2014 NOVEMBER GENERAL ELECTION

VOTER GUIDE

Sumter County, Florida

League of Women Voters of

The Villages / Tri-County Area

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League of Women Voters of Marion County

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REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS

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REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS
DISTRICT 11 (Vote for One)

Rich Nugent (Incumbent)	(REP)	*No Response*
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STATEWIDE RACES

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GOVERNOR / LT. GOVERNOR (Vote for One)

Rick Scott (Incumbent) Carlos Lopez-Cantera	(REP)
Charlie Crist Annette Taddeo	(DEM)
Adrian Wylie Greg Roe	(LPF)
Farid Khavari Lateresa A. Jones	(NPA)
Glenn Burkett Jose Augusto Matos	(NPA)

ATTORNEY GENERAL (Vote for One)

Pam Bondi (Incumbent)	(REP)
George Sheldon	(DEM)
Bill Wohlsifer	(LPF)

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CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER (Vote for One)

Jeff Atwater	(Incumbent)	(REP)
William "Will" Rankin		(DEM)

COMMISSIONER OF AGRICULTURE (Vote for One)

Adam Putnam	(Incumbent)	(REP)
Thaddeus "Thad" Hamilton		(DEM)

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JUDICIAL RACES

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5th DISTRICT COURT OF APPEALS

MERIT RETENTION: *Florida law requires Florida appeals court judges to be placed on the ballot every six years so voters can determine whether the judges should remain on their courts for another six-year term. The appearance of a judge on the ballot does not indicate anything about his or her performance or actions as a judge.*

(Vote "Yes" or "No" for each of the following incumbents)

Wendy W. Berger	(Incumbent)	*No Response*
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R. Rand Wallis	(Incumbent)	*No Response*

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CIRCUIT COURT JUDGE, CIRCUIT 5 / GROUP 3
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FLORIDA CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

*For information on the following amendments to the Florida Constitution click on **http://bereadytovote.org***

(Vote "Yes" or "No" on each amendment)

No. 1: Article X, Section 28: Water and Land Conservation - Dedicates funds to acquire and restore Florida conservation and recreation lands

No. 2: Article X, Section 29: Use of Marijuana for Certain Medical Conditions

No. 3: Article V, Sections 10, 11: Prospective Appointment of Certain Judicial Vacancies

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Representative in Congress, District 11

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DAVID C. KOLLER — Democrat

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Background, personal history, education, occupation, family, etc.

I was raised in Yaphank Long Island, NY. My parents instilled in me the values of hard work and volunteering to help others in time of hardship. I studied Psychology and Human Services at Suffolk Community College and Springfield College respectively.

My wife, Victoria, is a strong and amazing woman and together they are raising four wonderful daughters. My family and I moved to Ocala, Florida in 1996, where I have had a distinguished career helping persons with disabilities. My wife and I have a local business that assists disabled adults with everyday life skills to promote greater independence, helps to find gainful employment, training the person individually to assure the maximum change of viability and employment success.

Community Organizations in which you have been active.

NAACP, Autism Speaks, Salvation Army, Humane Society, Shoe Box for Soldiers, Hospice, Habitat for Humanity, American Red Cross.

Describe a particular quality or experience or ability that has prepared you for this office.

I believe that my personal history and education in Psychology will be beneficial to working with others in Washington. My ability to compromise is something that would benefit me with working with others in Congress.

The fact that I am a small business owner will help me when bills concerning small businesses are brought before Congress. My knowledge of persons with disabilities and the challenges they face will also prove to be invaluable with bills concerning same.

My ability to research an opposite position than the one I hold, to determine the strength of my position or the strength of the opposite position and my willingness to change my opinion if my research shows that my position is not to the benefit of the Country.

If elected to this office, what do you see as the three most important issues? How will you deal with them?

To bring the Country together I believe that equality for all whether it be women and their right to choose or equal pay; black Americans and their inequality in jobs, pay and the prejudice of our law enforcement officers and the public; LGBT having all rights that are bestowed upon man/women marriage, etc.; or immigrants and their fight for the American Dream should be issues that I would be willing to sponsor and bring before the House.

Supporting and keeping Social Security and Medicare accessible without vouchers would be beneficial to my District in Florida, as well as the County. There are many seniors and veterans in my District and I would like to see a great change in the way our Veterans are treated physically and mentally in this Country. Without the sacrifice that our Veterans and their families have made for their Country – where would our Country be?
Protecting our environment from the hazards we have thus bestowed upon it needs to be increasingly altered to help restore the damage man has done to Mother Earth. We desperately need to seek alternative fuels and restore our waterways.

