



Newsletter of the Republican Party of Palm Beach County—April 2017

Lincoln Day at the President’s House

For the fourth year in succession the Palm Beach County Republican Party held its annual Lincoln Day Dinner at Mar-a-Lago, but the venue of this year’s event was quite different than in the past. In 2017, unique among the thousands of similar yearly gatherings of GOP faithful, the dinner was held at the home of the President of the United States!

While Mr. Trump remained in Washington and did not attend this year’s dinner as he did in 2016, the First Lady made a brief appearance, greeting Gov. Rick Scott, who was the keynote speaker, and YouTube sensations Lynette Hardaway and Rochelle Richardson (Diamond and Silk), who were on hand to entertain the crowd. Speaking of the crowd, the event was once again a sell out and nearly 700 people turned out. No advertising was required this year, since the dinner sold out in an astounding three days and did not require invitations.

I don’t know if you’ve read George Bennett’s piece in the *Palm Beach Post* about the affair, but to hear him tell it, you’d think that the whole night’s affair was all about the U.S. House of Representatives’ rejection of legislation to

repeal and replace Obamacare, and nothing more. Now, I don’t know the man, but from what I hear he is well liked and is a highly-trained professional journalist who tries hard to be objective. But his paper is left of center, to put it charitably, and I’ll bet you a dollar to a donut that Mr. Bennett didn’t vote for the President last November. Be that as it may, I can assure you that unlike Mr. Bennett, I don’t believe The March 24 dinner at the President’s house had anything to do with the news out of the Congress in Washington that day, and this is the last time you will hear about it from me in these pages.

The evening began with an invocation by Daniel Arbolez, Lead Pastor of Christ Fellowship en Español, which

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First Lady Melania Trump dropped by to greet Gov. Rick Scott at the VIP reception.



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is the largest Hispanic church in Palm Beach County. The Palm Beach Police Department Honor Guard Unit, who had been honored to participate in President Donald Trump’s Inauguration Parade, presented the Colors. Col. Arthur de Ruve (U.S. Army Ret.) led the Pledge of Allegiance, and Boynton Beach Community High School’s Dimensional Harmony Choral Group entertained the audience with patriotic songs.

In his remarks to those in attendance, Palm Beach County GOP Chairman Michael Barnett welcomed all to the “Southern White House” and thanked activists for their tireless “sweat and effort” that “contributed to our incredible victories last November.” He assured Republicans that “This year’s dinner is a celebration of all we have accomplished.” He also praised Florida Gov. Rick Scott as having “done an incredible job revitalizing Florida’s economy, bringing back over 1 million jobs to our state.”

In his address Governor Scott, speaking about a recent visit with President Trump at the White House, he quipped that “He doesn’t eat the most healthy food,” and said that Republicans in Tallahassee should not “scale back government subsidies for businesses and tourism marketing.” At Friday night’s dinner the Governor was presented with the Palm Beach County Republican Party’s Statesman of the Year Award.

In his speech, Lt. Gov. Carlos Lopez-Cantera sounded a warning about complacency in the aftermath of the GOP’s victory in the 2016 presidential election, saying, “We can’t sit on our hands.” The Lt. Gov. announced the winners of this year’s Jean Pipes Awards—Rosemary O’Mara and Wade Lamb. Rosemary and Wade were well deserving of the honor, having been party activists and volunteers over many years.

State Agriculture Commissioner Adam Putnam also sounded a warning when it was his turn to speak, citing a recent poll that showed 43 percent of young people



Rush Limbaugh’s call screener James Golden, affectionately known to his listeners as “Bo Snerdley,” served as the evening’s emcee.



Florida’s Agriculture Commissioner Adam Putnam presented the Lifetime Achievement Award to National Committeeman Peter Feaman, shown here with GOP Chair Mike Barnett. Photos by Marisol’s Photography.

expressed a favorable view of socialism. He presented National Committeeman Peter Feaman with the Party’s Lifetime Achievement Award.

Rush Limbaugh’s call screener James Golden (aka “Bo Snerdly”) emceed the event and did a yeoman’s job. Also deserving of special mention are Event Chair Linda Stoch and her team, who once again organized a highly successful evening for the Palm Beach County GOP.

Diamond and Silk were entertaining as always, describing their early support for President Trump. Closing out the festivities was Monique McCall, who presented all attendees with a CD, “No Better Place,” written and sung by her.

In closing I’d like to end on an amusing note that is nothing short of hilarious. The cover art for Friday night’s dinner program was a cleverly rendered drawing of President Abraham Lincoln wearing a red Make America Great Again baseball cap. Upon seeing this cover art, Chelsea Clinton, senior officer of a great American influence-pedaling charity foundation and daughter of Bill and Hillary, tweeted alarmingly: “Somebody please tell me this was Photoshopped!” If you don’t mind, I’d like to take this opportunity to waylay the fears of the former first daughter: Earth to Chelsea—DUH!!!!



Diamond and Silk were entertaining, as always.

Our Turn (Part II)

By Sid Dinerstein
March 25, 2017



It's time to play Our Turn again. Are you having fun yet? I know I am. Last month I wrote about a few easy ways to get your Liberal friends to become unhinged. To review, we applauded First Lady Melania Trump's admonition to: "Let us pray." I called for the very popular English-as-our-official-language movement. I pleaded for a daily Illegal police blotter email. And, finally, I suggested an Educational Freedom Day. Well, here

we are. Another month, another group of sticks-in-their-eyes proposals.

Let's start with the trivial (but humorous). Whenever I speak at an event with a meal I chastise the caterer for not serving Russian dressing. It makes all the logic in the world. We have a sense of humor and they don't. Let's exploit that. Which leads to a proposal for a gift for the man (or woman) who has everything: Obama Barackulars, perfect for high-rise snooping on the rich and targeted. And how about that Democrat donkey? I would think by now the Democrats would be ready to kiss their asses goodbye and embrace a more modern animal, one that suggests power, courage and fearlessness. Yep, you got it: the Russian bear. A winner if there ever was one. Time for the Dems to embrace their inner Putin. Remember when President Trump said that Putin was a stronger leader than President Obama? Well it's still true. It's time for the Dems to get off their asses and embrace the bear hug.

