



Newsletter of the Republican Party of Palm Beach County—April 2018

Lincoln Day 2018 at Mar-a-Lago a Huge Success

Former Alaska Gov. Sarah Palin was the keynote speaker at the Palm Beach County Republican Party's annual Lincoln Day Dinner. As it has been for the previous five years, the 2018 gala GOP event was held at Mar-a-Lago, President Trump's magnificent home and the Winter White House.

The president was not in attendance this year, but his eldest son, Donald Trump Jr., was on hand, spending some quality time mingling with the crowd.

Former vice-presidential candidate, Governor Palin, started off her speech by noticing some key differences between sub-tropical South Florida and her home state of Alaska. "Just days ago I was plowing snow. I was chopping wood, and I was—I kid you not—cooking caribou stew. Just like all of you, making a meal for the family. I just have to shoot it first," she said, much to the amusement of those in attendance.

As happens every year, the place was sold out, with over 700 people attending the event, which, at \$350 a ticket, represents the largest fund-raising event of the year for the local Republican Party.

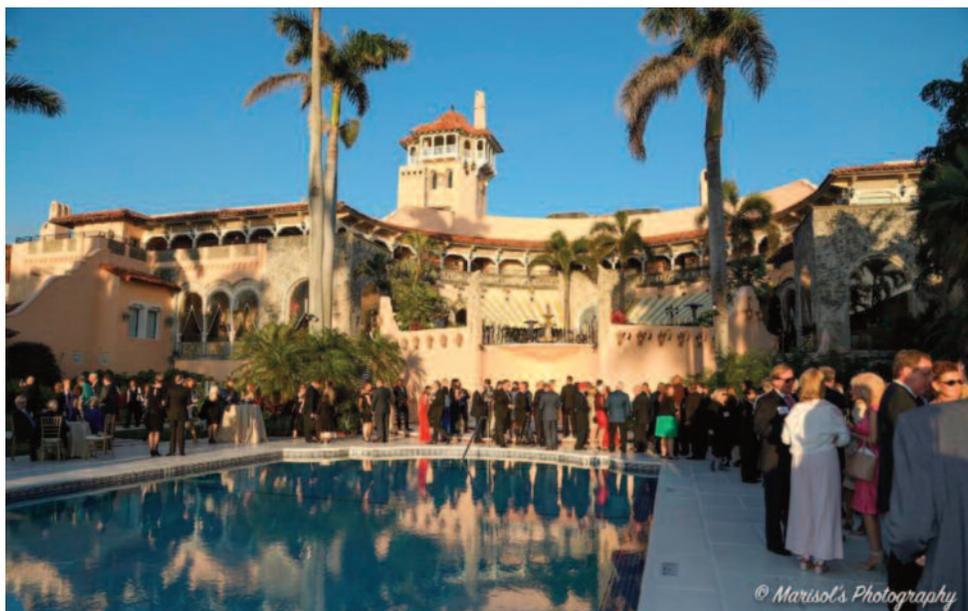
"We sold out months ago, before we even sent out the first email," said Ryan Hnatiuk, Executive Director of the Palm Beach GOP. Clearly, the venue sells itself, many eager to spend an evening at the President's own home, which makes the annual GOP dinner here unique among the thousands of other Lincoln Day dinners throughout the country.

"I bet the first family loves returning here," said Gov. Palin during her remarks, "It must be a nice break from swimming in the swamp."

She ridiculed the ongoing Mueller investigation into Trump/Russian collusion by calling it a "resource-sucking investigation to nowhere," and then added, "How do I know all that? Because I keep my eye on Russia from my house," eliciting howls of approval from the crowd.

Speaking of the audience, a number of them were surprisingly disrespectful during Mrs. Palin's address, talking loudly, to which the Governor herself, obviously irritated,

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admonished, “I wish you would pay attention. I traveled two days from Alaska to get here.”

Later when asked about the crowd’s rude behavior by a reporter, the former VP candidate struck a more tactful note by saying, “I like a crowd with energy.”

Perhaps speaking for the vast majority in attendance, Sue Snowden, former Palm Beach County chairwoman for President Trump’s 2016 campaign, said of Gov. Palin, “I’ve always liked her. I always like candidates who speak their mind. I admire that she stepped up and ran, and then she was treated so unfairly.”

The beautiful former first lady from Alaska deserved better tonight, but didn’t get it from more than a few thoughtless Republicans attending the dinner.