5th District Court of Appeals

BACK

KERRY I. EVANDER

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Background:

Personal: Married, four children

Education: B.A., Political Science, University of Florida, 1976, with Honors
J.D., University of Florida, 1980, with Honors

Professional Experience:
Judge, Fifth District Court of Appeal, July 2006-Present
Circuit Judge, Eighteenth Judicial Circuit, January 1993-June 2006 (Chief Judge, July 2005-June 2006)
County Judge, Brevard County, May 1989-January 1993
Gleason, Barlow, & Evander, P.A., Indialantic, FL, February 1988-May 1989
Associate Professor, Mississippi College of Law, Jackson, MS, August 1986-May 1987
Reinman, Harrell, et al., March 1980-August 1986, May 1987-January 1988

Community organizations in which have you been active:

First United Methodist Church of Melbourne (Prior activities include staff-parish committee, finance committee, leadership council, small group teacher – adults and youth)

Describe a particular quality or experience or ability that has prepared you for this office.

Breadth of experience – I have been a private practitioner, a law school professor, a county court judge, and a circuit court judge. I have also been selected to serve on numerous statewide law-related committees, including the Florida Judicial Qualifications Commission (2011-present), the Florida Judicial Ethics Advisory Committee (2007-2011), the Florida Supreme Court Steering Committee on Families and Children in the Court (2002-2005), the Florida Supreme Court Children's Improvement Committee (2000-2001), the Florida Supreme Court Dependency Court Improvement Committee (1999-2000), and the Florida Supreme Court Family Court Steering Committee (1998-2000).

What do you see as the most important quality for a judge?

Integrity

5th District Court of Appeals

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RICHARD B. ORFINGER

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Background: Personal history, education, occupation, family, etc. and community organizations in which you have been active:

RICHARD B. ORFINGER has been a Judge of the Fifth District Court of Appeal since 2000, and served as the Court's Chief Judge from 2011 to 2013. While a Circuit Judge for the Seventh Judicial Circuit of Florida from 1991-2000, he served as Chief Judge from 1996-1999. Prior to taking the bench, Judge Orfinger was a shareholder in the firm of Monaco, Smith, Hood, Perkins, Orfinger and Stout, P.A. from 1990-1991, and a shareholder in Orfinger and Stout, P.A. from 1979-1990. His public service includes working as an Assistant State Attorney in the Seventh Judicial Circuit from 1976-1978. Judge Orfinger has served on numerous court committees and workgroups including the District Court Budget Commission from 2009-2013, serving as its Chair from 2011-2013; the State Court Administrator Selection Committee in 2013; the Court System/Clerk of Court Revenue Stabilization Workgroup in 2011 and the Judicial Branch Governance Study Group from 2009-2011. Judge Orfinger received a B.A. from Tulane University in New Orleans, Louisiana in 1974. He was awarded his J.D. with honors from the University of Florida College of Law in 1976. Judge Orfinger was instrumental in organizing the Seventh Circuit's Committee on Professionalism in 1997. He was a founder and has been a member of the Dunn-Blount Chapter, American Inns of Court, Volusia-Flagler Counties since 2001 and was its president from 2002-2004. He also served on the Florida Supreme Court's Commission on Professionalism from 2001-2006, and the Florida Bar's Professionalism Committee. Judge Orfinger has been an instructor at the Florida College of Advanced Judicial Studies and has been a frequent lecturer on ethics and professionalism topics. He is a member of the Florida Bar Association, Volusia County Bar Association, and is admitted to practice before all Florida Courts, the United States Supreme Court, the United States Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit, and the United States District Court for the Middle District of Florida. Judge Orfinger was born in Daytona Beach, Florida, is married and the father of two children.

Describe a particular quality or experience or ability that has prepared you for this office.

I believe my thirty-seven years as an attorney, twenty-three of which have been as a judge, has prepared me for the challenges of my position. I have been active in developing statewide judicial policies, managing resources and transforming the court to the digital age. Also, my experience as Chief Judge in both the Circuit and District Courts has helped me understand how to make the judicial system more user friendly for the people of Florida.

What do you see as the most important quality for a judge?

Being honest, ethical and unbiased in all proceedings, and demonstrating civility and courtesy to all justice system stakeholders.

Circuit Judge, Circuit 5/Group 3

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DENISE DYMOND LYN

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Background: Personal history, education, occupation, family, etc.