On a more serious Russian note, how about we propose admitting Russia into NATO? After all President Obama made fun of Mitt Romney for suggesting that Russia was our biggest enemy. Let's call it the Obama initiative, the new NATO: Russia in, Turkey out. After all, if President Roosevelt could unite with Russia (Stalin) to win World War II, we can unite with Russia (Putin) to wipe out ISIS. I know Bernie would be all in. He honeymooned in Moscow. Remember?

Okay, enough about Russia. Let's get back to America, and I mean the heartland. The Dems are always out in front on this whole "hate crime" tyranny. Let's play catch up. We can detect slurs with the best of them. We say "American exceptionalism," they say "hate crime." We say Thomas Jefferson, they again say "hate crime." Well here's my proposal: Anyone who uses the phrase "flyover country"

should be charged with a hate crime. Anyone on an airplane going from one coast to the other, wearing a smug grin and an "I'm With Her" backpack sticker should be charged with a "thought crime." How could they argue? We're finally breaking new ground: Thought police arresting Democrats for their terminal smugness. It doesn't get any better than that.

And just in case there are still a few Democrats whose heads haven't exploded yet, let's declare July "Republican Appreciation Month." Clearly the Republican Party is the most compassionate friend of the underdog in world history. Here is one party, born as recently as July 6, 1854, that freed the slaves by beating the Democrats in the Civil War, got the women the vote, fought the terrorist wing of the Democratic Party (the Ku Klux Klan), fought the Jim Crow laws, integrated the schools, protects the whole world, fights for school choice, fights for the rights of the unborn and saves the elderly and infirm from the Democratic suicide assisters. No organization has ever done more. Just think, our media outlets could name a Republican icon every day for thirty one days. Think of Abraham Lincoln, General Grant, Susan B. Anthony, Booker T. Washington, Martin Luther King, Jackie Robinson, Dwight Eisenhower, Milton Friedman, Clarence Thomas and Ronald Reagan—just for starters. That's a fast ten just to stimulate thought. Ask your Dem friends for help in filling in the rest.

As you can see, Our Turn is a game anyone can play. We can run contests for head-exploding suggestions. We can give prizes like our Declaration of Independence and Constitution. But we must not forget the serious thoughts that undermine this fun exercise: The Democrats simply cannot accept that Donald Trump is president, that the bureaucratic/welfare state is being rolled back and, best of all, that we will Make America Great Again.

Sid Dinerstein served as Chairman of the Republican Party of Palm Beach County from 2002 to 2012. A leader with a passion for Republican politics, Sid leads by example, motivating teams and uniting diverse groups to achieve a common goal. With a passion for promoting charter schools, Sid was honored by Inlet Grove Community Charter High School earlier this year as "Charter School Advocate." He authored Adults Only: For Those Who Love Their Country More Than Their Party in 2007, a book that was a finalist for the 2009 Next Generation Indie Book Awards. Sid has been married to Esther since 1967, and they have two daughters, two sons-in-law and two granddaughters.

Talking Points

The Importance of Winning the Battle over Abortion

By Larry P. Horist



One of the evergreen national issues is abortion. As a college student in the early 1960s, I bought into the pro-abortion arguments. Those were the days when the draconian population explosion scared the world like global warming does today. Abortion helped the poor to not birth unwanted babies. It alleviated careless young people from premature responsibilities of

parenthood. Since it only involved a woman's body, her desire to avoid birthing a child seemed reasonable.

However, my opinion changed. As I examined the issue in a more fact-based manner, I saw the flaws in my immature thinking. Since then, I have been a staunch pro-life advocate. I have given speeches on the subject and even teamed up with conservative activist Phyllis Schlafly to debate the left-leaning ladies of NOW—including the quintessential feminist, Gloria Steinem.

Since much of the pro-abortion argument alleges that the pro-life position is merely the product of baseless religious zealotry, I should mention that I am not a very religious person in the traditional sense. My opinion regarding abortion is based on logic, biology and secular ethics.

I came to realize that all pro-abortion arguments centered on everyone and everything except the fetus, which had the most to lose. The unborn in the womb was totally objectified. The legitimacy of abortion is a meaningless debate until there is a determination of precisely when the unborn is imbued with human rights protectable by a civilized society.

The pro-abortion community would have you believe that the fetus is merely a collection of flesh—nothing more than a fatty tumor. This is a false narrative that is reinforced by contemporary culture. In one episode of *Friends*, David Schwimmer's character played an expectant single father. Upon the birth of his child, he declared in amazement, "One minute it's a hunk of flesh and the next minute it's a child."

Uber left-wing pseudo journalist Melissa Harris-Perry once held up a model of a zygote, which she referred to as "this thing," and wondered how much it would cost to turn it into a human. Displaying a profound ignorance of biology, Perry questioned "... the very idea that this would constitute a person, right? And that some set of constitutional rights should come to this?" According to Perry, the transition from a fatty tumor to a human is merely a matter of the mother's decision.

Sadly, this is the false impression given by the pro-abortion community and believed by an incredibly large number of people.

The second great false narrative is that the fetus is the exclusive part of the woman's body. The fetus is not, in fact, standard equipment like a liver or kidney. It is without question the creation of two individuals with the woman, by divine will or the quirks of evolution, as the host. The exclusivity argument is pure propaganda.

If a woman were to request a surgeon remove a healthy kidney based solely on desire, it would be unethical and possibly even criminal to perform such a medically unnecessary operation. Yet that kidney clearly is part of her own body.

One of the principles of law is shared liability where more than one person influences an outcome. Despite the fact that the unborn is created by two people, pro-abortion advocates completely dismiss the rights and responsibilities of the father—unless, of course, the mother decides to birth the child.

Claiming a woman's right as exclusive decision-maker is predicated on another false assumption—that the unborn lacks personhood, at least initially. Is the unborn a human being with the full rights of "life, liberty and the pursuit happiness" as guaranteed by our society or a fatty tumor only later to evolve into a human?

We know that life begins at conception. Left to its normal course, the fertilized egg will become a functional human being. Even the abortion community admits that life in the womb becomes human at some stage. So, when is that remarkable event? If we arbitrarily select day 175, what is the difference between that and day 174? It is the most important question and yet the question abortion advocates cannot or will not answer.