Receiving a much warmer reception was the President’s oldest son, Donald Jr., who hung around the pool for a good 45 minutes, graciously chatting with many in the crowd and posing for pictures. “Everybody was excited to see him,” said Tami Donnally, Vice Chair of the Palm Beach County Republican Party. “I found him to be a very nice and friendly man—very kind, very generous, very patient.”

Receiving the annual Jean Pipes Award were Jane Pike, Treasurer of the Palm Beach GOP, and our newsletter’s own Bill Skinner, a tireless advocate for voter fraud reform. This

award, given by the Palm Beach County Republican Party, honors long-time volunteer service to the County GOP.

County Commissioner Steven Abrams was presented with a Lifetime Achievement Award for his selfless service over many years to the community, both as Mayor of Boca Raton and recently as County Commissioner.

Adam Putnam, Florida’s Agriculture Commissioner, and Florida’s Speaker of the House Richard Corcoran, both candidate for governor, were also guest speakers.

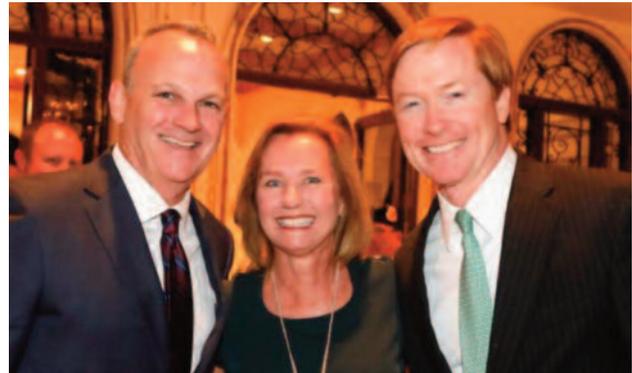
The evening’s mistress of ceremonies was Star Parker, founder and president of the Center for Urban Renewal and Education, a public-policy think-tank that promotes market-based solutions to fight poverty. The Invocation was given by Pastor Mark Burns, and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Congressman Brian Mast. Christine Rona gave a rousing rendition of the National Anthem, and Diamond and Silk were on hand as special guests. The Colors were presented by the Palm Beach County Fire Rescue Honor Guard and the Pipes and Drums Corps.

Last but not least, heartfelt congratulations are in order for Event Chair Linda Stoch and her committee for putting together yet another resoundingly successful Lincoln Day Dinner for the Palm Beach County Republican Party. This year’s gala affair at the President’s house, raised over \$140,000 for the Party’s coffers!

—Tom Mullings



Palm County GOP Chair Michael Barnett with keynote speaker Sarah Palin and emcee Star Parker.



Florida’s Speaker of the House Richard Corcoran with State Representative MaryLynn Magar and Agriculture Commissioner Adam Putnam.



The 2018 Lifetime Achievement Award was presented to Steven Abrams, and a Community Service Award was presented to Jeff Heinrich for his efforts at Marjory Stoneman Douglas HS.



Executive Director Ryan Hyatiuk and Chairman Michael Barnett with Jean Pipes Award winners Jane Pike and Bill Skinner, with previous winner Steven Ledewitz.

Lincoln Day Dinner at the President's House



National Committeeman Peter Feaman (left) with Steven Abrams, winner of the 2018 Lifetime Achievement Award, and Chairman Michael Barnett.



The President's eldest son, Donald Trump, Jr., seen here with Palm Beach GOP Vice Chair Tami Donnally, was on hand to chat with the attendees.



Former Chair of the Palm Beach County GOP Sid Dinerstein.



Palm Beach GOP Executive Director Ryan Hnatiuk.



Christine Rona sang the National Anthem.



Pastor Mark Burns gave the Invocation.

Unmasking Obama, Part II

By Sid Dinerstein
March 26, 2018

I want my FISA warrant. Or, as my granddaughter would say: 'It's not fay-er.' Carter Page gets one little FISA warrant and he's a world-wide celebrity. Soon it will be a book deal and maybe a movie. The man has street cred. And yet, it should have been me. Let's go to the tape. I've met and spoken to President Trump (before and after the election) about ten times. Carter Page? Zero. That's right, zero, nada, nil, zilch. Read my lips (now there's an old and discredited phrase): Carter Page has never met nor spoken to Donald Trump. So how did he rate a FISA warrant? Well, it seems that Carter Page got appointed to a Trump campaign Foreign Policy unpaid advisory committee. The committee met once. Candidate Trump never addressed the committee. What was unique about Carter Page? He had done years of business in Russia. Again, what about me? My mother was born in Russia. My father was born in Lithuania. My wife was born and raised in Communist Poland. And we still maintain some of the Polish contacts, both here and there. Last summer we toured the Hermitage Museum in Saint Petersburg. Where's my street cred?