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY:

Denise A. Lyn, P.A., Inverness, Florida
Solo Practitioner, March 2001 – Present
Representative clients: Citrus County Property Appraiser, City of Inverness, City of Crystal River Community Redevelopment Agency, Homosassa Special Water District, Floral City Water Association
Brannen, Stillwell & Perrin, P.A., Inverness, Florida
Associate Attorney, August 1997- March 2001

EDUCATION:

University of Florida, Gainesville, Florida
J.D., July 1997
Honors, Spring 1995, *High Honors*, Spring & Summer, 1997
Troy State University, Troy, Alabama
B.S. Accounting, Business Administration, 1993
Cumulative GPA: 3.7, Magna Cum Laude
President's list, 4 Quarters, Dean's list, 2 Quarters

MILITARY:

United States Air Force and Air Force Reserves 1985-1991

Community organizations in which have you been active:

* Florida Bar Board of Governors, 2005- 2010
* Florida Bar Board of Governors, Young Lawyer's Division, 2000-2003
* Citrus-Hernando Inn of Court, Secretary-Treasurer, 2000 - Present
* Citrus County Bar Assn., President, 2000 - 2001, Treasurer, 1998 - 2004
* Rotary Club of Inverness * Teen Court Judge * American Legion, Post 155, 2008-Present

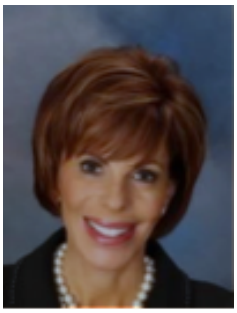
Describe a particular quality or experience or ability that has prepared you for this office.

I currently serve as a Special Magistrate for Value Adjustment Board proceedings. My experiences as a Magistrate have exposed me to the responsibilities of a Judge. When hearing petitions I hear evidence, apply the law to the facts that are presented and prepare decisions. These experiences have shown me the necessity of being impartial and patient. Each petitioner deserves an opportunity to present their case, their evidence, without unnecessary time limitations and with little interference.

What do you see as the most important quality for a judge?

I believe a Judge should be, above all, honest, fair and impartial. Every individual who finds themselves in Court should be met by an impartial decision maker who will not be influenced by their personal views or opinions but should be committed to the Rule of Law.

Circuit Judge, Circuit 5/Group 3



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MARY HATCHER

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Background: Personal history, education, occupation, family, etc.

Graduated from Stetson University College of Law with a Juris Doctor.
Owner and solo practitioner of Mary Hatcher, P.A., Bushnell, Florida for 15 years.
Two children: Robert W. Attridge, III and Lile M. Attridge

Community organizations in which have you been active:

For the past several years I have been involved with domestic violence organizations in the Central Florida area. In addition, I have also volunteered with Metropolitan Ministries.

Member on Board of Directors for Community Legal Services of Mid-Florida from January 2008 through present.

Describe a particular quality or experience or ability that has prepared you for this office.

The most compelling qualify I possess, which is critical to this position, is my interest in the welfare of others, particularly children. My diverse background has given me an education in several areas of the law. My tenacity and strong work ethic allow me to complete tasks and comprehend concepts expeditiously.

What do you see as the most important quality for a judge?

The most important quality that a judge possesses is a well-informed focus on the issues(s) at hand, coupled with the ability to listen to all parties and apply the law appropriately.

CDD Supervisor, District 1 / Seat 2

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ELLEN CORA

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Background: Personal history, education, occupation, family, etc.

Married 48 years to Arthur Cora; 3 stepdaughters, 3 grandchildren.
A.B.: Economics/international politics M.A.: Organizational psychology MBA: marketing/management
Marketing executive with two giant Swiss pharmaceutical firms 1970-1994
President: ELCOR Marketing Associates, Inc. 1994-2001 (marketing research, advertising, government liaison, market plans, public relations)

Community organizations in which have you been active:

Founding board member: Villages Rotary Sunset; Caring Sharing Villagers
Deutscher Club Greek-American Club Asian-American Club
Graduate: Sumter Sheriff's Citizens Academy District Resident Academy CERT
Central Florida Healthcare Alliance Foundation volunteer

Describe a particular quality or experience or ability that has prepared you for this office.

I have been an assertive, vocal leader on the CDD1 Board of Supervisors since November 2010. We are:

Debt free. Balanced budget. Taxes below 2001 levels. Building emergency reserves.

Off-road postal cart bridge built for resident safety. New Morse Blvd. irrigation system installed.

Cart path striping / reflectors. Curbside real estate signs.

