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The President's Speech Before a Joint Session of Congress

I've seen many presidential addresses before joint sessions of Congress, going all the way back to Eisenhower, but never one like the masterful speech that President Trump delivered last month. Gone was all the ad-libbing and stilted readings of a man unfamiliar with a teleprompter during the campaign and the first month of his presidency. In its place was a confident 45th President of the United States delivering the best speech he's ever given. Early in his campaign, Ivanka kept urging her father, "Be presidential, Daddy." Well this month, at a time when he most needed to be, President Donald Trump was indeed presidential, rising to the occasion while exercising discipline and poise in delivering a stem-winder of an address to a nation eager to hear what he had to say.

Appearing totally in command, the President laid out his agenda for the nation, touching on themes he's been emphasizing for months and imploring lawmakers to get on board. He urged them to help him secure our borders, dramatically increase economic growth, create a favorable climate for

businesses by lowering taxes and deregulation, and replace the Trans Pacific Trade Agreement and North American Free Trade Agreement with bilateral deals that offer greater flexibility and "fair free trade." He also reiterated his determination to rebuild the country's depleted military and pushed Congress to help him with that as well. These are themes Mr. Trump emphasized all during his campaign for the presidency that resonated so well with blue-collar workers who put him in the White House.

This speech showed the President at his finest, beginning to emerge as a real leader after the growing pains of a rocky first month in office. "The time for small thinking is over. The time for trivial fights is behind us. We just need the courage to fill our hearts," he said, striking a bi-partisan appeal to the deeply divided lawmakers in attendance and calling for both sides to join him in supporting his "America First" agenda.

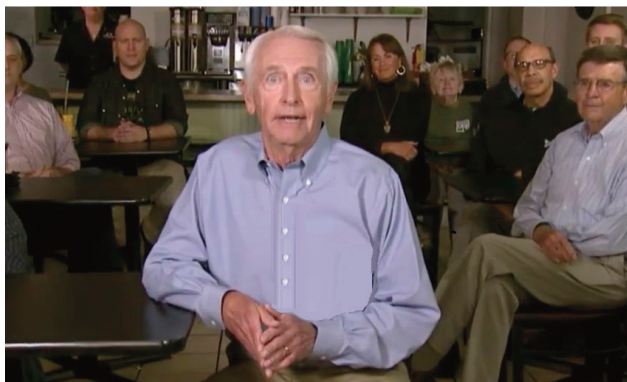
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Fighting back against those who have falsely accused him of racism since he first announced his candidacy for the presidency, he insisted that “We are a country that stands united in condemning hate and evil in all its ugly forms.” The bigotry label was hung around the President’s neck early on in his campaign by the left, and they’ve been unrelenting in their efforts to connect him to extremist hate groups such as the KKK and neo-Nazis ever since, despite a total absence of evidence to support such charges. As I reported in these pages while doing a story on a rally the President held at the Boca Raton Amphitheater over a year ago, a young reporter from Al Jazeera asked me why so many thought “Mr. Trump was a bigot,” as if it had been established beyond a shadow of a doubt that he was. Clearly the moment Donald Trump announced his candidacy for the presidency, the mainstream media put front and center the charge of racism, taking their marching orders from the Democrats, who always seek to demonize the standard-bearer for the Republican Party, whoever he or she might be. Right at the time the president was speaking before the joint session of Congress, “condemning hate and evil in all its ugly forms,” the DNC (Democratic National Committee) simultaneously emailed their supporters, insisting “Trump enables anti-Jewish hate crimes.” Again, without one scintilla of proof to back up their “fake news” charges.

The president spoke of his determination to defeat ISIS and made a point of identifying who our enemy is with regard to jihadists determined to kill us, emphasizing the term “Radical Islamic Terrorists,” unlike his predecessor who refused to do so the entire eight years he was in office. Mr. Trump also laid out his plans for “repealing and replacing” Obamacare and overhauling the tax code and urged Congress to join him in such an effort. He insisted that tax cuts were a vital necessity because “We must honestly acknowledge the circumstances we inherited. Ninety-four million Americans are out of the labor force. Over 43 million people are now living in poverty, and over 43 million Americans are on food stamps. More than 1 in 5 people in their prime working years are not working. We have the worst financial recovery in 65 years.”



The most emotional moment during the President’s address was when he paid homage to the brave Navy SEAL who died in a recent U.S. military operation launched against radical Islamists that Democrats criticized as an ill-advised raid that accomplished nothing. For a full five minutes, those in attendance gave a rousing standing ovation, directing their thundering applause at the dead hero’s grieving wife, sitting next to Ivanka in the gallery, looking up often to the heavens, her hands folded tightly in prayer, her eyes open and pouring tears down both of her cheeks. It was one of the most moving moments I’ve ever seen in a presidential speech and a fitting tribute to one of our nation’s finest sons. By the way, intelligence gathered from the raid resulted in numerous airstrikes that killed many senior “radical islamic” terrorists.

As reported in the press, the President, “hosted a working lunch with Capitol Hill’s Republican leaders to set strategy for advancing the goals laid out in the speech Tuesday night, including replacing Obamacare, cutting taxes and boosting spending on the U.S. military.”

The White House was thrilled with the overwhelming positive reaction to the President’s speech that poured in from all around the country, but the same thing can’t be said for the Dems response.

In a blatant attempt at pandering to blue-collar voters, who abandoned the Democrat Party in droves to vote for Donald Trump in places like Wisconsin, Michigan and West Virginia, former Governor Steve Beshear of Kentucky, dressed casually along with those sitting behind him on a set obviously designed to look like a country store, presented an image that was comically transparent. The only thing missing from this insulting attempt to reconnect with those lost voters was a pair of coveralls for governor “Jim-Bob-Boy” and the theme song from the *Beverly Hillbillies* TV show interspersed with riffs from the “Dueling Banjos” scene in the movie *Deliverance*. The rejoinder from the Dems was more like a skit from Saturday Night Live than a serious response from the “loyal opposition” party to a presidential speech, and it illicit derisive chuckles from all over the nation and was widely criticized, even among Democrats.

—Tom Mullings

Our Turn (Part I)

By Sid Dinerstein
February 21, 2017



Have you noticed the insurgency? Lefties of all stripes flexing their muscles, committed to the continual destruction of “American Exceptionalism.” Look at their success: They got Ivanka’s perfumes pulled from Neiman’s and Nordstrom’s. They have protested at Mar-a-Lago for three straight weekends. They tried to burn down Cal Berkeley. But, best of all, to show their seriousness and passion for the cause, they did it all with their

private parts on their heads. We’ll never top that.