In my search for that moment when an unborn becomes human, I found only one event that can be called remarkable—conception. It is at that moment when the DNA is bonded and determines all that is human. The sex, hair color, eye color, height and even the maladies are all in place. There is no other later event that can more credibly claim a transition from fatty flesh to human.

Abortion advocates stick to the fatty tumor propaganda, however. It is the reason they do everything possible to prevent the public from seeing the aftermath of many abortions—the tiny hands, big eyes and all the other body parts. But even as they try to deny and conceal the unborn's human appearance, Planned Parenthood routinely harvests little hearts, livers and limbs to sell in the medical marketplace.

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It is ironic that modern society features movies and computer games graphically showing humans being eviscerated, yet it is a taboo to show the horrific evidence of a real abortion. When a congressional candidate wanted to include visuals in his television commercial, it was rejected by the station. Pro-life demonstrators who hold up large photos of aborted babies are made to remove them by local police. While medical television shows all kinds of surgical operations for educational purposes, an abortion is not allowed. Perhaps it is because the images are too discomfoting, too similar to those slaughter-based movies and games—or to those images of the crimes against humanity perpetrated by Nazis and ISIS.

Finally, if life begins at conception, what about those three exceptions—the life of the mother, incest and rape? The first exception is the most morally and logically defensible. When presented with a choice between two lives, it is reasonable to select the life with the greater importance as a functioning and productive member of society. An early abortion in the case of incest can be justified in a secular biological sense since the offspring of such unions tend to weaken the species. Though caused by the most repugnant of circumstances, the rape exception may be the most difficult to morally defend—but still defensible. There most cer-

tainly is the potential of harm to both the physical and psychological wellbeing of the mother. Unlike all other pregnancies, it is neither anticipated nor just a mistake. It is the result of a forced criminal action.

Abortion is less acceptable today than it was a generation ago. The permissible time for abortions is being pushed back. The number of doctors and clinics willing to perform the procedure is declining. Public opposition is growing. I sincerely believe that there will come a time when abortion on demand will be illegal. *Roe v. Wade* will be overturned just as was the Dred Scott Decision. And, we will look back on this period as a time of appalling moral lapse much as we now look back on the once popular institution of slavery.

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From Congressman Brian Mast

The comradery of shared service unites veterans in a special way. We have a common experience and common healthcare challenges as a result.

It's important for veterans to come together and for the VA to establish and maintain expertise in providing our unique healthcare needs. Unfortunately, too many VA facilities have lost their hunger to provide our care. A passion to meet the individual needs of veterans has become too much of a rarity.

This week, veterans came together in West Palm Beach and the result was a change in policy at the national level. When I started receiving calls from local veterans that our VA didn't have portraits of the Commander in Chief and Secretary of Veterans Affairs hanging where they should have been, I went to the VA to hang them myself.

First, they were happy to hang them. But then, after we left, they took them back down. That's when we took our case to Washington and secured a directive from the VA.

This just goes to show: when veterans see a problem, they take action to fix it and they get the job done. That's just how we were trained and how we live our lives.

But this isn't a one-off problem. This exemplifies problems at the VA across the country. That's why I also helped pass three bills this week to help our veterans:

- ▶ We passed the VA Accountability First Act on Thursday to allow the Secretary of the VA to remove, demote or suspend VA employees who aren't doing their job. The bill also provides improved protections for whistleblowers at the VA and takes other steps to improve accountability at the VA.
- ▶ We also passed the Veterans 2nd Amendment Protection Act to prevent veterans' 2nd amendment rights from being taken away without due process. If you've fought



for our country—used a firearm to protect the United States—it is not justified to take away your right to bear arms unless there has been due process and a specific determination by a judge. Veterans who served this country so honorably should never be arbitrarily placed on a role with criminals; it is insulting and unconstitutional.

- ▶ Finally, we passed H.R. 1367 to provide the VA with the tools they need to hire and retain a top notch work force. This is just common sense—if we're going to give the VA the authority to fire employees who are not doing their job, we should also make sure they have everything they need to get the best, most highly-motivated employees who go to work every day with the goal of serving veterans to the best of their ability.

Posted by Brian Mast on Facebook, March 18, 2017

Proposed Eligibility Requirements to Qualify for Taxpayer Assistance for Health Care

By William J. Skinner
April 4, 2017

Almost everyone knows healthcare cannot be provided for free, but many people assume or believe healthcare is their right. Many people are being pulled in this little red wagon and fewer people are making the payments. Meanwhile, politicians promise to take more from wage earners and pass it along to others who will not work or are unqualified for available jobs to get votes. Americans are a generous people, but there are limits.

Can we get more folks to participate in controlling the need for healthcare? Chronic diseases are very often caused by lifestyle choices—overeating, drinking unhealthy beverages, eating the wrong foods, and failure to exercise. Generally taking good care of oneself would be a good start to health. Good health is ignored by not washing the produce before eating it, neglecting to wash hands, and not knowing how to recognize common medical conditions or symptoms. Medical costs are driven up by going to the emergency room (ER) to get colds, sore throats, cuts, bruises and rashes treated. And because we over-exercise our petition rights too much to make laws, Americans now need help at the ER for overeating marijuana cookies.

Not all people ignore practicing good habits to stay healthy, but many do not know what to do and let their personal health situation get out of control. This ends up costing other people—the taxpayers—an ever-increasing amount of out-of-control tax increases.

We have now, in 2017, had seven years of experience in trying to pay for health insurance for 40 million uninsured plus millions of illegal immigrants with the Affordable Care Act or Obamacare. The plan was passed because of the “stupidity” of American voters, according to Obamacare expert MIT Professor Gruber. The ACA has proven to be unsuccessful in getting young healthy people to pay for the care of old, sick people and others.

The threat of fines and taxes did not convince enough people to pay the premiums for ACA-defined “universal” insurance. Deductibles went up, the insurance exchanges were abandoned by profit-losing insurance companies, and the ACA proved it was poorly planned and unsustainable.

We have more recently had a hard time determining what to do to get support for a new American Health Care Act. We know the structure of ACA will not work, but so far we insist on reproducing a light version of ACA under another name.