Responsive to resident requests re: preserves, fencing, tree issues, villa roads, etc.

If elected to this office, what do you see as the 3 most important issues? How will you deal with them?

1) Keep assessments low while maintaining high quality lifestyle – through pro-active board leadership..
2) Open communication & quick response to resident problems – by continuing to respond to resident requests..
3) Strive for more resident involvement and input with CDD government process – through enhanced coomunication.

CDD Supervisor, District 1 / Seat 2

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Craig Estep

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Background: : Personal history, education, occupation, family, etc.:

Craig and Karen Estep first visited the beautiful community of The Villages in 1999. We gratefully made our permanent move here in July of 2012. Craig and Karen raised ten internationally adopted children and have 27 grandchildren.
Craig served in the military for the U.S. Marine Corps and the Army National Guard as a pilot. Craig spent twenty years in law enforcement, with most of those years as a pilot for the Iowa State Patrol. Craig served as manager of the State of Iowa Emergency Operations Center, and as the Disaster Services Director for the San Antonio, Texas chapter of the American Red Cross. Craig concluded his career as an Emergency Medical Services helicopter pilot managing a Bell 407 base in Texas.

Community organizations in which have you been active:

Junior Achievement
American Red Cross
Civil Air Patrol

Describe a particular quality or experience or ability that has prepared you for this office.

I have dealt with government budget issues for over 20 years of employment, as well as preparing requests and executing budget expenditures. I have experience in interacting and cooperating with multiple governmental disciplines across a broad range of departmental expertise.

If elected to this office, what do you see as the 3 most important issues? How will you deal with them?

I believe it would give me an unfair advantage over my opponent to address the 3 most important issues and how to deal with them. My opponent is bound by law to not answer this question outside of the CDD 1 meeting venue, and as such I will exercise my privilege of integrity and character and not answer this question as well.

CDD Supervisor, District 1 / Seat 4

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Clyde Long

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Background: Personal history, education, occupation, family, etc.

In high school I was an all state basketball player. I played college basketball and then was recruited to play basketball in an industrial league in Aurora, Il. I then worked for Caterpillar in Aurora for 33 years. While there I was enrolled in Caterpillar's management training program attending Aurora University in classes that Caterpillar felt helpful for me in performing my job. Thirty of those years were in management, the last twenty years as a staff engineer. I have lived in The Villages for over twelve years. I am 74 years old and married to Janet. We have five children and four grandchildren

Community organizations in which have you been active:

I belong to the POA and the VHA. I was an ambassador/starter for the Golf Division for six years. I also served at vice president of The Villages Republican Club for six years. My wife and I have been members of New Covenant United Methodist Church for over 12 years. I have served as an usher for nearly 10 years. I am currently on the advisory board at Hacienda Hills Country Club.

Describe a particular quality or experience or ability that has prepared you for this office.

While working as a staff engineer for Caterpillar, I was assigned to purchasing machine tool equipment and various other equipment. There I learned how important it is to get the best price on items we purchased. We dealt with millions of dollars. I have served on the Board of Supervisors for District One for three and a half years.

If elected to this office, what do you see as the 3 most important issues? How will you deal with them?

1. The most import issue is keeping our district budget under control. It is important as to avoid any increase in our maintenance fees which appear on our tax bills.

2. I will continue to respond to constituent's complaints and concerns. I will do everything within my power to solve their problems and complaints as I have done in the past.

3. Educating our constituents as to the inter workings of our district and getting them more involved. Over the last three and a half years I have learned that the vast majority of people do not understand how The Villages government work.

CDD Supervisor, District 5 / Seat 2

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Jerry Knoll

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Background: : Personal history, education, occupation, family, etc.

My wife, Carol, and I moved to the Villages in 2007 from Hamburg, NY and have been full time residents since then.
1 son, Erik and 2 daughters, Jennifer and Lindsey.
AAS degree in civil technology, additional courses in mathematics, physics and water supply and pollution control.
I retired from the Village of Hamburg as the Superintendent of Public Works, a position I held from 1980 to 2007 which entailed management of:
4 million dollar annual operations and capital budget
CIP Road replacement and maintenance program
Solid waste management program
Building and parks maintenance
Storm and sanitary sewer and water line replacement and maintenance
Developing construction and equipment specifications for purchase
Building Inspection and Code Enforcement
Administer engineering and Construction contracts
I have attended the VCDD orientation and completed The Villages Resident's Academy.
I am currently a district supervisor for VCDD5.

