



**November 2021**

**Membership Meeting**





# **Agenda**

## **1. Lori Edwards (Polk Co. Supervisor of Elections)**

Polk County Supervisor of Elections ([polkelections.com](http://polkelections.com))

**2. Marilyn Tayler** Vote for new/renewing SDC Board members

**3. Dorothy Schwartz** Postcard campaign update

## **4. Lita Epstein**

Cypress Parkway CFX proposals ([cfxway.com](http://cfxway.com))

Solivita HOA transition to resident control (Facebook group)

**5. Membership Appreciation Dinner & Meeting - Dec 8<sup>th</sup>**

**6. November - December calendar**





# Lori Edwards, Polk County Supervisor of Elections



- Lori was elected Supervisor of Elections in November 2000.
- Before becoming Supervisor of Elections, Lori represented eastern Polk County in the Florida Legislature for 8 years.
- Lori is Past President of the Florida Association of Supervisors of Elections and remains active in the leadership of that professional organization.
- Lori earned her bachelor's degree in Business Administration from Warner University and has earned state and national certifications as an Election Official.



# **SDC Board candidate intro & vote**

**2-year terms to start in January 2022**

**Membership Chair - Kate Kohout (Incumbent)**

**Secretary - Joan Sprain**

**Campaign/Special Events Chair - Celeste Williams**

**Hospitality Chair - open**

**SDC Members in attendance please vote**

- Ballroom: mark and turn in your paper ballots to Ellis, Kay, or Dorothy**
- Zoom: respond to the Poll in Zoom when presented**

**Results will be tallied and reported at conclusion of the meeting**

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# **SDC Board candidate introductions**

## **Membership Chair - Kate Kohout (Incumbent)**

Kate moved to Solivita in November of 2012 and joined the SDC in 2014. She soon joined the Hospitality committee, then served as Hospitality chair for 2017 through 2019. She has served as Membership chair for the past 2 years. She is a retired NYC high school teacher. She plays tennis, mahjong and cards and loves living in Solivita.

## **Secretary - Joan Sprain**

Joan joined the SDC when she moved here from Minnesota 3 years ago. She has participated in rallies & a stint at the Farmers Market. She is also an active member of the Seniors for Safe Schools group. Her background includes working as an outreach faculty member with both the University of Minnesota & Wisconsin. Part of her Master's degree study was at the Hubert Humphrey Institute at the U. of MN. She has served numerous leadership roles in her career including secretary of several organizations.

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# **SDC Board candidate introductions (cont'd)**

## **Campaign/Special Events Chair - Celeste Williams**

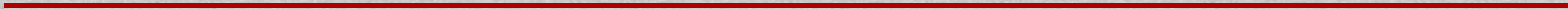
Celeste has been a resident in Solivita for the past 10 years and an active member of the Solivita Democratic Club. She has served as a Committeeperson for our Precinct 411 for three terms. She served as Vice Chair of the Polk County Democratic Executive Committee (DEC) and ran for office to represent our District 41 in the Florida Legislature. She has worked with Ron Motley and other volunteers to maintain our Club presence at the Farmer's Market for several years. She has worked on the campaigns of other Polk County candidates and helped organize our Candidates' Rally which featured Nancy Pelosi. Most recently, Celeste has initiated our Victory Sign Project and raised money for a large commercial billboard which we will use in the month preceding the November 2022 election.

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**Congratulations to Kate Kohout, Joan Sprain,  
and Celeste Williams for winning election to  
the SDC Board of Directors!**





## **Lita Epstein**

**Lita was elected to the CDD Board of Supervisors in 2020.**

In addition to currently serving as Chairman of the Poinciana CDD, Lita has served in the past as a Planning Commissioner in Polk County, as well as Chairman of the Board of Adjustments.

Lita's undergraduate degree from Rutgers University is in Community Development. Lita has also worked as a Press Secretary for a Southern California Democratic Congressman, and as Associate Director for The Carter Center (raising funds for President Jimmy Carter's international work).

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# Membership Appreciation Event

- New and renewing SDC members are cordially invited to the Annual Membership Appreciation Dinner & Meeting on **Wednesday, December 8** in the Starlite Ballroom
- Doors open 5:30pm, Dinner served 6:00pm, Meeting begins 7:00pm
- Salad, Appetizers, Wraps (Turkey, Italian, Vegetarian), Dessert.
- Door prizes too!
- There is no cost to Club members for this event and you will have the opportunity to start or renew your membership for 2022 at the discounted price of **\$12**

Please RSVP via email to Kate Kohout [katekohout@yahoo.com](mailto:katekohout@yahoo.com) no later than **Wednesday, December 1** to reserve your place

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# November / December 2021 Events

**November is National Native American Heritage Month**

**Nov 11**                      **Veterans Day**  
**Nov 25**                      **Thanksgiving Day**  
**Nov 28 - Dec 6**        **Hanukkah**  
**Dec 6**                        **Polk DEC Meeting**



**Dec 8 SDC Membership Appreciation Dinner & Meeting**

**Dec 25**                      **Christmas Day**  
**Dec 26 - Jan 1**        **Kwanzaa**







**See You**

**Wed., December 8!**

**Membership Appreciation Dinner & Meeting**

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