One of our problems is we do not have all of the people with skin in the game or a dog in the hunt, as politicians say. If it is not too late to get our elected representatives to address this critical factor, we could still get more people in the fight to bring down health care costs. We need to try

to achieve the attention of every American, young and old, in the next plan. How can we do that? Starting by thinking outside of the traditional box and using our human resources is one way to describe our solutions to this effort. Those who have read Alexis de Tocqueville may remember he wrote: “The health of a democratic society may be measured by the quality of functions performed by private citizens.” He did not say by government-run health programs.

Use the Education Techniques and Resources of Voluntary Associations

Youth Organizations

Some of the most obvious providers of health education are youth organizations and disease organizations. In the area of youth, for example, the Boy Scouts of America (BSA) incorporates first aid and health education throughout its program for boys from ages 6 to 18 and beyond. Each rank advancement has some health component as a requirement for an award. There are specific individual requirements, like using a tourniquet, and there are groups of issues combined in Merit Badges for many areas, like First Aid, Emergency Preparedness, Personal Fitness, and many others.

Especially important, these youth organizations already have the materials and educational transfer mechanisms in place, so thousands of people could be educated to the BSA standards in a shorter time than any other mechanism I know about. We do not need to set up another governmental office to construct a new program. We need to apply what we already do voluntarily as requirements to get government health services. Recipients of taxpayer-supported health care services ought to be able to test out at certain levels of personal knowledge to qualify for having others pay for their health care.

Special provisions will be needed for those who prove to be too lazy or adamant about doing nothing to improve their personal situation. Some will be mentally or physically challenged and will not be able to participate in such programs, but this is a small number that most Americans will be ready to help because of their situation. Waivers or equivalent certifications can be granted by government bureaucrats after the standards are written into law and regulations are properly promulgated using the Administrative Procedures Act to allow the population to learn about the program. But the basic idea is that if you have not earned First Aid Merit Badge or the equivalent, you cannot get ER soap and water with bandages applied.

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This is not a time for government to start dictating how voluntary youth organizations should operate, but only a time for government to get some assistance from what Americans have always done—they help each other. This is not a time to assign the task to government run schools and throw money at the problem so that politicians can have something else to control.

America for several years has been spending more and more on government/union schools, and its students are fast losing rankings in educational levels among other nations of the world.

I was personally involved in the BSA from 1948 through 2014—a period of 66 years—and the only time I was paid was the few weeks I worked on a camp staff during three summers in my high school and college years. Thousands of volunteers would be willing to gear up to help other youth and adults learn what they need to know to improve their health care.

The Girl Scouts, 4H Clubs, Campfire, some youth organizations sponsored by religious groups like YMCAs, and a variety of charitable youth organizations could be interested in becoming involved.

Disease and Disaster Associations

The American Heart Association does a great job teaching adults and youth about cardio-pulmonary resuscitation (CPR); they even do it with an online program. AHA has an instructor program already in operation and could take on larger groups that need such training. AHA is a leader in resuscitation science, education, and training, and publisher of the official AHA Guidelines for CPR and ECC. More than ten types of instructional programs are offered, and many of these would be useful for affected individuals and families to learn about.

Specific disease associations that specialize in diabetes, lungs, kidneys, cancer, feet, skin, and you name it often have educational programs for professionals, family members and individuals. Use their programs to help educate patients and families how to care for their illnesses. Some

of these voluntary associations have magazines offering advice and information. These groups could develop certification programs to qualify for eligibility for taxpayer funded health care.

The American Red Cross offers courses for instructors and individuals in five basic areas: First Aid and CPR/AED, Aquatics, Caregiving, Preparedness, and AP/LTP.

The AP/LTP area has training with specific courses on Aquatics, Blood-borne Pathogens Training/Babysitter's Training, Professional Rescuers and Healthcare Providers, Responding to Emergencies, Lay Responder, and Wilderness and Remote First Aid/Preparedness.

Some disease foundations have set up patient support web sites that can be used to reduce patient costs on government funds, e.g. taxpayer funds.

Underused Health Professionals

Pharmacists should be consulted for advice about the use of prescription drugs, vaccines, drug interactions and side effects, over-the-counter drugs, health resources, and devices. If pharmacists were reimbursed for their time, patients would learn more about their health needs from this easy to reach professional resource in every American town.

Many patient disease-related support groups have participating social workers, physical therapists, and other health professionals. For example diabetes, Parkinson's disease and movement disorders, weight management and other conditions often have support groups available to orient patients and family care givers.

What To Do Now

Everyone receiving taxpayer-funded healthcare should be encouraged to participate in these various volunteer certification programs to show they understand what they can do to help themselves. Let your state and federal legislators know how you feel about this general idea. Urge them to consider it. Think about how these kind of programs could help you with your health care or that of a family member or friend. Let us work together to solve these problems. Do not give up and just ride in the little red wagon.

Editorial: Supporting School Choice Under Betsy DeVos

*Written by Alan Bergstein
March 22, 2017*

Betsy DeVos was recently confirmed by the Senate to be our new Education Secretary. As part of her campaign to have all of our nation's kids improve their current low level of learning, she has advocated taxpayer funding to include private, charter as well as religious schools. This has aroused all sorts of outcries from Liberal-Progressive-Democrats who claim she wants to do away with the "Separation of Church and State." In addition, they demand federal funds should not be given to schools that are not public schools and not run (down the tubes) and controlled by government officials.

Mrs. DeVos has a job to do and that's to see that our kids are motivated to learn, achieve academically and using that basic education, to succeed in life. Not an easy task when you're up against the politically mighty teachers unions whose members are on the public payroll in our major cities. The goals of such as the National Education Association (NEA) and the American Federation of Teachers (AFT) are to keep their constituents' salaries mounting and their membership soaring. Unlike those employed in business, there is no concern for success in the classrooms they control. Their employment does not depend on a well finished, ready for market product. Incompetent teachers are now flooding the classrooms in the public schools around the country. Their own academic inadequacies make them incapable of teaching the essentials to their students.

The *New York Post* recently revealed that some city high schools punched out graduates, with diplomas in hand, with only 1.9 percent having college readiness levels. In other words, they were not even ready to successfully complete junior high school. Their lives have already been ruined. How can they function in a rapidly expanding technologically based world if they are denied learning just the necessary basics to get on with life?