Community organizations in which have you been active:

Carol and I are neighborhood representatives of the VHA Region 5 for a period of about 5 years.

Member and past president – Rotary Club of the Villages.
Past President – Buffalo Western New York Junior Soccer League
Past President – Young America Soccer Club of Hamburg, NY

Describe a particular quality or experience or ability that has prepared you for this office.

I believe my 27 years of experience as an accomplished public administrator with extensive experience in the areas of public works and solid waste management along with a thorough understanding of municipal governments and the relationship between state, county and local governments has prepared me for this office. I have received awards from the American Public Works Association for meritorious achievement in Solid Waste Management, the New York State Association for Reduction, Reuse and Recycling (lifetime achievement) and the New York State Comptroller's Office for Best Management Practices.
Serving on the Architectural Review Committee and my completion of the Villages Resident Academy has given me insight into the working of our local government.

If elected to this office, what do you see as the 3 most important issues? How will you deal with them?

1. Continued Financial Health of the District.
2. Keeping the Infrastructure in good order and condition.
3. Maintaining the beauty and cleanliness of all common grounds.

This will be accomplished through sound fiscal budgeting and oversight of contracts with vendors providing professional, construction and maintenance services.

CDD Supervisor, District 5 / Seat 2

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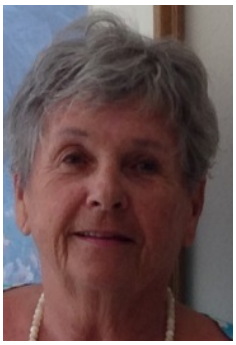
Carolyn Reichel



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Background: Personal history, education, occupation, etc.

BA Sociology 1962
RN Maryland 1981
MA Legal Studies 1983
Employed as RN; Nursing Home Administrator

Community Organizations in which you have been active:

SHINE Counselor (Serving the Health Insurance Needs of Elders). 9 years

Attended Resident Academy 2011 (study the Villages Community Development Districts and how they work together to provide the lifestyle in Florida's Friendliest Hometown)

POA (Property Owners Association) Secretary. 5 years

Community Improvement Council (CIC) Villages developer's mechanism for residents to assist other residents by responding to their questions concerning how CDD's function in Florida and the Villages. 3 years

Executive Golf Improvement Group (EGIG) monitor and report on course conditions. 5

Describe a particular quality or experience or ability that has prepared you for this office.

I see the combination of my professional career managing varied functions
of a small business, (nursing homes, including medical care, budgeting, social services, activities, maintenance, etc.) while supporting resident rights under never ending state and federal regulations. Since retiring, my personal interest in learning and becoming actively involved in supporting residents rights of Villagers under our governmental system, CDD's, as described Chapter 190 of the Florida Statutes.

If elected to this office, what do you see as the 3 most important issues? How will you deal with them?

I plan on continuing to support the rights of residents by keeping the residents of District 5 informed of decisions affecting them and assisting them in developing a better understanding of how our governmental system works.

CDD Supervisor, District 6 / Seat 4

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Russ D'Emidio

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Background: Personal history, education, occupation, family, etc.

- Grew up in Ridgefield New Jersey
- BS Mathematics, Drexel University 1972, Philadelphia
- Career in Information Systems Management at Babcock & Wilcox and Johnson & Johnson with expertise in supply chain, executive info systems, global strategies, quality & compliance
- Certified ISO 27001 Auditor (Information Security Management Systems)
- Wife Marie (38 years), two children, two grandchildren

Community organizations in which you have been active:

- Board of Supervisors, VCDD#6 for 4 years.
- Board of the Directors, Central FL Health Alliance i.e. The Villages Regional Hospital for 2 years
- Director at Large, the Villages Homeowners Association (VHA) Board for 4 years
- Previously, Regions 6&7 Chairperson of the VHA for 4 years.

Describe a particular quality or experience or ability that has prepared you for this office.

- Successful track record as member of Board of Supervisors VCDD#6 since 2010. Protecting the residents' home values and quality of life while being fiscally responsible.
- Active in many initiatives in residents' and our community's best interests over the past 10 years.
- Qualities: Trustworthy, respected, leader, fiscally responsible, knowledgeable, committed to residents' interests, gets results

If elected to this office, what do you see as the 3 most important issues? How will you deal with them?

- Protecting residents' home values and quality of life through Architecture Review and Deed Compliance. Since adopting the Rule to bring about Deed Compliance in 2013, I and the other Supervisors of VCDD#6 Board continue our role in overall enforcement. In addition to continuing enforcement, I will work conscientiously to modify the interpretation of the Rule (standards and enforceable restrictions) as warranted.