But, alas, it’s now our turn. We are the counter insurgents. Our mission: To keep the lefties doing what they’re doing while providing new and exciting programs to keep their collective heads exploding. The rules are simple: Have fun. Don’t debate. And, whatever you do, get out of their way. They bring us new voters every day. So let’s get started.

The first counter insurgent tactic has already been employed. Frankly I’m embarrassed that I didn’t think of it first. On Saturday, February 18, 2017 at a Trump campaign rally in Melbourne, Florida, First Lady Melania Trump got up in front of 8,000 patriots and said three magical words: “Let us pray.” Liberal heads exploded from coast to coast as she simply recited “The Lord’s Prayer.” Grace, elegance and power came together to start the counter insurgency. The lefties ran to their Twitter and Facebook accounts to report fake news; namely, that the words “separation of church and state” appear in our Constitution and that the First Lady broke the supreme law of the land. They don’t and she didn’t. Perfect. They displayed their ignorance about the Constitution. More anti-Christian rhetoric came from the left and more Americans came home to the right.

Do you get the idea? Great. Try this one: We need a constitutional amendment to make English our official language. The good news? Eighty percent of the country (all ethnic groups) agree. The better news. The lefties will go crazy. Your job is to promote this project. Call your congressman. Write a letter to your liberal newspaper. Start a petition. Remember, driving the Liberals mad is your primary objective.

How about the daily Illegal police blotter? Somebody needs to do for the Illegals what Pam Geller has done for the Jihadis. Create a website that continually updates anti-social acts committed by Illegals and their enablers. I promise you that the material is endless. I don’t know why it doesn’t already exist. Pam Geller’s “Atlas Shrugs” website is top thirty. This will be bigger.

We need to proclaim February 7th as “Educational Freedom Day” in honor of the confirmation of the Secretary of the United States Department of Education, Ms. Betsy DeVos. Finally, more than 150 years after the Republicans beat the Democrats in the Civil War, black children will get to choose their own educational institution, not the one the Democrats railroad them into. Charter Schools, Opportunity Scholarships, Homeschools—all the choices that the white liberals have will finally be available to their black victims. School Choice is the Civil Rights issue of the 21st century. And we need to tell the world. Again, call your congressman. Write letters. Go to school board meetings. White Liberal heads will explode. Black children’s futures will also explode, but in a good way.

Let’s recap. The lefties are out in full force fighting our first “American Exceptionalist” President in over thirty years. We’re proud of them and encourage them to moveon.org. They’re losing voters every day. Indeed, their all white, rich, coastal army lives in an echo chamber we hope they never leave. They get motivated by overpriced department stores and violence. We modestly reacquaint America with our religious, sovereign, assimilated and educational foundation blocks. The lefties want to make America burn again. But it’s not going to happen. We’re going to 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.

13,506 Marines applied for White House Detail last week.
None applied over the last eight years—they had to be assigned!

—Factoid supplied by Bill Petraglia.

Talking Points

Transitions and Turbulence The Turbulence of Transition

By Larry P. Horist



When I entered this mortal sphere, World War II was still raging. For more than 50 years, I have been involved in public policy—as a writer, activist and implementer. Perhaps it is that longevity that has me often scratching my head when I hear how we are in unprecedented times. So many politicians and pundits begin an observation with “Never before. . .

.” These claims come from those with short memories or inadequate knowledge of history. In many ways, today’s intense political confrontation is better described by Yogi Berra’s famous tautology, “It’s *déjà vu* all over again.”

The political turbulence we are experiencing is due to fact that Donald Trump has come to the Oval Office as a potentially transitional President—and the greater the transition the greater the turbulence. We need only understand the meaning of the inscription over the doorway to the National Archives: “What is past is prologue.”

The most obvious and important turbulent transition was the separation of the colonies from the British Empire. But, there are other examples.

I recall a major television news anchor unfavorably comparing today’s politically turbulent times to the era of Abraham Lincoln, in which, he alleged, the times were more respectful and genteel. Good God! We were in the middle of the Civil War. A United States Senator was almost beaten to death on the floor of the Senate by an enraged House member. Another senator was spared assassination when a fellow senator was forcibly disarmed. Fisticuffs was a common form of congressional debate. And no election brought forth the wrath of the Democratic Party more than that of Lincoln. They seceded from the Union and started a war over it. This so-called era of respect and gentility resulted in the first assassination of an American President.

The transitional election of Franklin D. Roosevelt resulted in an era of labor and race riots as New Deal policies transferred hundreds of thousands of jobs from black workers to white workers—the reason black unemployment soared past white unemployment. He barely avoided assassination from an ill-aimed bullet that killed Chicago’s mayor. FDR’s efforts to pack the Supreme Court and to run for a third term put the nation into a divisive constitutional crisis. The prolonged presidency of FDR was so dangerous to the Republic that he has been referred to as “America’s first dictator.” Upon his death the Congress passed a constitutional amendment to make sure that it never happened again.

The 1960s were dubbed the “days of rage” in which two successive presidents, a Democrat and a Republican, were driven from office by public outrage. One candidate for president was assassinated and another shot and crippled for life. America’s foremost civil rights leader was gunned down. Left-wing terrorists were blowing up buildings and killing police. Tens of thousands of American soldiers were returning home in body bags, and Democrat officials were using water hoses, billy clubs, cattle prods and dogs against black citizens. Lynching was still a form of Democratic Party justice in the southland.

The point is . . . transitional presidencies tend to be chaotic. In these times, the disruptive forces tend to percolate to the surface of the political discord. We are again in the midst of a fundamental shift in philosophy and policy. Passing the torch from Clinton to Bush or even Bush to Obama did not represent a stark shift in policy—at least not so observed at the time.

The Trump election is transitional on almost every level. In a most fundamental way, it represents the Founders’ vision that politics was not a professional career but temporary commitment to public service. Electing a businessman to the presidency would make perfect sense to our Founders because they all were primarily businessmen—and most of our early public officials were not professional politicians.

Public service as a lifetime career was a late twentieth century development. Prior to that, legislatures, including the Congress, would meet for short periods of time with members returning home to tend to their private and professional businesses. That was not considered a conflict of interest, but the appropriate relationship between private and public obligations. If a Donald Trump had been elected in the late 1800s, his simultaneously serving as president and maintaining his business would have been considered quite appropriate. The Emoluments Clause of the Constitution was never intended to prevent that.

Trump begs the question: Is America better served by an elite class of professional politicians or by those who take time from their common life to serve the public? Are those we elect, appoint or hire to government positions professional politicians or public servants?