Many concerned parents want to send their kids to the schools of their choice, even religious ones as long as they do their job of educating their children. The political bureaucracy wishes to deny them these rights based on the



bogus religious issue. Churches, synagogues and mosques are already publicly supported in that they pay no real estate taxes and are income tax free 501(c)3 corporations. The GI Bill funded by taxpayer dollars gives the green light for veterans to attend the Jewish Theological Seminary as well as colleges preparing candidates to be priests and ministers. There has never been "a religious issue" with the GI Bill. So why in public schools?

Charter schools are another bone in the throats of liberals. They are publicly funded but can be privately run. Their flexibility and lottery-based admissions increase the options of the poor and minority students who are often zoned to failing public schools. The good news is that only 7 percent of their staff, nationwide, is unionized. Which means that lousy teachers lose their jobs. Mrs. DeVos wants to enlarge the number of charters which will compete with and challenge their neighboring public schools to improve. In our society, competition delivers results. And good luck to our new Secretary of Education who wants only for our kids to get the breaks they deserve: A better education for a better life and a better society with federal funding. Good luck to her and her goals.

CIA's Architect of "Enhanced Interrogation Techniques" Speaks in Palm Beach

Dr. James E. Mitchell is a psychologist, but he's not your average psychologist. He worked for the CIA. But even among our country's top spy agency I suspect he's far from your average shrink. You see, Dr. Mitchell is the man who psychoanalyzed and "waterboarded" Kalid Sheikh Mohammad (KSM), Osama Bin Laden's operations chief and the architect of the 9/11 terrorist attack in 2001.

Dr. Mitchell spoke at the Colony Hotel in the Town of Palm Beach, hosted by the Palm Beach Republican Club, and his talk was a real eye opener. As the good doctor said during his remarks, he's not the kind of psychologist that you'd want to "send your kids to," but after hearing him speak, I can honestly say that he is indeed the kind that it would be advisable to send the nation's liberal Democrats to for therapy. Believe me, with regard to Islamist terrorism, if Dr. Mitchell can't make those hopelessly naïve people see the light of day, no one can.

And no wonder. This is the guy right after the 9/11 attacks in 2001 that the CIA entrusted "to craft an interrogation program to elicit intelligence from just-captured top al-Qa'ida leaders." In view of the urgent need to prevent impending catastrophic attacks," he helped develop "enhanced interrogation techniques including waterboarding." Operating below the radar in the CIA's "black sites" Dr. Mitchell "personally applied" those "techniques" and "questioned thirteen of the most senior high-value detainees in U.S. custody, including Abu Zubaydah; Abd al-Rahim al-Nashiri, commander of the *USS Cole* bombing"; and KSM, the mastermind of 9/11.

In his speech, Dr. Mitchell tore to shreds liberal Democrats' claim that to identify terrorist as "Islamists" casts aspersions on all Muslims and risks alienating all Islam



against the West. According to Dr. Mitchell, who has spent many hours psychoanalyzing some of al-Qa'ida's top leaders, those who believe that should know that this very attitude makes them think we are weak, and encourages them into believing that they can win. And this is not just Dr. Mitchell's personal opinion. The terrorists themselves such as KSM have confidently told him with conviction that that is what such cowardly attitudes in the West have caused them to conclude.

Dr. Mitchell states without reservation that such "enhanced interrogation techniques" have played their part in preventing attacks and keeping America safe, and he praised former President George W. Bush for giving the go ahead for them to be employed in the aftermath of 9/11.

Veterans, law enforcement personnel, first responders, and retired intelligence officers were given free admittance to hear Dr. Mitchell speak, and in attendance were many notables, including retired Army Colonel Arthur de Ruve, a former Commander of one of our fleet aircraft carriers, and numerous retired FBI and CIA agents.

Political Consultant Dick Morris Delivers Address at Brunch in Boynton Beach

Former Clinton senior advisor and leading political consultant Dick Morris spoke to a group of Republicans at the Valencia Reserve Country Club in Boynton Beach on March 12. President Neal Krause started things off by quipping, “Nice to sit in a room and not have to whisper.” He was alluding to the Valencia Reserve’s policy of not allowing either Democrat or Republican clubs to hold their meetings there, and the Boynton Beach Republican club got around this by calling their organization a “conservative club.”

Dick Morris also began his talk on an amusing note, saying that during the campaign for President last year he awoke one morning to “find a Hillary bumper sticker on his car!” He said he gave it away.

Turning to more serious matters, he expressed his view that the election of Donald Trump represented a revolution in northern states in which “Trump pried blue-collar, Reagan Democrats away from the Democratic Party with huge swings in Ohio, Wisconsin, Pennsylvania and West Virginia.” In past decades these swing voters had lost nearly everything, but there was one thing they still had—their vote—and they went into last year’s local, state and national elections “determined to change the order of things.”

One aspect of Mr. Morris’s talk that was most interesting was his effective linking between the Dems’ immigration policies of today and the slave era of Abraham Lincoln’s time in the 1800s. Mr. Morris got this from a book I read in 1999, *Abraham Lincoln, Redeemer President*, by Allen C. Guelzo. The book was the winner of the 2000 Lincoln Prize, and in it the author explained how Lincoln, whose father was a subsistence farmer, realized that under the slave economy of that time, ordinary people could not compete with people [slaves] who were forced to work for nothing. Mr. Morris argued convincingly that in today’s America, Democrats’ fondness for looking the other way while work-



ers come into our country to work for very low wages is causing the same impact on our economy as the slave economy did in Lincoln’s time.

Another interesting theme in his talk was Mr. Morris’s take on globalism and why President Trump opposes it. The president believes that globalism, by its very nature, is “anti-democratic.” Morris said that globalism arose in the aftermath of WW II and came out of a desire of elites to do away with nationalism that inevitably led to wars. The system they developed was designed to combine all the world’s nations economically, financially, culturally, etc., into “one global entity,” and they have more or less accomplished that, but politically, they were still individual nations. Globalists intend to change that too and want to centralize the world governmentally. Thus, globalism is anti-democratic, which Donald Trump emphatically rejects, insisting instead that “freedom” should be at the center of things.

