

**COBWRA DELEGATES MEETING  
VALENCIA LAKES – MARCH 21, 2018  
MEETING HIGHLIGHTS**

**WELCOME**

**VALENCIA LAKES HOA PRESIDENT HELENE UNGER**

- Welcomed the Delegates and guests.
- Spoke about the need for protecting schools and expressed concern about guns in schools.
- Expressed importance of early intervention for students with mental health issues.
- Thanked Bob Sklar for leading the effort for the Valencia Lakes LED lighting replacement project.
- Thanked the volunteers who assisted at the meeting.

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

**PRESIDENT MYRNA ROSOFF:**

- Letter sent to the County Commissioners requesting a reduction in the density granted to GL Homes for Indian Trail Grove in 2016. These are the units GL wants to move into the Ag Reserve.
- Recognized Marlene Maloff, Recording Secretary, for her years of service to COBWRA.
- Reminded everyone about the March 28, 2:00 p.m. Meet the Candidates Forum for the State Senate District 31 Special Election. The event will be held at Jamaica Bay.
- Announced that the Judicial Candidates/School Board Meet the Candidates Forum will be held at Coral Lakes on June 20.

**FIRST RESPONDERS REPORTS**

**PALM BEACH COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT DISTRICT 6  
CAPTAIN CHRISTOPHER KEANE:**

- Spoke about the current burglary issues in gated 55+ communities and said it is the #1 priority for law enforcement in communities east of the Turnpike.

**PALM BEACH COUNTY FIRE RESCUE DISTRICT CHIEF KIMBERLY  
HUDE:**

- Reported that the department is undergoing active shooter training with PBSO.

**STATE SENATE DISTRICT 31 SPECIAL ELECTION  
MEET THE CANDIDATES EVENT**

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 28, 2018 • 2:00 P.M. • JAMAICA BAY**

**ELECTED OFFICIALS REPORTS**

**COMMISSIONER MARY LOU BERGER:**

- Attended a conference in Washington, D.C. and spoke with Senator Bill Nelson and other elected officials about the Parkland tragedy.
- Introduced **SEAN REED** of the Water Utilities Department to explain that the work on Hagen Ranch Road to revitalize water wells and maintain the potable water system is on hold until the contractor obtains the proper permits.

**COMMISSIONER DAVID KERNER:**

- Explained that Palm Beach County is suing many opioid manufacturers since the opioid epidemic affects taxpayers in higher health care and law enforcement costs.

**PBC SCHOOL BOARD REPRESENTATIVE KAREN BRILL:**

- Reported that a new District Superintendent, Deputy Superintendent, and COO have been hired.
- Announced that a letter has been sent to Governor Scott saying that Palm Beach County will not arm teachers.
- Explained that the School Board wants more mental health professionals and counselors in schools.

**LEGISLATIVE UPDATE**

**DISTRICT 29 STATE SENATOR KEVIN RADER:**

- Reported that he met in Tallahassee with students from Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School and is working hard for the passage of gun control legislation.
- Announced that, despite his opposition, a law has been passed decertifying teachers' unions if fewer than 50% of teachers join the union.

**DISTRICT 90 REPRESENTATIVE LORI BERMAN:**

- Met with many parents of students and with survivors of the MSD High School massacre.
- Is pushing for gun and ammunition restrictions.
- Reported that in the \$88 billion dollar State budget, there is not enough allocated for affordable housing, and that money for schools is being redirected to private schools.

**DISTRICT 81 REPRESENTATIVE JOSEPH ABRUZZO:**

- Praised COBWRA as the "de facto local government" of the western communities.
- Informed us that some good bills have been passed, including disabled workers being covered by state workers comp, lifting the burden off employers; regulation of the air boat industry that will require training and certification of air boat operators; and more funding for roads.

**ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

Since there were no nominations from the floor at the February Delegates meeting, the Nominating Committee's proposed slate of officers was elected to serve for the 2018/2019 term of office:



**Beth Miller**  
Treasurer



**Barbara Roth**  
1<sup>st</sup> Vice President



**Phil Barlage**  
President



**Nikki Descoteaux**  
2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President



**Gerri Seinberg**  
Secretary