Trump also represents a transition in style. The oratory of every era has a certain distinction. Trump has shifted from the platform style launched by Jack Kennedy to a more earthy common speak. Pugnaciousness and propensity for inaccuracies is only a by-product. Overarching that is

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his tendency to talk like he might be across the table from the listener. Those who keep calling for him to talk more like a president miss the point. Presidential style is a matter of *zeitgeist*.

In many ways, Trump is like Lincoln. He fundamentally changed the rhetorical style of the times. At a time of the highly theatrical and prolonged oratory of people like Edward Everett, Lincoln spoke in simple terms. What we see as eloquence today was greeted by confusion and derision by nineteenth-century chroniclers. At Gettysburg, Everett was the drawing card. Lincoln an afterthought. Upon completing his 272-word address, the audience was reported to have been confused, not realizing the President had concluded his remarks.

In the big picture, Trump represents potentially the greatest transition in governing philosophy since FDR. Reagan represented a similar conservative governing philosophy, but was not able create an enduring transition. In a way, Reagan was less transitional than many hoped and Obama was more transitional than many expected.

Trump and the greater Republican victories at the state and national levels were largely due to the increasing disenchantment with Obama’s policies and the elite Washington establishment it empowered. The panic reaction of the left is out of a real fear that their side, their philosophy and their power is about to be crushed by a truly transitional conservative government. It is hard to find in history a more overall conservative Cabinet. Trump’s election engendered fear for the left, but it has been his appointments during the transition and his actions as President that has created the panic.

Even as the Democrats, the Washington bipartisan establishment and the bureaucrats decry the chaos they blame on Trump, they are working overtime to create the very chaos they eschew. While the Democrats officials duke it out on the public platforms, the bureaucrats deploy their greatest weapon against Trump—selective leaks. What the far left could not achieve at the polls or through their desperate efforts to derail the inauguration of Trump, they will pursue to de-legitimatize or even impeach and remove him from office.

Yes, transitional times are turbulent, emotional and chaotic. The fact that the left has called for massive resistance indicates that they will wreak any damage on the nation as a means of stopping the transition. There is a very real danger of violence promoted and perpetrated by those seeing their power, prestige and profit slip away. Based on history, that possibility has particular gravitas when it is the left that feels threatened. Their desire for power at any cost and by any means is deeply etched into the history of the American left.

As pilots warn: “Fasten your seatbelt. We will be encountering some significance turbulence ahead.” That is good political advice today.

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Statewide Voter Registration Cleanup Bills in 2017

By Bill Skinner

HB 707—Requires the secretary to enter into certain agreements with other states to maintain the statewide voter registration system; providing responsibilities of the secretary; providing an effective date of July 1, 2017.

HB 709—Specifies that certain information & data obtained by Secretary of State from another state that is confidential under laws of such state is confidential or exempt from public records requirements; provides statement of public necessity.

Effective Date: On the same date that HB 707 or similar legislation takes effect

Last Event: Now in Oversight, Transparency & Administration Subcommittee on Wednesday, February 15, 2017 1:27 PM

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SB 1070—specifying that certain information and data obtained by the Secretary of State from another state, and that is confidential under the laws of such state, is confidential or exempt from public records requirements; providing a statement of public necessity; providing a contingent effective date.

SB 1072—Public Records/Voter Registration Information; Specifying that certain voter registration information and data from another state obtained by the Secretary of State, which is confidential under the laws of such state, is confidential and exempt from public records requirements; providing a statement of public necessity, etc.

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A recent Email report from Judicial Watch indicates that more than 84,000 persons are “active” registered voters in Florida and also eligible to vote in New York state. The numbers of these who voted in both states is being reviewed and is expected to be several thousands.

For the last 10 years the Supervisors of Election in South Florida have not been cleaning the voter rolls as required by Federal law. A federal case brought by a Broward County voter and the American Civil Rights Union against Broward SOE Brenda C. Snipes is scheduled for trial in Miami in May 2017. If the court orders a cleanup this will require monitoring and months to accomplish.

Florida Statutes require SOEs to make two reports of clean up actions taken to the Secretary of State each year, but these reports only require the number of actions taken, not the names of persons removed from the rolls. Thus, constant monitoring must be done of actions taken in 67 counties.

About 30 states have agreed to exchange voter rolls so that duplicate voters can be eliminated.

The above bills are intended to streamline the cleanup process by allowing the Secretary of State do the cleanup using the other states records.

Florida Statute 98.075 requires the use of specific procedures to remove people from the voter rolls even if the Federal court orders this to be done. Many of Florida’s 67 SOEs have not used the hearing procedure in the law to ascertain where the voter considers his/her residence to be located. SOEs should be determining whether the residence is NY or FL. State laws do not permit voting in multiple places in the same election as this dilutes the vote of legitimate voters and amounts to voter fraud.

SOEs in Palm Beach County have been slow to investigate double voting and when it is done, instead of holding hearings, the SOEs have referred cases to the State Attorneys who have placed a low priority on prosecuting “false swearing” cases. The problem has grown from 60 such double voting cases in 2006 to more than 300 in 2016.

Taking the cleanup process to the Secretary of State level is needed to make sure it is actually performed twice a year. SOEs apparently find it unseemly to have to investigate and hold hearings. Contact the above legislators as well as your own and encourage them to move these bills into the Florida statutes.

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News from the Republican Clubs of Palm Beach County



Republican Club of the Palm Beaches

Municipal Candidates at February Lunch

Posted by Fred Scheibl on February 22, 2017

February’s lunch featured PBC GOP Executive Director Ryan Hnatiuk in support of the Republican candidates this March at the city and town level.

Municipal elected officials are the key to keeping Florida a “red state”—it is the farm team for filling spots at higher levels. Just next year for example, District 4 County Commissioner Steven Abrams and FH89 Representative Bill Hager are both term limited and both districts will be challenging to hold. (Abrams CC4 seat is D+1, and Hager’s seat is R+2). Good candidates for both of these races are needed.

Ryan is working with candidates in Palm Beach Gardens, Jupiter, Highland Beach and Lake Worth this cycle, but cautions he cannot help if there are Republicans com-



Ryan Hnatiuk, Executive Director of the Palm Beach County GOP, was the featured speaker at the February luncheon.



Palm Beach Gardens candidates (left to right): Michael Paolerio (group 1), Joe Russo (group 5), Ron Berman (group 3).

peting against each other (as in the Gardens group 5 race which includes Joe Russo and Kevin Easton).