News from the Republican Clubs of Palm Beach County



Republican Club of the Palm Beaches Sid Dinerstein Talks About the Trump Victory

Posted by Fred Scheibl on March 23, 2017

“Black People Vote on Sunday!” With this thought, former county GOP Chairman Sid Dinerstein laid out for us all the clues that were readily available to predict the election of Donald Trump.

Describing a conversation he had with his daughter in New Hampshire on November 7, the night before the election, Sid gave us some insights into the demographics of 2016 and how it differed from when Obama was running. While at the time he wasn’t sure how it would turn out, there were encouraging signs.

The re-election of Barack Obama in 2012 saw a turnout in the black community that exceeded white turnout for the first time (on a percentage basis). Many thought the Obama coalition would turn out for Clinton and insure her victory, but it was not to be. On the traditional “souls to the polls” day – the Sunday before the election, turnout in Palm Beach County was very heavy, but the proportion of black voters seemed to be less. (Editor’s note: In fact, 24% of the 23K voters on 11/6 self-identified in voter rolls as black, compared to 33% on 11/3/2012.) This was happening all across the country.

Another clue was the polling, much of it designed by the media to suppress Republican vote.

Zander Lurie, CEO of Survey Monkey (the company that provides much of the polling muscle for the mainstream media), was known to have contributed \$600K to the Clinton campaign. All pollsters are not dishonest of course, but when you know how the boss wants the poll to come out it can have an effect.

There are many ways to diddle with poll results. One that was used was to adjust the outcome to reflect the demographics of the 2012 race. Another was to adjust where the polling was done. If I wanted to make the case that independents were supporting Clinton with big numbers, I could have polled them in Century Village. Since many “independents” have a tendency to vote just like their



Sid Dinerstein discussed the election of Donald Trump at the March 22 luncheon.

neighbors, independents in heavily Democrat areas will lean that way.

Survey guru Nate Silver has usually been right about outcomes, but he is an aggregator of polls, not a pollster himself. Thus, if the majority of the polls show a Trump defeat, than he was led to draw that conclusion.

An ironic side-effect of this bias in the polls was over confidence by the Clinton campaign. They had no internal polling of their own and believed the polls that were skewed to make them appear to be running away with it. As a result, they neglected to campaign in Wisconsin and Michigan, believing those states to be solidly in their camp.

Also at this meeting, we heard from Steve Hyatt who is running a “candidate school” for GOP candidates down in Plantation.

The next meeting will be April 26 for which we are trying to line up a speaker from the James Madison Institute.

News from the Republican Clubs of Palm Beach County

Republican Federated Women of South Florida Hosted John Cardillo at their March 30 Meeting

On Thursday, March 30, the Republican Federated Women of South Florida met at the Boca Country Club and welcomed guest speaker **John Cardillo**. John is a syndicated radio talk-show host and former New York City police officer who founded a security firm after he left the NYPD. He talked about the 2016 presidential election, commenting that he knew Donald Trump would win the election when he saw his union friends, all Democrats, supporting him. He remarked that Trump was able to connect with “ordinary” Americans.

Also on hand to say a few words was **Sid Dinerstein**, former Chair of the Palm Beach County Republican Party. Sid spoke described the issue of school choice as being “the civil rights issue of our time” with regards to the Black com-



RFW President Rosemary O'Mara was presented with the 2017 Jean Pipes Award at the Palm Beach County Republican Party's Lincoln Day Dinner. Shown here with Florida's Lieutenant Governor Carlos Lopez-Cantera (left) and last year's Jean Pipes Award winners Tami Donnally and Steve Ledewitz. Photo by Marisol's Photography.



Radio talk show host John Cardillo, shown here in front of Air Force One.

munity. He remarked that when the liberals use the term “flyover country” when referring to our nation’s heartland, it is insulting and shows the contempt that liberals have for mainstream America.

The Republican Federated Women of South Florida are proud of **Rosemary O'Mara**, the club’s founder and president, for being honored with the Jean Pipes Award at the recent Lincoln Day Dinner. This award is presented as a tribute to long-term service to the GOP, and Rosemary is well deserving of this honor.

The next meeting of the Republican Federated Women of South Florida will be held on Thursday, April 27. The guest speaker will be **John Michael Chambers**, author of the book *Trump and the Resurrection of America*. For information about the club, please contact President **Rosemary O'Mara** at rosemaryo625@aol.com.

Republican Club of Kings Point March 1 Meeting

Our March 1st meeting was a big success. **Alan Klein** led us in the Pledge of Allegiance. **Paul Koppleman** led us a *capella* in the singing of the second verse of *The Star Spangled Banner*. Our guest speaker, **Loren Spivack**, aka “The Free Market Warrior,” gave a terrific talk about economic policy, and there were many questions and comments. Our March 12th BBQ was postponed because of scheduling problems. Ticket refunds will be given at our meeting on April 5th. We thank all those who volunteered to work on the BBQ. **Bill Hartnett** conducted the raffle for the \$25.00 Publix gift card.

We hope to see you all at our next meeting on Wednesday, April 5th, 2017 at 7PM in the “Social Room” of the main Clubhouse, by the East End Café. Don’t forget, everyone will have a free chance to win a \$25.00 Publix gift card. We don’t charge dues and there is no admission charge. We do accept and appreciate donations. Please remember that we meet the first Wednesday of each month.

Paul Tocker—President, 561-235-0840
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Letters

No Harm, No Foul; Let Florida Frack

Are our legislators out of their fracking minds? Their attempt to ban fracking in Florida is anti-consumer, anti-energy independence and anti-science.

Florida’s No. 1 industry is tourism—Disney, Universal, Busch Gardens, Sawgrass Mills, to name a few. All are car-friendly. All are visited by millions of Floridians every year. If you are anti-fracking, you are anti-Florida vacationers, not to mention Florida consumers in general.

A fracking ban doesn’t help a single Florida family. But it does help the authoritarian regimes in Iran, Venezuela and Saudi Arabia. It puts billions in their pockets by taking it from ours.

Do the math or at least the science. After decades of fracking, there are no cases of unhealthy water anywhere. Do you want pollution? Leave the lead in, like in Flint, Michigan.

But our legislators need to get the lead out. Drive, don’t walk back to the Statehouse. Give Florida’s families affordable energy from fossil fuel fracking.