- Financial Stability. VCDD #6's financial status is in excellent condition. The District's annual maintenance assessment to residents has been constant for five years. This has been accomplished by controlling the District's costs while building an adequate reserve for future and emergency expenditures. I will continue my due diligence and oversight in maintaining VCDD #6's solid financial position.

- Listen to and help residents resolve issues impacting their quality of life. When the resident's problem is an issue for the VCDD #6, I will work earnestly through the Board to resolve the issue. If the issue is not a VCDD #6 issue, guide the resident to the proper channels and be supportive.

CDD Supervisor, District 6 / Seat 4

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Donna Kempa, CPA, CFE, CISA

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Background: Personal history, education, occupation, family, etc.

- Resides in The Village of Amelia with husband, Tony and retired guide dog, Parson
- Graduated Cum Laude, University at Buffalo, BS in Registered Accounting and Finance.
- Certified Public Accountant
- Certified Fraud Examiner
- Certified Information Systems Auditor
- Employed as an Information Technology Audit Consultant/Manager for a regional health insurance company located in Western New York – currently working as an offsite consultant

Community organizations in which you have been active:

- Property Owners Association of the Villages Florida – performed independent audits of the organizations' financial position
- United Way of Western New York – participated in multi-session training program for newly appointed Directors sitting on Boards of non-profit agencies

Describe particular quality or experience or ability that has prepared you for this office.

Having been employed by one of the big 4 accounting firms (Ernst and Young), I have experience auditing a number of industries. Through this audit experience, I've learned where the greatest irregularities appear in financial statements and where the greatest risk of fraud exists. As an IT auditor, the audit focus is based on process and identifying controls to minimize risk and intentional acts of deception.

If elected to this office, what do you see as the 3 most important issues? How will you deal with them?

Independent Representation on the Board of CDD #6. I do not hold any position in Developer organizations and I am not involved in any Developer initiatives. So, the first question I will ask before voting for *any* measure: "Is this in the best interest of the Residents of District 6"? Residents are voting for me to protect their financial interests while maintaining the beauty of their community.

Qualifications of Board members. Investors in public companies want financial experts on their governing Boards, so why would the Residents of CDD#6 expect nothing less. I will organize an outreach program to educate Residents about their local government and encourage them to get involved.

Maintain financial strength for CDD #6. A Supervisors' responsibility is to ask the accounting questions; review financial documents prepared by the district staff; and question if allocations and estimates are supported and evidenced. I will ask these questions and evaluate these documents to ensure Residents are only paying their proportionate share of expenses to maintain The Villages Lifestyle.

CDD Supervisor, District 7 / Seat 1

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Dennis E. Broedlin

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Background: Personal history, education, occupation, family, etc.:
Retired Director Information Systems Stratford Board of Education
Elected to three two year terms Councilman Town of Stratford CT
Chairman Finance and Ordinance Committees
Vice President Far Mill River Condo Association Ten Years
AS Degree Accounting
Married, Three Daughters, Three Grandsons

Community organizations in which have you been active:
Community Improvement Council, Two years as President
VHA
VHA Community Foundation Vice President

Describe a particular quality or experience or ability that has prepared you for this office.
Extensive experience working with Budgets for Town, School and Condo

If elected to this office, what do you see as the 3 most important issues? How will you deal with them?

1. To listen to and represent resident issues and concerns to the best of my ability
2. To maintain district infrastructure in the current high state of readiness
3. To minimize homeowners annual assessment costs through careful and thoughtful conservative fiscal management

CDD Supervisor, District 7 / Seat 1

BACK

Joseph O. Schlosser

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Background: Personal history, education, occupation, family, etc.

Born 1943, two sons, three grandsons. Villages resident for 7 years. High School graduate 1961,
High School Hall of Fame award for outstanding Public Service.

Community organizations in which you have been active:

Graduate of Villages Resident Academy
Active participant – Duval Social Club events
Member of Homeowners Association

Describe a particular quality or experience or ability that has prepared you for this office:

Lieutenant Governor of Kiwanis Clubs in New York
Past President East Meadow New York Chamber of Commerce
Capable of handling all types of business and community matters

If elected to this office, what do you see as the most important issues? How will you deal with them?

Working diligently with Villages Reps, developer, and governing agencies
Address and possibly improve our present Villages lifestyle
Keep The Villages financially strong and beautiful

CDD Supervisor, District 8 / Seat 3

BACK

Victor Ray

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Background: Personal history, education, occupation, family, etc.