Since municipal races are typically about non-partisan issues like roads, taxes, capital budgets, development, etc.—there is really no rationale to discourage anyone from running, but Republican voters should at least know which of the candidates are on our side. For this, Ryan directs you to the county GOP website at www.palmbeach.gop.

Present at the meeting were some of the Palm Beach Gardens candidates who are Republicans: Michael Paolerio (group 1), Joe Russo (group 5), Ron Berman (group 3).

Republican Club of Kings Point February 1 Meeting

Our February 1st meeting was a big success. Colonel **Arthur DeRuve** led us in the Pledge of Allegiance. **Violet Darling** led us in the singing of *America the Beautiful*, accompanied by **Fran Snow** on the piano. We had five speakers. Newly-elected State Representative **Rick Roth** was first to speak. He is a professional third-generation farmer with 24 full-time employees and 180 seasonal workers. There were questions about GMO’s, organic foods, and crop rotation. Mr. Roth invited us for a farm tour with lunch included. Seven have expressed an interest.

Alan Bergstein, the well-known South Florida commentator and activist, gave a wonderful talk about how proud we should be upon the election of Donald Trump and the good things in store for our country. **Paul Spain**, our recent candidate for Congress, and his wife **Christine Spain**, who also

was a recent candidate for Supervisor of Elections, both gave very interesting and timely talks. One topic was election fraud, mentioning that there are a lot of folks who are registered to vote in more than one state, many illegal aliens who vote, and many deceased persons still on the voter rolls. **Annese Barthelemy** told us about her quest for a seat on the Delray Beach Commission in the March 14th election.

Howard Tokosh conducted the raffle for the \$25 Publix gift card and several politically-themed books contributed by Christine Spain and pocket Constitutions contributed by Colonel DeRuve.

Please remember that we meet the first Wednesday of each month.

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News from the Republican Clubs of Palm Beach County

Republican Federated Women of South Florida Celebrated Fat Tuesday at Their February 28 Meeting

On Tuesday, February 28, the Republican Federated Women of South Florida met at the Boca Country Club and welcomed guest speaker **Cindy Tindell**. Cindy is Palm Beach County’s State Committeewoman and is a Vice President of NextEra Energy. She has deep regulated utility experience, having led Florida Power & Light’s utility development and construction planning, has served as an official at the U.S. Department of State, and is a lifetime member of the Council on Foreign Relations. Cindy received a BS from Georgetown University, an MA from Columbia University, and an MBA from the Harvard Business School. Her address to the club was about America’s energy independence, noting that older forms of energy, such as coal and nuclear, are being phased out by newer, more economical and efficient forms of energy, such as natural gas, wind and solar. She emphasized that this change is market-driven rather than being caused by government regulations. Armed with a PowerPoint presentation, Cindy showed how discoveries of large pockets of natural gas, and new technologies such as fracking and horizontal drilling, are helping to lower the costs of energy. She noted the

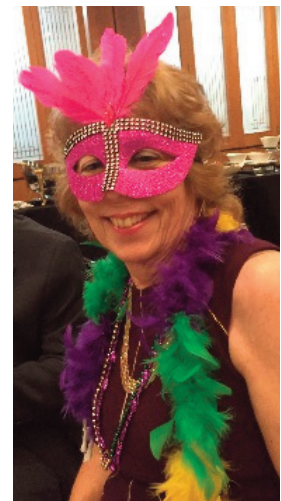


State Committeewoman Cindy Tindell gave an address on energy independence.

necessity of building pipelines to transport the natural gas to the refineries and shipping hubs.

In honor of Fat Tuesday, following Cindy’s presentation, the attendees celebrated Mardi Gras with beads, masks, and a parade. **Richard and Nancy Boyman** were crowned King and Queen of the festivities, and a good time was had by all.

The next meeting of the Republican Federated Women of South Florida will be held on Thursday, March 23. For information about the club, please contact President **Rosemary O’Mara** at rosemaryo625@aol.com.



Richard and Nancy Boyman were named Mardi Gras King and Queen.

Congratulations to Robin Bernstein

Congratulations to Robin Bernstein, who has been named by President Trump to serve as Ambassador to the Dominican Republic. Robin, a long-time friend of Donald Trump and a founding member of the Mar-a-Lago Club, is president of Richard Bernstein & Associates, a Palm Beach insurance company. She actively campaigned for Trump, attended the Republican National Convention in Cleveland as a delegate, and served as one of Florida’s electors. She is pictured at right with Palm Beach County GOP Chair Mike Barnett and Florida’s National Committeeman Peter Feaman, at the meeting of Florida’s electors in Tallahassee.



Rosemary O'Mara Given 2017 Statesperson Award

Congratulations to Rosemary O'Mara for being honored with the 2017 Statesperson Award. Organized by AmericaFirst, the award was presented at the President's Day Dinner, which was held at the Boca Raton Marriott on February 20. Palm Beach County Republican clubs each submitted a nominee for the award, and all the nominees are to be congratulated for their contributions to their clubs and to the Republican Party. The nominees were:

Richard Bock—Cypress Lakes Republican Club
Barry Carson—Juno, Jupiter, Tequesta Republican Organization
Marie Hope Davis—Palm Beach Republican Club
Ryan Hnatiuk—Palm Beach Young Republicans
Michael Krakower—Republican Club Century Village Boca Raton
Steven Ledewitz—Republican Club of Central Palm Beach
Michele Merrell—Broward Republican Women's Club Federated
Rosemary O'Mara—Contemporary Federated Republican Women
Rosemary O'Mara—Republican Federated Women of South Florida
Margaret Smart—Glades Republican Club
Bette Anne Starkey—Republican Club of the Palm Beaches

Paul Tocker—Kings Point Republican Club
Karen Volat—Century Village Republican Club
Brandon Walker—FAU College Republicans

Judges for the award were:

Mike Barnett—Chairman of the Republican Party of Palm Beach County
Laurie Cardoza-Moore—Founder and President of Proclaiming Justice to The Nations
Sid Dinerstein—Former Chairman of the Republican Party of Palm Beach County
Jack Furnari—Founding Partner and CEO of conservative website *BizPac Review*
Blaise Ingoglia—Chairman of the Republican Party of Florida and a member of the Florida House of Representatives, representing the 35th District
Tom McDevitt—Chairman of the Board of Directors of *The Washington Times*

Speakers included Richard DeNapoli, Broward County State Committeeman, and Sid Dinerstein, former Chair of the Palm Beach County Republican Party. Florida's National Committeewoman and former RNC Vice Chair Sharon Day addressed the meeting from Washington, DC, via Skype.