—**Sid Dinerstein**
Palm Beach Gardens

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Our Governance

To the Editor: I am so frustrated, I don’t know where to do what! We busted our ass and spent our money to get conservatives elected to combat and control Obama, and they didn’t. We went all in on Trump and finally won. Now our RINOs are fighting him and cannot get our act together. I was a registered Democrat for 70 years, and changed when Trump won the primaries. I am beginning to regret that move. Not that I support or respect the Democrats more, but at least they know what they are doing, and are successful at it.

When I get requests for donations from Republican leaders in Congress, I want to puke. They are letting our hard won president hang out to dry. I know you are only a little peg in a big wheel, but when will we begin to make a respectable party out of what was the party of Lincoln and Reagan. Now we have what can be the greatest president of all times, and the Republicans hide or come out against what our President Trump is doing. I don’t see any new spines in Representatives or Senators. Trump still has to fight his own party. Maybe we don’t need to just destroy the DNC, but take the RNC with it.

Thanks for the mail, I am working on how to deal with this national disaster. My only chance to participate is in the city hall at Atlantis, but it is always on Thursday nights when I have a class I am teaching.

Desperate,
Richard Miller

Republicans Sweep Boca Raton Municipal Election

Republicans swept the Boca Raton municipal election on March 14, as Susan Haynie was re-elected Mayor and Scott Singer was re-elected Councilman. Newcomer Andrea Levine O’Rourke was elected to replace Mike Mullaugh, whose term ended due to term limits. Following the swearing-in ceremony on March 31, Jeremy Rodgers was elected Deputy Mayor by the Council members. Congratulations to all!



Newly-installed Boca Raton City Council. Left to right: Robert Weinroth, Andrea Levine O’Rourke, Susan Haynie, Jeremy Rodgers, and Scott Singer.

Why We Need A Strong Navy

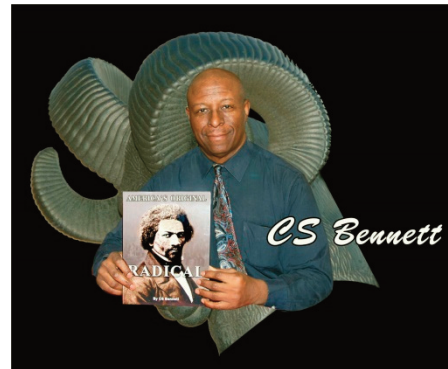
By C.S. Bennett

There was a time the world was dangerous, and being the forward-looking country we were at the time, we prepared ourselves to confront it, and if necessary, to do battle. But after World War II, it seemed as though we had to rebuild our forces after years of neglect by Democrat administrations. For some reason, they refuse to see the world as being dangerous. If they did, they would never cut our defense budget or diminish our troop levels as they have gone about doing. It has taken a strong Republican president to rebuild our mighty forces every time a Democrat president left office.

When I started out in the United States Navy, we never had less than a two aircraft-carrier battle group stationed in the Mediterranean Sea. Towards the end of my sixteen-year tour, we were down to one carrier battle group. And during the last eight years of Democrat rule, there were times we had no carrier groups in that area. To my astonishment, for the first week of this year, and for the first time since World War II, no U.S. aircraft carriers were deployed, and I mean anywhere in the world.

The Navy blamed the absences and delay of our “operational readiness” with our eleven carrier battle groups on increased wear and tear that has resulted from extended deployments, most of them a result of real world conflicts popping up anywhere in the world at any given time. Others blamed it on budget cuts. There was a time when our military strategy was predicated on fighting two major wars and one conflict simultaneously. Today there has been a push to reshape the armed forces to provide for more flexibility in tackling a wide range of conflicts.

We are fortunate to live in a country that has a formidable military fighting force. There are really bad leaders out



there and they do not like us. We face major threats from China, Russia, North Korea, Iran, and Islamic terrorists. It is incumbent that we maintain a modernized and lethal fighting force at all times. We must also project strength and be ready to act, if we need to. Americans love to win and hate to lose. We fought the British, the Mexicans, two world wars, and we are now fighting Islamic Jihadists.

As President Theodore Roosevelt often proclaimed, we should always “speak softly, and carry a big stick.” Let us support our military and preserve and secure our freedoms. This is not about flaunting our capabilities, as some may think. This is purely a matter of our survival.

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Book Review

***The Problem with Socialism*, by Thomas J. DiLorenzo. Washington, DC: Regnery Publishing, 2016. 226 pp.**

At less than two hundred pages in only a 4" × 7" page-size format, this is an unusually small book. But while diminutive in size, the subject matter is anything but, and is best read carefully to absorb the lessons it teaches.

The author is a professor of economics at Loyola University in Maryland and a senior fellow at the Ludwig von Mises Institute. He has published numerous articles and written several books including *The Real Lincoln* and *How Capitalism Saved America*.

The theme of the book is obvious from the title, and as the author says, "Socialism is the answer only if you want increasing unemployment and poverty, catastrophic environmental policies, rotten schools and last but certainly not least, stifling bureaucracy if not outright political tyranny."

Prof. DiLorenzo cites example after example, going from country to country to demonstrate how socialist-thinking elites have run their societies into the ground. Again and again he tells the same story, giving details about British socialism, European socialism, Russian socialism, Indian socialism, and African socialism to show how every form of collectivism imaginable "has been tried in the 20th century resulting in economic stagnation and worse." He explains why capitalism works and socialism does not, and does a wonderful job of "outing" the socialist mindset of most members of the Democrat Party, who share with socialists of all stripes a fondness for the "siren-song of equality, bureaucratic dictat, envy" of the wealthy. He also effectively destroys the "myths of a successful Scandinavian social democratic model, child labor, and robber barons of the 19th century.

At one time or another in politics, people on both sides of the political spectrum have trouble with the truth, but in

that category it is certainly not a level playing field. Actually, with regard to deception, we on the right are not even in the same league as our socialist-minded counterparts on the left. If you are on the right and been following the political scene for a while, I guarantee you that you've had this impression for as long as you can remember, and you are not mistaken in your view.