Victor Ray, was born in Lynwood, California in 1957. Victor received his BA in Communications at CSU Fullerton, Masters in Divinity at St. Mary's and ordained a Priest in Orange, California in 1988. Victor served at St. Matthews for 3 years.
Victor's career includes over 28 years of dedication and hard work in the field of Wire and Cable and Electronic distribution as senior manager in Sales and Procurement for Newark Electronics and IEWC. Moving to Wisconsin to serve as US Director for IEWC, Victor quickly got involved with community, starting a neighborhood association that grew into the Walkers Point Association, a 501C3 non-profit, protecting the rights of residence and business owners in City Government. Victor also helped direct his own company, into an ESOP organization. Victor served as Parish President of St. Patrick's and Our Lady Guadalupe, in Milwaukee, as well on the Board of many organizations in Milwaukee.
Victor moved to the Villages in 2013 and serves on the Board of Directors for the POA. Victor also owns, Regal Landscape in the Villages.
Victor is the proud father of 2 grown boys and one grandson all from Californiia.

Community organizations in which have you been active:

ECC- Ecumenical Catholic Church
St. Vincent de Paul
Walkers Point Association
Xela Aid
POA – Property Owners Association in the Village

Describe a particular quality or experience or ability that has prepared you for this office.

I am committed to servanthood, which an elected official should adhere too, but my experience is in running a corporation and 501C3 organizatios.

If elected to this office, what do you see as the 3 most important issues? How will you deal with them?

If I were elected to the Supervisor office, my primary area of Interest is 3 fold, to be a Protector of Village Peoples rights, Decision making back to Districts and provide an avenue of communication with people in the District and the Supervisor. I feel these three primary areas of interest will help build an interactive community because without a sense of caring, there can be sense of community. In the words of JFK, 'We can do better'.

CDD Supervisor, District 8 / Seat 3

BACK

Dick Wedding

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Background: Personal history, education, occupation, family, etc.

- Married 52 years to wife, Sandy; 2 children, 5 grandchildren.
- High School Graduate
- Hardworking, self-made man who worked 46 years for one of the largest Baking Corporations in the U.S. I started as a local route sales person and progressed to be President and General Manager of three separate facilities at different times. I turned all three facilities from financial losers into very profitable businesses.
- Enjoys golf, fishing, skeet-shooting

Community organizations in which you have been active:

- I held leadership positions on the Board of Directors for Boys and Girls Clubs, two different country clubs, a Food Bank, churches and schools where my financial expertise was utilized.

Describe a particular quality or experience or ability that has prepared you for this office:

I have a proven track record of financial expertise and initiating corrective action when necessary through leadership, collaboration, good communication and a positive attitude. My life experience has prepared me well for this office.

If elected to this office, what do you see as the 3 most important issues? How will you deal with them?

The strategies I will employ to mitigate any issues before the Board are:

1. Provide my financial know-how and oversight to insure efficient use of the revenues collected from residents.
2. Preserve the positive lifestyle we enjoy today and take any necessary positive action to maintain its continuation into the future.
3. Maintain The Villages as a unified community while safeguarding the individual needs of our District.

CDD Supervisor, District 8 / Seat 4

BACK

Ray Banks

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Background: Personal history, education, occupation, family, etc.

I was born in Pennsylvania and raised in New York. I owned and operated a *Daily News* franchise for 42 years. My government experience includes working for the town of Islip for 28 years. I've had extensive real estate experience, buying and selling houses with my son for 10 years. I moved to the Village of St. Charles in 2008.

Community organizations in which you have been active:

Shortly after moving to The Villages I joined the POA, where I have been a Director on the POA Board serving on the Membership Committee for over 3 years. I served on the Board of Elections for the Republican Club in Long Island for 8 years. I was active in fundraising and a booster for Islip High School's athletic programs.

Describe a particular quality or experience or ability that has prepared you for this office:

Being as involved as I've been in the POA has given me insights into the concerns and issues of residents that cannot be gained any other way. Putting resident interests front and center isn't something I plan to do, it's what I've been doing for years. I am POA-endorsed and it is important to me to protect residents' rights.

If elected to this office, what do you see as the 3 most important issues? How will you deal with them?

I believe District 8 residents need an advocate on the Board. That means actively seeking their opinions and input, and keeping them well-informed on such matters. It means regularly attending meetings and making their views known. A primary concern will be determining where and how the District 8 budget can best be disbursed to the benefit of our facilities, infrastructure, services and financial responsibilities. Also of importance is advising how amenity fees can be used to the benefit of District 8 residents.