Rosemary O'Mara (center), President and founder of the Republican Federated Women of South Florida, and winner of the 2017 Statesperson Award, surrounded by friends and club members.

Uniting to Confront the Rise in Anti-Semitism

By Alan Bergstein

Who is waving the red flag to warn American Jews that their canoes are racing toward the waterfall? What Jewish financed protective organizations are telling Jews the truth about organized Jew hating movements growing by leaps and bounds right out in the open? We have to give credit to those groups who are desperately blowing the whistle to get the word out. Make no mistake about it, politically Liberal as well as Conservative Jews are in the same canoe flotilla cruising to disaster.

The signs of Jew hating are all around us. Take the recent vandalism at Jewish cemeteries in Philadelphia and in University City, Missouri, where hundreds of headstones were overturned. There has been no group claiming responsibility for these outrages but the methodology and the attacks indicate to investigative sources to be similar. It is based on Jew hating. And, sadly, it will motivate other more open and physical acts of terrorism against the Jewish community. Weeping, wailing and waiting for others to come to our aid will not solve the problem. Jews, themselves have to be more outspoken and forceful in combating these acts of terror and intimidation. We must unite!!

Jewish students on campuses around the country have experienced mounting incidents of anti-Semitism. In a nationwide survey conducted by Trinity College and the Louis D. Brandeis Center for Human Rights, 1,157 self-identified Jewish students at 55 U.S. colleges were interviewed and found that 54 percent experienced or witnessed "anti-Semitism on campus during the first six months of the 2013-14 academic year." And that was four years ago! We've seen the surge of activity on the part of the Students For Justice in Palestine (SJP) on over 150 campuses around the country. According to the ADL, the SJP is an outgrowth of the Muslim Brotherhood.

Their members, come to universities well prepped and indoctrinated to badger, bully and intimidate their Jewish classmates who are in school to do nothing else but get good grades and move on to graduate schools or careers. Jewish students are basically without any knowledge of Jewish history nor do they have any desire or inclination to stand up to these well trained Jew haters who appear to have college administrators as their handmaidens to unnerve and terrorize Jews on campus. This movement is growing as more Muslim students enter thousands of halls of ivy as agents of radical Islam. Colleges are ignoring this problem although they are aware of its presence on their campuses. They are PC and cowardly.

Politically we've just witnessed the ascension of Islamist Congressman Keith Ellison to be the second in command of the Democrat National Committee. He lost the election by a mere 35 votes out of 435 cast by national Democrat party leaders. Just the thought of Ellison who

has a lurid history of being a loyal follower of Louis Farrakan in the Nation of Islam (NOI) and as well, a ranking member of the radical Islamic, Council on American Islamic Relations (CAIR) group as a mighty vice chair, indicates just how the powerful Democrat Party has affiliated itself with outright Jew haters. Even some Jewish notables who identify as "Zionists" were reluctant to take a bold stand if Ellison were to have been elected as head honcho at the DNC. Seems like they came down with a terminal case of political correctness. Not to vociferously condemn an acknowledged Jew hater like Ellison is just beyond morally reprehensible.

Another questionable Jewish "leader" is Illinois Democrat Congresswoman, Jan Schakowsky who recently shared a stage and hugged Palestinian terrorist, Rasmia Odeh, who was convicted of masterminding a deadly terrorist attack in Israel and served 10 years in prison before she was given her freedom in a prisoner swap. Schakowsky also joined with dozens of her fellow party members in boycotting Netanyahu's now famous speech to Congress. Elected Jewish legislators should stand out as examples to the rest of our community as figures of strength in defending the Jewish community and Israel. Tell them that. In a recent community outreach meeting, Jewish Florida Congresswoman, Lois Frankel denied that Ellison had ever been a member of the NOI or CAIR. She is either ignorant of the facts or a liar to her constituents. Take your pick.

We at the *Jewish Voice* are blowing the warning shofar to awaken the Jewish community in this country to its great impending peril. During the eight years of the Obama administration, Islamists were welcomed into high government positions and now have to be rooted out. Recall, if you will, the presence of Huma Abedin as second in command at the State Department under Hillary Clinton. The damage Abedin did in helping to promulgate the Arab Spring turmoil in the Middle East is incomprehensible and may never be revealed because of political correctness and Islamic powers that control the Progressive Movement. Is she now focusing her talents domestically to aid in the Islamist, anti-Semitic movement in this country? What powers will Mr. Ellison have as second in command of a political party that controls one half of our nation's citizens?

Will the backbones of our nation's college administrators continue to weaken and break under the pressure of its radical students and professors? We fear that without our Jewish leaders and organizations taking a firmer, fearless, bolder, outspoken stance in communicating these dangers and their personal solutions to their people, we are in for a dark future in this country. Start the ball rolling. Speak out about this impending disaster to your relatives, friends and rabbis. Remember Berlin in 1933.

Letters

President Trump—Said It, Shall Do It, All Will Prosper and Be Safer

I live in Scarsdale, New York, and our family has also had a home in Palm Beach for decades. As an avid Trump supporter, following in my father's footsteps, who was Chairman of the Scarsdale Republican Party in Westchester, New York, in the 1970's, I never gave up hope, even with many in the early days who said he could not win. I had the pleasure to meet the President the evening of the very first Super Tuesday, 3/1/16, at Mar-a-Lago, as the photo shows from that glorious night. He shall do precisely what he said he would do. I thus believe a large percentage of those who did not vote for him shall come around in 2020, for he is a man of his word, and all from every social and economic group shall prosper. God bless our new President and God bless America.

—Michael S. Trent, M.D.



We Need to Show Our Appreciation to President Trump

Every Trump rally was a sellout, with standing room only—I was there, three times.

Why don't we have a welcoming committee for our President when he comes to Palm Beach County? Even a two-week notice could allow us to save the date most of the time. I never know where or when to stand anywhere to greet him.

Please, find ways to crush the nut jobs that object to everything, and get paid by the DNC/Soros.

I feel helpless not being able to get the word to him, how proud we are of the work and money we spent on his election, and what he has been doing every day.