Perhaps Friedrich Hayek put it best. "In his classic book *The Road to Serfdom* he explained that because collectivism of all kinds, including socialism, necessarily involves the coerced imposition of some governmental plan on the population, such a system attracts as its political leaders some of the most immoral and unethical people in society. For once plans begin to fail, as they inevitably will under socialism, then the planner will soon be confronted with either assuming dictatorial powers or abandoning his plans and admitting failure. It is for that reason that the unscrupulous and uninhibited are likely to be more successful. Socialist-minded individuals might be elected democratically, but their entire government program relies on government displacing the authority of individuals, families, private institutions or even constitutional restrictions on government power. A significant movement in this direction has already taken place in the United States."

They might call themselves, liberals, progressives, socialists, social democrats or communists, but at their core, they all share a fondness for deception, believing that their ends justify their unscrupulous means and a willingness to centralize power to some degree to get their way. Oh yeah, and they all have one other thing in common too: As Maggie Thatcher once said, "They are always running out of other people's money."

—Tom Mullings

Editor's Postscript

The Repeal and Replace Healthcare Derailment

By Tom Mullings

Control healthcare and you control the people.

—Saul Alinsky, *most important of eight levels of control that must be obtained in order to Create a Socialist State*

With regard to the health care bill that was just rejected by the U.S. House of Representatives, I have a positive opinion about what happened that many may disagree with. The legislative effort was defeated by the “Freedom Caucus,” a group of about forty conservatives who steadfastly refused to support its passage. Although the subject of repealing and replacing Obamacare is a matter of utmost complexity, my reasons for optimism over the House bill’s demise are not. Simply put, anything that the Republican Party signs on to that will significantly raise costs of the American people’s health care will be rejected by voters in the long run and should not be supported by the party. The primary *raison d’être* for the GOP’s call for repeal of the so called “Affordable Care Act” was to stop the escalating costs that are rapidly making it unaffordable for the average American, and according to CBO analysts who scored the bill, it does no such thing. Most Republicans, including this one, are suspicious of any analytical projections offered by this highly politicized governmental body, and as Sen. Roy Blount, Missouri Republican, said, “the CBO is notoriously bad at trying to anticipate what a marketplace will look like or how people will react to it.” So why, you may ask, am I optimistic about the demise of a bill that doomed the GOP’s first effort to enact the President’s promised agenda? Fair question. Let me explain.

In killing this thing and derailing the Trump Train, the Freedom Caucus of principled conservatives, determined to keep their word to voters, have taken much heat, but there may be a silver lining in their opposition. For one thing, make no mistake, as a result of their actions, the Dems still own this thing and it’s not just an albatross around their necks, but a decaying albatross that stinks more with every passing month. The thing that’s making it so odorous is its escalating costs, and everyone agrees that that this trend will continue. Perhaps it will be better to revisit it at some point in the near future when the necessity to do something about it will seem more urgent. Right now, the gulf between GOP moderates and conservatives in the House and Senate seems unbridgeable, but surely some kind of compromise can be crafted that leaves one thing as sacrosanct above all else—driving down the rising costs of the unaffordable Affordable Care Act. As Rush Limbaugh said recently, “Why can’t we come up with an intelligent way that repeals this junk—

and is rooted in fiscal responsibility.” If a Republican Party attempt to repeal Obama Care does not accomplish that, what is the point?

Press reports indicate that the Republicans in the U.S. House of Representatives are back to work on healthcare legislation again, and a conservative group, the Club for Growth, who is privy to these behind closed door discussions and were against last week’s bill, have publicly voiced support for the new version being negotiated. President Trump is said to be actively involved in this new effort and to that effect, recently played a round of golf with Sen. Rand Paul. The Senator emerged from the outing sounding enthusiastic about GOP prospects for getting something done to his liking in the coming weeks and months, and that may be an encouraging sign. If the Freedom Caucus’s results in a bill that more solidly commits the GOP to greater fiscal responsibility than their efforts may yet bear fruit.

Tens of millions of American voters, including yours truly, cast our ballots for the President, and one of the main reasons we did was due to our belief that he was very good at “The Art of the Deal.” I, for one, am still confident that that is the case. Long ago there was another president who had a reputation for being good at this kind of thing, and his name was Lyndon Johnson. Johnson was a master at negotiating, and his methods were unorthodox, to say the least. It is said that he once took a stubborn congressman into the men’s room and read him the riot act while sitting on the throne. Not exactly presidential, but apparently quite effective. In the days, weeks and months ahead, behind the scenes, it might be advisable for the President of the United States to roll up his sleeves and take some of these GOP congressman, not to the woodshed, but to the outhouse for a little convincing, which, come to think of it would be a most appropriate place to begin flushing down the toilet the stinker known as Obamacare.



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Republican Executive Committee Membership Application

The Republican Executive Committee (also known as the REC) is the governing body of the Republican Party of Palm Beach County. The REC elects the Chairman, Vice Chairman, Secretary, and Treasurer of the Party. Members of the REC also approve the Party's constitution; Rules, Policies & Procedures; and budget.

Members of the Republican Executive Committee represent the registered Republicans who live in their precinct. They serve as the Party's liaison to the Republicans in their precinct. REC members are expected to maintain contact with the Republicans living in your precinct and to keep them informed as to what is going on in the Republican Party. This can be done through E-mail or other means like regular mail, phone calls and walking your precinct. The REC is the basis for our grassroots efforts and we rely on REC Members to organize and develop their precincts, recruit new volunteers, recruit candidates to fill vacancies on the REC, find sign locations for Republican candidates, register new Republican voters and work to get out the Republican vote in their precincts during elections. The role of committeeman or committeewoman is essential to Republican Party's and our candidates' success in Palm Beach County.

REC Committeeman & Committeewoman Duties and Responsibilities

1. Expected to donate financially to the Republican Party of Palm Beach County
2. Attend REC Meetings
3. Organize your precinct and carry out the policies and programs of the Party within your precinct. Active participation in the various programs of the Party is expected.
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office I will not actively, publicly, or financially support the election of any candidate seeking election against:

- (1) The Republican Party's nominee in a partisan unitary, general, or special election that includes a Republican nominee; or
- (2) A registered Republican in a non-partisan election except that this provision does not apply to judicial races under Chapter 105, Florida Statutes.

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Signature of Member

Signature of Witness

County/Precinct #

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