

ALACHUA COUNTY "VOYAGE OF DISCOVERY" PRECINCT NEWS - NUMBER 13.

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JUMP BALL ! BUZZER BEATER ! G.O.T.V. Hello civic etiquette. Smile.

"The life force of Democracy is the arguments about truth." Bob Woodward interview w/ Rachael Maddow, MSNBC, Sept. 2018. Citizenship is more than partisanship. Yes?

Let's think constructively @ what citizenship looks like when empathy replaces apathy. When we intend to do good, good gets done. Avoid magical thinking. Frame our conversations around issues. When you become a "catalyst" (look it up) you can increase the rate of community improvement without being consumed in the process. All our Precincts can become Committees of Correspondence & post themselves on www.alachuadems.org Scroll down to Precinct 57. Precinct News can be viewed & shared from that site by clicking on the months listed from Oct. 2017 to recent dates.

The "press" is a respected institution. Until the 60's, papers carried what was "newsworthy" – deferring to power & status quo – avoiding controversy & criticism of officials. Emerging realities changed that paradigm. TV took over "breaking news". News "analysis" investigated official wrongdoing, injustice, & inequities. The "press" evolved into activism – "walls" & "tribes" were created. Public discourse is a growing geography. Your Precinct can occupy new networks of "civic etiquette" & public interest free speech. Say what you mean (pleasantly) & make your point convincingly.

Enlarge the "listening" processes as we demonstrate our capacities as Precinct Representatives. Build links between all elected persons & their civic foundation majorities. Stay on the functional "radar" of all elected persons. Help buffer them from "going rogue" or feeling abandoned by the "civic sphere" or being overwhelmed by "special interests". With broad engagement, transparency, consensus building, real science, & a "bigger dose" of Democracy – we can enjoy the government we deserve. Vigorous Precinct Democracy is an emerging foundation element of Florida & American Democracy. Bring it home. Let that light shine. "Fired up & ready to go."

Many of you have met Paul Wolfe – offering himself as a recent candidate to serve on the Alachua County School Board. He will be sharing with us the details of Friends of the People, Inc. – "an organization dedicated to increasing voter education & civic engagement through newsletter circulars & through hosting forums & education series to accommodate interested citizens from all socioeconomic backgrounds in Alachua County, Fl." Contact Paul: decawolfe@gmail.com or (352) 231-2485.

Friends of the Library Book Sale – Oct. 13 – 17, noon – 6, 430 N. Main, 375-1676. On Thursday (18), @ 9am, any person from any non-profit (bring evidence) can rescue unsold literature from "death by dumpster". GvIForAll, Habitat for Humanity, & area churches are engaged. Mt. Carmel Baptist has a "Saturday Academy" where children start their book collection & a love for learning. Think deep & spread the word.

After Nov. 6, reset your compass. Explore, discover, share, celebrate.....repeat.

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