—Richard Miller

Editor's Note: America First Citizens for Trump volunteers will be waving USA flags and Trump signs for ALL upcoming Trump arrivals and departures at the PBI Airport entrance on Southern Boulevard. Park at the Hilton roadside, near the local TV news broadcasters, bring Trump signs and wear Trump gear. Police advise us to stay safe on the sidewalk. Watch local TV news for Trump's upcoming dates and times of arrivals and departures, as we receive last-minute notice. For further info, call Paula Prudente, 561-385-0897

Sanctuary Leaders May Be Term Limited

Unbeknownst to some mayors, city and county officials and governors, they may be prohibited from running for any other office because of their promotion of sanctuary cities, counties and states. Apparently they have not read Section 3 of the 14th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution stated below:

Section 3. No person shall be a Senator or Representative in Congress, or elector of President and Vice President, or hold any office, civil or military, under the United States, or under any state, who, having previously taken an oath, as a member of Congress, or as an officer of the United States, or as a member of any state legislature, or as an executive or judicial officer of any state, to support the Constitution of the United States, shall have engaged in insurrection or rebellion against the same, or given aid or comfort to the enemies thereof. But Congress may by a vote of two-thirds of each House, remove such disability.

It would appear that more than 300 sanctuary movement leaders who are elected officials could be kept off the ballot

for another office, by asking them for a copy of their Congressional waiver of disability. Citizens could accuse these people of insurrection or rebellion against the United States for failure to obey the immigration laws. They may be required to produce their waiver from Congress to election officials before they are allowed to run for another office.

Section 3 is generally not thought of when the 14th Amendment is discussed, but it is still part of the Constitution and will be subject to little court interpretation. This was not a partisan bill passed by a bare majority. This is an amendment to the United States Constitution passed by two thirds of both the House and Senate and ratified by three fourths of the states on July 9, 1868. Who will be the first person to challenge Section 3 as not being constitutional?

For more information on election law get my book: *South Florida Election Law Handbook: How Voters Can Prevent Election Fraud and Make Elections Fair.*

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The Oscar Myers

Hollywood's annual Academy Awards for 2016 were like no other I've ever seen, and at age 69, I've seen quite a few. In fact, they were so different than anything that has come before that I felt we should grant them a new name, one more in keeping with the kind of unsolicited political advice that these largely left-wing members of Tinsel Town feel so compelled to bestow upon the rest of us dummies out here in Trumpland. Instead of "THE OSCARS," let's just call them the "OSCAR MYERS," given the fact that this year's awards ceremony carried with it more political baloney by presenters and recipients alike than all the previous year's put together—and that is a considerable amount of baloney to overcome.

For example, in 1972, self-appointed Guerrilla-girl Jane Fonda won an Oscar for her performance in *Klute*. Previously, she had been giving full-throated public support to those heroic North Vietnamese, Khymer Rouge, and Pathet Lao "freedom fighters" in Indochina who, after chasing out the "AmeriKan Imperialists," proceeded to murder millions. Cleverly, while clutching her coveted Oscar she said she would not use her acceptance speech to voice such support, but we all got the point. In 1973, protesting treatment of Indians, Marlin Brando, having sent a Native American lady to decline his award for *The Godfather*, would probably have preferred using Congresswoman "Pocahontas" Warren instead, had she been available, but back then she was too busy developing her 1/100th Indian ancestry. At the 1974 awards, a buck-naked gay-rights activist ran across the stage while actor David Niven, oblivious to what was going on behind him, calmly introduced Elizabeth Taylor to an amused crowd who, despite their leftward leanings, probably would have rather seen *her* without a stitch on than the nude dude in back of Niven.

Well, so much for a brief historical sketch of the politicization of Tinsel Town's big night. Now for the 2016 Oscar Myers. The highly-charged festivities being furiously fueled by Trump Derangement Syndrome were kicked off by host Jimmy Kimmel, who wasted no time in going after that mean ol' head Nazi himself—Donald Trump—by saying that "the awards were being watched by 225 countries that now hate us," and then contemptuously adding that he was at least glad that Homeland Security permitted French actress Isabelle Huppert to enter the country. One person who didn't attend the awards to protest the president's temporary ban was Iranian director Asghar Farhadi, who won



best foreign-language film for *The Salesman*. A fellow Iranian accepting the award for him read a statement from the director saying, "He wasn't attending out of respect for the people in the seven countries named in the executive order, who are disrespected by the inhumane law." A temporary ban on immigrants from a limited number of countries is an "inhumane law"? Perhaps we should remind the award-winning director about the laws and attitudes in his own country that prescribe death for homosexuals, adultresses and Americans.

After the Academy had taken flack for excluding black actors from last year's awards, Kimmel was quick to point out: "Remember last year when it seemed like the Oscars were racist? That's gone, thanks to Mr. Trump."

He also called for applause from those in attendance for veteran actress Meryl Streep, who blasted the President nonstop at the Golden Globe awards recently. The largely leftie crowd responded warmly with a rousing

standing O for Ms. Streep. The only curious thing being why they didn't invite the "highly overrated" actress up on the stage to repeat her diatribe against the president at the Golden Globes. I'm sure the largely leftie luminaries in attendance would have gone nuts with paroxysms of holier-than-thou appreciation.

Not widely reported by the drive-bys for obvious reasons was the "tour group [of common folks] Jimmy Kimmel orchestrated to mingle with celebs," including one identified as "Gary from Chicago." Commoner Gary, as it turns out, had just been released from prison after serving 20 years for a variety of charges, including attempted rape.

After a grinning Warren Beatty, with a perpetual confused look on his face that seemed welded in place and unmovable, flubbed the announcement for best picture, an academy exec-type rushed to his rescue, correcting the error and giving the award to *Moonlighting*. This film is a story about a "poor, black, gay man" and is the second lowest-grossing film in history—surprise, surprise.

To be sure, the 2016 Oscar Myers were great, but given all the political baloney being tossed about on Tinsel Town's big night, I'd like to suggest a new award category. Named after Anthony, the estranged husband of Huma Abedin, the "Best Weiner" award would be given to the film that reflects the most politically-correct picture of the year, which, after all, is what Hollywood seems to be all about lately.

—Tom Mullings

Book Review

***Men Without Work: America's Invisible Crisis*, by Nicholas Eberstadt. West Conshohocken, PA: Templeton Press, 2016. Paperback, 206 pp.**

At the title suggests, this is a small book about a large problem in America today. It is a problem that is woefully under-reported by the mainstream media, who, along with Democrats, have been remarkably successful at obscuring the relevant facts from public scrutiny. The author, Mr. Nicholas Eberstadt, works at the American Enterprise Institute (AEI), which, as he states, has been his “professional home and intellectual haven for over thirty years.”

Men Without Work is obviously the story of the unemployed workers in America today, but not the ones listed in official government statistics. This book is about out-of-work men who are left out of those statistics for purely political reasons—namely to make the jobless rate under Obama appear to have drifted down to a low not seen in decades during his eight years in office, when in fact they have done no such thing.

