Stockings are available at the Armed Services Committee table, as well as flyers with suggested items to fill them with. We need them back (filled) by the October meeting.

If you prefer, you can bring fillers for us to fill your stockings for you. And if you wish, we welcome you to fill your own stocking rather than one of ours – please just use regular sized ones so they are the same size as the others that we are giving to the Veterans Health Center in Orlando.




REPUBLICAN FEDERATED WOMEN OF THE VILLAGES
FEDERATED WOMEN
OF THE VILLAGES
ANNUAL FUNDRAISER
SAVE THE DATE
Fighting for Freedom Honoring Our Military in Preserving America
October 14, 2026
ROHAN RECREATION CENTER
-DETAILS TO FOLLOW-

*7th Annual*

# Sumter Public Schools Supply Drive

## REQUESTING MONETARY DONATIONS

### May - August 2026

**Monetary Donations will allow the Schools to:**

- ✓ **Receive funds faster to purchase supplies.**
- ✓ **Purchase exactly what supplies each student needs.**

**Please Make a Donation Now…**
**Help every student start the school year prepared and confident.**

**Make Checks Payable to:**

**Sumter Schools Enhancement Foundation**
**Memo Line: Supply Drive**

**Mail or Drop off:**
**Sumter County School District**
**2680 West CR 476**
**Bushnell, FL 33513**

*Helping Students from:*

Wildwood & Bushnell Elementary
Webster & Lake Panasoffkee Elementary
South Sumter Middle School
Wildwood Intermediate School
Wildwood Middle High School
South Sumter High School
Sumter Prep Academy

*Thank you!*
Sally Moss
Sumter School Board Member-District 1
Resident - Virginia Trace
sallymoss@yahoo.com
(352) 445-4120

*Every dollar helps a student succeed.*

# TO ALL RFWTV MEMBERS

Below is a list of basket themes. We will be collecting items now through the beginning of October. Drop off locations are at several different homes throughout the villages and at the meetings.

Start looking through your closets and see what items you can donate. Items you bought and never used, or something you see at the store that you feel will go great with one of our themed baskets. Gift cards are great too!

If you are crafty and can knit something, make a wreath, pottery or a glass fusion piece, that would be a wonderful addition to raffle off! If everyone one can donate one or two items, that would be terrific! If you can donate several more items, that would be FANTASTIC!

## RFWTV FUNDRAISER BASKETS

1. **Nothing to Wine About** (wine, cheese, crackers, glasses, etc.)
2. **Pasta Night** (pasta, sauces, bowls, etc.)
3. **A Day at the Spa** (bath bombs, moisturizing lotions, bath salts, eye masks, oil diffusers, neck pillow, etc.)
4. **Keep It Clean** (variety of soaps-hand, body, loofahs, etc.)
5. **Patriotic** (anything red, white and blue; candles, accessories, mugs, socks, hats, towels, napkins, pocketbooks, home decor, etc.
6. **Dry Me Off** (towels- kitchen, bathroom etc.)
7. **Dress Me Up** (accessories, jewelry)
8. **Holiday Madness** (Christmas/Hanukkah décor, linens, plates, napkins, etc.)
9. **The Melting Pot** (variety of candles, holders, etc.)
10. **Dog Gone It!** (toys, treats, clothes etc.)
11. **Fancy Feline** (toys, treats, clothes, etc.)
12. **Chocolate Overdose** (candy, cookies, dessert plates, candy dish, etc.)
13. **Coffee Time** (coffee, mugs, cookies, etc.)
14. **For Swingers Only!** (golf items)
15. **Décor and More** (home décor)
16. **Trump It Up!** (books, accessories, mugs, knick-knacks, etc.)

**DONATIONS OF BASKETS NEEDED!**

## DROP OFF LOCATIONS

*(Please call before dropping off)*

**Barbara Orvieto** - 2201 Parris Island Place, Village of Bridgeport at Miona Shores (516) 643-4493

**Meg Beck** - 1409 Martinez Drive, Village of Rio Grande II (631) 745-8828

**Jane Falvo** - 5686 Zebra Longwing Path, Fenney (518) 542-0759

# VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

## FOR OUR ANNUAL FUNDRAISER

## OCTOBER 14TH

*Who needs a few good men,*
*when we have an abundance of great women!*

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO HELP WITH:**

- putting baskets together a week before event

**DAY OF EVENT WE NEED SUPPORT TO:**

- set up
- decorate tables
- check in guests
- raffle ticket sales
- help people find their table
- helpers to distribute baskets to winners
- putting cookie platters on each table
- clean up crew

**PLEASE CONTACT:**

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





# Calling all bakers!

IT'S TIME TO START PLANNING FOR OUR OCTOBER 14TH ANNUAL FUNDRAISER

WOULD YOU BE WILLING TO BAKE 2-3 DOZEN OF YOUR FAVORITE COOKIES FOR ALL TO SHARE?
WE WILL THEN HAVE A TEAM PUT TOGETHER A VARIETY PLATTER FOR EACH TABLE.

.

I'M HOPING TO HAVE AT LEAST 25 VOLUNTEERS

Your name and cookie will be attached to each platter

Please contact Barbara Orvieto

516-643-4493

jbmij971@gmail.com






**Please Contact Ann Bourke for**

## Prayer Requests

**EMAIL or CALL**

***We are looking for more PRAYER WARRIORS***

We meet monthly 1 PM | 1686 Dutchess Loop

**NEXT GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING**

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