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Happy New Year. Welcome to Democracy "Long Game". Remember John McCain said "Only truth & transparency can guarantee freedom". True that. So much for us to resolve. It is suggested that Alachua County has its own "House of Representatives" (Precinct Representatives). What say you? As we represent our Precinct constituents in matters of civic etiquette & community well-being is there a specific caucus you will support? How might that operate? Hello? Our community is seeking solutions. Smile.

At our recent Holiday Party, a generous gift of books was given to the "Saturday Academy" (Mt. Carmel Church / NE 8th Ave). Is there a literacy outreach program in your Precinct? At the end of Friends of Library Book Sale there are huge amounts of reading materials that become "dumpster food". Contact Jeremy Merritt, Literacy Coordinator for our Library District – (352) 334-0160. There are 500 churches in Alachua County.

As the pyramid diagram of Representative Democracy is structured, Precincts are the "foundation". T. Jefferson created this statutory geography. To quote T.J. – "The article dearest to my heart is that every Precinct in every County in America would organize itself as a small Republic & thus more well serve the interests of its citizens". Are we being well served? Who's on first? During the 2020 General Election, every Precinct in America can elect men & women from the two major political parties to be "duly elected" Precinct Representatives. Will you recruit a "slate" of candidates for every Precinct you are comfortable with? How are Citizens to know they have Precinct Representatives if they have never elected a Precinct Representative?

You can develop working relations with those Representatives above Precinct in the pyramid diagram of Democracy. Part of your portfolio credential is your enthusiasm & dedication as a Precinct Representative. The doors are open. Offer to help advise our Gainesville Mayor & Commissioners. They & their staff are busy & available via voice-mail. Create your agenda, take a number, & be supportive toward consensus. The Mayor – Lauren Poe # 334-8661. Commissioners: Gail Johnson # 334-8663. David Arreola # 334-8345. Harvey Ward # 334-8660. Gigi Simmons # 334-8664. Helen Warren # 334-8662. Adrian Hayes-Santos # 334-8346. Their voice-mail is capacious. Invest. As a Precinct Representative, conduct yourself as a "Junior or Little Commissioner".

Google: DCCC (Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee) The Chair: Cheri Bustos was impressively interviewed by Rachel Maddow recently on MSNBC. National, State, County, Precinct, Citizen – the functional pyramid of our American Democratic Republic. It's all about us. The best person to tell your story is you. You are welcome.

T. J. Psyche, the Outreach Coordinator with our County Supervisor of Elections, (352) 374-5252, offers assistance as we develop our "outreach strategy" for our Precincts. A large fraction of most our Precincts are registered "No Party Affiliation" or not registered at all. Could be a rich opportunity to make new friends & allies. Smile.

Let us explore, discover, & celebrate the best of what is liberty & justice for all.

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