Here are some startling facts that Dems and media types don't want you to get a handle on, as related by Mr. Eberstadt: “In the half century between 1965 and 2015, work rates for the American male spiraled relentlessly downward. The collapse of work for America's men is a crisis for our nation—but it is a largely invisible crisis. It is almost never discussed in the public square. In 2015, the work rate (or employment-to-population ratio) for American males ages twenty-five to fifty-four was slightly lower than it had been in 1940 at the tail end of the Great Depression” when the unemployment rate for the entire country was over 15 percent!

Now wait a minute, how can that be, people might ask, especially Democrat people. Aren't the government's own statistics showing a steady decline in the unemployment rate during the Obama years that has left us with a figure in the lower single digits today, the lowest it has been in many

years? Well, yeah, that's true, but only because those statisticians are using a new type of math in their calculations that the rest of us have never heard of. Call it “funny math.” Using funny math allows one to subtract people from the unemployed rolls who are no longer looking for work, making your unemployment figures seem to be undergoing a steady downward trend. So how many of these out-of-work men that nobody counts are there? Nearly 10 million!

You heard me right, almost 10 million able-bodied, working-age men between 20 and 64 years of age are no longer looking for work and are not being counted in the government's own unemployment statistics! As the author says, this “invisible army,” engaging in a “mass flight from work lies at the heart of America's dysfunction and despair. It is the elephant in our public square.” It undermines the family and society in a way that is hard to gauge, but has to be significant.

What's causing this voluntary flight from work by able-bodied men? The author does not shy away from offering his take on things. The thought of being without a job used to be “terrifying” for the American male, who sought any job that was available to avoid it, but not anymore. Today many men are no longer afraid of being jobless. Why?

Mr. Eberstadt's critics accuse him of “overestimating the causative effect of government safety net programs in luring men out of workforce,” but that is a bogus charge. The author does not claim that “welfare and disability programs caused male flight from work” in America. He is simply making the case that such programs have in fact “financed it,” which is an undeniable fact.

As stated in the title, *Men Without Work* represents *America's Invisible Crisis* and deserves a thorough public airing. I would recommend it to anyone who would like to get the real story behind the Democrats' claim that thanks to them, the unemployment rate in the United States is around 4 percent.

—Tom Mullings

Palm Beach County Republican Party Chairman, Michael Barnett was presented with this huge framing of all of his President Trump Inauguration engraved invitations at the February 8 REC Meeting. Included were the invitations to the ceremonies and various inaugural balls. The presentation was made by Executive Director Ryan Hnatuik, who had collected and assembled all the items for framing without Chairman Barnett's knowledge. To say the least, Michael was tremendously surprised and greatly pleased!



Editor's Postscript

Echoes of War: "Fallen Angels" and The Wail of the Newborn Child

By Tom Mullings

Rejoice O young man in thy youth. . . .

—Ecclesiastes 11:19

My dad died of Alzheimer's Disease in 2011. While his passing was traumatic for me and my family, the progression of that hideous affliction offered a window into the minds of those of us who have participated in our nation's wars and have been exposed to the horrors of combat with the enemy.

On December 8, 1941, a day after Japan attacked our great Pacific naval base at Pearl Harbor in Hawaii, my father volunteered to serve with the United States Coast Guard, as his older brother, Marshall, had done years earlier. A little over two months later, his ship, the *Alexander Hamilton*, an armed, Secretary-class cutter, was torpedoed off Iceland by a German U-boat and was lost along with dozens of her crew. My father, along with his surviving shipmates, were rescued by Icelandic fisherman. The *Hamilton* was the first American warship sunk in the Atlantic in World War II and my dad, at 17 years old, was her youngest sailor.

In 2013, Billy Vaughn published a book about his heroic son, Aaron Vaughn, a highly-decorated Navy SEAL, who died in Afghanistan in 2011. As related by Mr. Vaughn in his book, when his son's helicopter (code name "Extortion 17") was shot down by an RPG (rifle-propelled grenade), two Apache attack helicopter pilots, providing cover overhead, reported the following over their radio:

AH-64 Pilot 2: "I just saw a flash. Did you see a flash?"

AH-64 Pilot 1: "Yea . . . I think they just got shot."

AH-64 Pilot 2: "I'm on it, sir[.] Extortion 17 is down.

I repeat Extortion 17 is down."

AH-64 Pilot 2: "Coalition traffic; we have a Fallen Angel. Fallen Angel. . . ."

After returning home from the Vietnam War, seriously wounded from a gunshot wound to the abdomen, I told a few people about my experiences in combat, but after that I stopped talking about those experiences and have not done so since. But I'm going to relate one of those stories to you now to help illustrate something about ex-combat soldiers that is the main theme of this article.

In Vietnam I volunteered to be an infantry scout dog handler with the 173rd Airborne Brigade, and I feel honored to have served with that elite group of paratroopers. In Vietnam the infantry operated in company-sized units (around

120 men). By day we would walk through the jungle in single file, seeking contact with the enemy, following an azimuth (course) of so many clicks (1,000 meters) until we reached our predetermined logger-site (nightly campsite). Once there, we would establish a guarded perimeter around our position fronted by claymore mines, send out a squad-sized element nearby to wait in ambush, dig foxholes, cook ourselves a meal, blow up our air mattresses and go to sleep on the ground. The marching took all day through the thick jungle-covered mountains along the coast of central South Vietnam where I was, so we were bone-tired by the time we reached our logger-site each evening and sleeping was easy.

One night in the jungle I awoke with RPGs going off all around me. Instantly, I had a choice to make. I could either run or crawl to one of the foxholes, or hug the ground with my scout dog. Trying to find a foxhole in the dark with explosions going off everywhere seemed foolish, and I chose the latter course of action, making myself and my dog as low a target as possible for the deadly flying shrapnel. After what seemed like an eternity, the attack finally ended, and for a few seconds all was still. Then I heard the sounds—sounds I was hearing for the first time in Vietnam, but can never forget. A grenade had landed next to an American infantryman sleeping just a few feet away from me, fatally wounding him, but mercilessly leaving him still conscious and in terrible pain. That night, like many in the jungle, was so devoid of light that you couldn't see your hand in front of your face, and as I lay there in the ink-black darkness, my ears were filled with the sounds of that poor young soldier's agonized cries—unearthly cries, pitiful cries, like the wail of a newborn child. I never knew the young American who gave his life for his country that night so long ago and so far from home, but many nights since when all is dark I still hear him, and will for the rest of my days.