CDD Supervisor, District 8 / Seat 4

BACK

Duane M. Johnson

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Background: Personal history, education, occupation, family, etc.

My wife, Sarah, and I have been married for 46 years and have lived in The Villages for Five years. We have a Daughter, Son and five Grandchildren.
I presently serve as District Supervisor of VCDD 8, Seat 4, and am an alternate member of the Project Wide Advisory Committee (PWAC).
I am a retired County Planning and Economic Development Director from Minnesota. This local government career gave me years of experience working with and serving on various committees, councils and community boards. Also, I had to facilitate the decision making process of setting policy, governance, and budget. I graduated from Minnesota State University, Mankato with BS degree in Urban Planning.

Community organizations in which have you been active:

I am a member of Hope Lutheran Church.
I am a past member of the Community Improvement Council (CIC).
I am a past Vice President of the St. Charles Social Club.
Past elected City Council member and Soil and Water Conservation District Officer in Minnesota.
I am a member of the Villages Homeowners Association (V.H.A.).
I am a member of the Property Owners Association (P.O.A.).
I am a member of Minnesota Club

Describe a particular quality or experience or ability that has prepared you for this office.

My involvement in local Government as an elected and appointed official for over 30 years gives me the necessary experience to be re-elected and continue to serve as your Supervisor in District 8, Seat 4. I have always felt a need to serve in the community I live in. As an elected official, and if re-elected, I will make sure that District 8 decisions are made in the best interest of the citizens of the District. I am very aware of the Sunshine Law and therefore will make sure it is adhered to.

If elected to this office, what do you see as the 3 most important issues? How will you deal with them?

If re-elected to serve as your supervisor in VCDD 8, my interests are and will continue to be;
1. Budget management of the special assessment portion of your tax statement which will not change from last year for this fiscal year 2014-15. This year the operating budget was $2,642,609.00. Down 1.6% from a year ago! I am very optimistic this budget scenario will continue for many more years.
2. Deed restriction compliance. The district took this over from the developer just over one year ago.
The district will set policy, as needed, to secure and promote the high quality of neighborhoods we all can be proud of. An example of setting new policy is as homes need to be painted you do not need approval to paint your house the same color, if you change color you may have to get approval. The old policy would require approval of even the same color.
3. Project Wide Advisory Committee (PWAC). This committee is just over a year old. I am an alternate member of this committee. Of the total District 8 operating budget about 49 percent or 1.3 million dollars goes to PWAC, which is the case for all the Districts South of CR466. This committee is responsible for all of the village's infrastructure and maintenance south of CR466. An example of what they decide on is the new stop lights on Colony Blvd. I want to make sure that the PWAC also has District 8's best interest in mind by attending the monthly meetings and overseeing their decision making in the future.
4. Please contact me if you have questions on any of these topics at my District email address: duane.johnson@DistrictGov.org or my personal email address: duanemjohnson2@gmail.com or 507-421-5273.
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WHEN & HOW DO I VOTE?

The 2014 General Election will take place on Tuesday, November 4, 2014. The closing date to register to vote in the General Election is Monday, October 6, 2014.

Early Voting runs from October 21-November 1 in Sumter County. Check with your County Supervisor for times and locations.

If you moved, changed your name, party affiliation or your signature has changed, you must contact your local Supervisor of Elections office before you go to vote.

To request an Absentee Ballot, contact your local Supervisor of Elections office. (See below.)

To find your Polling Place and Precinct Number to vote on Election Day, check your Voter Information card which you received after you registered to vote. If you cannot locate the card, contact your Supervisor of Elections office listed below.

To vote Early or on Election Day, you must present a picture ID as well as a signature ID. The list of valid forms of ID can be found on the Supervisor of Elections websites.

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*To become a member of the League of Women Voters of The Villages / Tri-County, complete this form, print and mail it along with a check for your dues made payable to **LWVTRI**. Mail to:*

Carolyn Johnson 2615
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The Villages, FL 31262

Dues cover membership in your local LWVTRI chapter as well as membership at the state and national level. There are 3 dues categories: Individual, Household and Student. In addition, individuals may contribute an additional $40 to support league activities by becoming a Susan B. Anthony member. Dues are not tax deductible.

TODAY'S DATE ☐

MEMBERSHIP CATEGORY

☐ **Individual ($60)** ☐ **Household ($85)**
☐ **Student ($25)** ☐ **Susan B. Anthony ($100)**
Individual Membership + $40 donation

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