

COBWRA DELEGATES MEETING • BANYAN SPRINGS • SEPTEMBER 26, 2018 • MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

WELCOME

DELEGATE HARVEY RAISNER welcomed the guests in memory of long-time Banyan Springs Delegate, Audrey Arian.

FIRST RESPONDERS' REPORTS

PALM BEACH COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT DISTRICT 6 CAPTAIN SHAWN EASTMAN reported that officers recently raised \$1300 for St. Jude's Children's Hospital by waiting tables at a local restaurant. He also explained that the Department is currently performing "educational" traffic stops, with most of the stops resulting in verbal or written warnings. Eastman also warned Delegates about several scams being perpetrated on older adults.

MIKE AMELUNG from **PALM BEACH COUNTY FIRE RESCUE** reported that there have recently been several very serious fires in the COBWRA service area. He also reported on a tragic automobile accident that occurred earlier in the week and reminded the assembled group never to be in a hurry when driving through intersections.

SENATOR BILL NELSON'S REGIONAL DIRECTOR MICHELLE MCGOVERN presented Palm Beach Fire Rescue Chief of Operations **DOUG MCGLYNN** with a copy of the Firefighter Cancer Registry Act of 2018, introduced by Senator Nelson, which requires the Secretary of Health and Human Services, through the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, to develop and maintain a registry to monitor cancer incidence among firefighters.

ELECTED OFFICIALS' REPORTS

SCHOOL BOARD DISTRICT 3 REPRESENTATIVE KAREN BRILL discussed the Palm Beach County School Referendum which will appear on the November ballot. Approval would authorize the District to levy 1.00 mills of ad valorem millage dedicated to operational needs for non-charter District schools to fund safety equipment, hire additional school police and mental health professionals. The revenue would also fund arts, music physical education and career programs and improve teacher pay beginning July 1, 2019.

STATE SENATOR LORI BERMAN expressed concern that education is underfunded in Florida and articulated her support for the School Referendum. She also reported that the State budget is approximately the same as last year.

MEET COUNTY COMMISSION DISTRICT 4 CANDIDATES

DISTRICT 4 CANDIDATES WILLIAM "BILLY" VALE and **ROBERT WEINROTH** were introduced to the Delegates and spoke on a number of issues, including the Ag Reserve, Workforce Housing, funding the Office of the Inspector General and mental health issues.

BALLOT AMENDMENTS

CORINNE MILLER from the **LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS** provided an explanation of the numerous ballot amendments. Detailed information about the amendments can be found on the following website: **VOTE411.ORG**. Enter your address to find your polling place and view your ballot.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

PRESIDENT PHIL BARLAGE reminded the Delegates about the **SAFETY & SECURITY IN OUR SCHOOLS** Forum hosted by the **COBWRA EDUCATION COMMITTEE**.

DATE: OCTOBER 10TH

**TIME: Doors open at 6:30 p.m.
Forum begins at 7:00 p.m.**

**PLACE: Park Vista High School
7900 S. Jog Road**

FEATURING...

SCHOOLS SUPERINTENDENT DONALD FENNOY, II AND SCHOOL DISTRICT CFO MICHAEL BURKE, COO WANDA PAUL AND POLICE CHIEF FRANK KITZEROW.

