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**"The cure to the ills of Democracy is a larger dose of Democracy." One spoon full at a time. The future is not what it used to be. We can grow our medicine. Be patient. Keep an open mind. Seek solutions. Build bridges.**

**Joe Biden was speaking to me recently. I took notes.**

- + "Decent citizens provide buoyancy to Democracy."**
- + "Practicing local Democracy is an essential element of citizenship."**
- + "Practicing local Democracy develops our intellectual gravity & capacity."**
- + "When we practice local Democracy we can talk to our base & especially we must listen so that we may be better representatives."**
- + "Progressive values and ordinary citizens are natural allies."**
- + "This may be our first voyage together. A familiar & useful path is easier to revisit."**

**Let's revisit elements of previous monthly Precinct News editions:**

**Alexis Hunter, Information Specialist, Alachua County Elections office 374-5252. She can provide an enlarged map of your Precinct geography. The time is now.**

**In 1998, Alachua County produced a 28 page "Citizen's Information Booklet." This guide to services provided needs to be updated and its availability amplified. Our role in this project would become a durable token of our capacity to lead as we mature our community well-being. Would you participate in a "Citizen Academy" in your Precinct? The largest room in the world is "room for improvement." Hello ?**

**Over one-half of our Precincts have membership openings. Too many Precincts have no representatives! Time to "saddle up." I have some ideas to "incentivize" the building of a stronger "team" with a deeper "bench". Let's talk...**

**When our Precincts are organized & functioning, we can be more "Indivisible". What comes after "Indivisible"? "Liberty and Justice for All". Let's talk about the specific metrics of reaching our Precinct goals. Let's set a good example.**

**It takes a community to build community. You are the person you've been seeking.**

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