As my father gradually lost touch with reality due to Alzheimer's, just as former President Ronald Reagan had nearly twenty years earlier, his memories steadily disappeared. But one of the last memories to go, which he spoke of incessantly, was his time cast adrift with his shipmates



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in the frigid North Atlantic Ocean in January of 1942, and it did not surprise me. Perhaps memories of war are among the last to fade, because they are the most vivid memories most of us will ever have. For myself it's as if a part of me is still in the jungles of Vietnam and has never made it back home. Memories of war echo on throughout one's life like wounds that never heal.

This article is dedicated to the memory of all of America's "Fallen Angels" who gave their lives in service to their country during America's wars, including the brave sailors

of the *USS Alexander Hamilton* in 1942, Aaron Vaughn in Afghanistan in 2011, and an unnamed paratrooper with the 173rd Airborne Brigade in The Republic of Vietnam in 1968. May God grant them the peace so cruelly denied them by their fellow man.

Tom Mullings is a decorated Army infantry combat veteran of the Vietnam War, who served as a scout dog handler with the 173rd Airborne Brigade. He was one of the three original incorporators of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, DC, and is a long-time Republican Executive Committeeman from precinct 5154 in Palm Beach County.

In Memoriam

Lou Stern

Our dedicated friend, Lou Stern, passed away on February 8th, following a short battle with kidney disease. He was 82.

Since 1997, Lou resided in Highland Beach after moving from the Philadelphia area. He was most active in his community, serving as chairman of the town's Planning Board and also on the Board of Adjustments and Appeals. He was elected to the Town Commission in 2012 and again in 2015.

Lou was a founding member of the board of directors of the National Council for Adoption in 1980. In that position he also served as chairman of the organization's board five times, and in November 2015, was honored with its Ruby Lee Piester Adoption Award, a lifetime-achievement recognition.

Lou's natural inclination for community involvement led to his participation in the Delray Beach Republican Club. He was instrumental in helping this small club merge with a larger group to become the Boca Raton Regional Republican Club; and, subsequently, served on its board of directors for several years through this past December when he became ill. His contributions to the Club were immeasurable: he and his wife, Carol, took over the membership drives and records and attended every event. But, most of all, he was always there for counsel, help, guidance, and an opinion, when meeting the challenges of any club



project. Perhaps one of his greatest joys was helping support Dimensional Harmony from Boynton Beach High School, a nationally renowned choral group that is always so appreciative of club sponsorship. Lou is survived by his wife of 54 years, Carol; two children, Lawrence Stern and Natalie Kolton; a granddaughter, Danielle Kolton, and a sister, Sally Epstein-Piccone.

In lieu of flowers donations can be made to National Council for Adoption, 225 N. Washington Street, Alexandria, VA 22314, or to the charity of the donor's choice.

Bob Beasley

Bob Beasley passed away this month after a long illness. Bob served for many years on the Republican Executive Committee. Many people, perhaps, were not aware of the fact that Bob was extraordinarily well informed about a variety of subjects and during the course of any given year read numerous books. I'll always remember competing with him for the same REC seat in the 2004 election in which he defeated me by two votes. He was kind and gracious in victory, but I'm sure he would have been the same had he lost. That's the way Bob was—gracious, kind-hearted and easy to like. He was a good man, a good conservative, a good American, and a veteran of our nation's armed forces, and will be missed. Our heartfelt condolences go out to his wife Charlotte and their family. Farewell, Bob and godspeed.





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.
4. Serve on a Party Committee.
5. Develop a presence in the broader community by joining a Republican Club; serving on a local board or committee; or monitoring local media for relevant material.

ALL APPLICANTS FOR THE REC MUST BE A REGISTERED REPUBLICAN IN PALM BEACH COUNTY. PLEASE COMPLETE THIS REC APPLICATION FORM AND RETURN IT ALONG WITH A PHOTO COPY OF THE FRONT OF YOUR VOTER REGISTRATION CARD. ANY APPLICATION RECEIVED WITHOUT A COPY OF THE APPLICANT'S VOTER REGISTRATION CARD WILL NOT BE PROCESSED. THE DEADLINE FOR ACCEPTING REC APPLICATIONS IS 11:00 AM, 14 DAYS PRIOR TO THE REC MEETING.

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Address: _____

City: _____ Zip Code: _____

Home Phone: (_____) _____ Cell Phone: (_____) _____

E-mail: _____

Profession: _____ Precinct #: _____ Date of Birth: ____ / ____ / ____

I am applying for the position of:



Committeeman



Committeewoman

Please return your REC Application to the Republican Party of Palm Beach County Headquarters,
1555 Palm Beach Lakes Blvd., Suite 210, West Palm Beach 33401 or fax (561) 686-1898. Phone (561) 686-1616



Republican Party of Florida Party Loyalty Oath

I, _____, swear and/or affirm that during my term of
(Name of Member – Please write clearly)

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.

I further swear or affirm that, in a contested Republican primary election, I will not support the nomination of one Republican candidate over another in my capacity as a Republican County Executive Committee member unless the Party has voted to endorse under RPOF Rule 8. This provision does not preclude me from supporting in any manner my personal Republican candidate of choice in a contested Republican primary election, provided I do not express such support with public reference to my title or office within the Republican Party of Florida.

Signature of Member

Signature of Witness

County/Precinct #

Date

Office: _____

**(State Committeeman, State Committeewoman; Precinct Committeeman, Precinct Committeewoman;
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OATH OF CANDIDATE (Section 99.021, Florida Statutes)

I, _____
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am a candidate for the office of Precinct Committeeman Committeewoman Precinct Number _____,

I am a qualified elector of _____ County, Florida; I am qualified under the Constitution and the Laws of Florida to hold the office to which I desire to be nominated or elected; and I will support the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of Florida.

Candidate's Florida Voter Registration Number (located on your voter information card): _____

* Please print name phonetically on the line below as you wish it to be pronounced on the audio ballot for persons with disabilities (see instructions on page 2 of this form):

STATEMENT OF PARTY (Section 99.021, Florida Statutes)

I am a member of the _____ Party; I have not been a registered member of any other political party for 365 days before the beginning of qualifying preceding the general election for which I seek to qualify; and I have paid the assessment levied against me, if any, as a candidate for said office by the executive committee of the political party, of which I am a member.

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Signature of Candidate	Telephone Number	Email Address	
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STATE OF FLORIDA
COUNTY OF _____

Sworn to (or affirmed) and subscribed before me this _____ **day of** _____, **20** _____.

Personally Known: _____ or

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Signature of Notary Public
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