OK, sarcasm is over. But the Carter Page story isn't. It seems that as an American businessman in Russia, Carter Page attracted many "friends." And as an unknown patriot, Carter Page contacted the FBI and kept our side totally in the loop. And that's why Carter Page has never been charged. It's also why the spies picked the wrong guy. After all, if the purpose of the FISA warrant was to open a window on the Trump campaign, Carter Page knew almost no one and has a history of hiding nothing.

Before we go any further I need to update a little history and a few definitions. FISA stands for Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act, a federal law established in 1978 to "establish procedures for the physical and electronic surveillance . . . for agents of foreign powers suspected of espionage or terrorism" (Wikipedia). An offshoot was "FISC, the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court to oversee requests for surveillance warrants by federal law enforcement and intelligence agencies" (Wikipedia). The Patriot Act following 9/11 was a major update. So why are we here? Because the "F" stands for Foreign and Carter Page is a U.S. citizen. Indeed, the FISA Act takes great pains and raises a very high bar to discourage attempted surveillance of Americans—or so we thought.

This essay is Part II of "Unmasking Obama." For those of you with short memories I will remind you that my April, 2017 post was Part I. I wrote about a 1997 Richard Gere movie and said "Red Corner" is now the rule of law in the good old U. S. of A. I wrote that "the FBI could indict

(Republican) Petreus but not (Democrat) Hillary." I wrote about FISA warrants and their enablers, the NSA and Susan Rice." And I wrote that "Carter Page . . . is about to be presented as Judas, Benedict Arnold, Mata Hari, Tokyo Rose, Alger Hiss and the Rosenbergs, all rolled into one." I also wrote that Carter Page's misfortune "is all that the Dems have." How did I do?

Are we making progress? Well, yes and no. The "yes" part means that the McCabe loss of pension, the Trump tweets and the Nunes memo have greatly raised the awareness of the possible FISA scandal among the American people. The "no" part is that we no longer have a Fourth Amendment in the Bill of Rights section of the United States Constitution. Consider this, the number of warrant requests since 1978 is 35,000. The number of refusals? Twelve. Rubber stamp, anyone? It gets worse. Under President Obama we started asking for FISA warrants to spy on Americans. They got virtually all of them. While America was protecting its First and Second Amendments, the dad guys were shredding the Fourth. Can we get it back?

Yes, if we care. Remember, in the FISA court (FISC) there are only two entities, the applicant and the judge. Nobody is representing the target, foreign or domestic. On domestic surveillance requests we need a third entity, a Ron Paul type Ombudsman who, when appropriate, argues the deficiency of the warrant application to the judge. Remember Carter Page? When the warrant was presented to spy on him (and possibly open a window on the Trump campaign, transition and administration) there was no one to remind the judge that the dossier was a fraud. There was no one to raise the possibility that Hillary paid for it, that Hillary campaign employees might have made up the stories contained therein and that Carter Page was a cooperating businessman working with the FBI to keep tabs on certain Russian spies. This wasn't due process. This was doo-doo process.

What happens next? Will I do a Part III? First, a Part III is probably coming sooner rather than later. Why? Because the next new name is Michael Horowitz. Who? Yes, Michael Horowitz, the Obama appointed Inspector General



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of the FBI. Michael is working on an analysis of the FBI's handling of the Clinton emails. The report is due out by the end of April, 2018. Yes, very soon. It could be a game changer. It could lower the boom on Comey, Brennan, McCabe and maybe even Mueller and Loretta Lynch. Am I just a wild-eyed optimist? I don't think so. I think that Horowitz gave Attorney General Sessions enough of a preview to support taking away Mc Cabe's pension. If I'm right, it might be time to deep six the deep state.

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.

Gaza? Nope, the Jewish Community Center

By Alan Bergstein

April 7, 2018

I didn't have to travel to the Gaza Strip to encounter pure hatred for my beliefs. I found it yesterday (from Jews!) in a local Jewish Community Center where, for years, I've given a series of talks on the survival of Israel and American Jewry. I believe I happen to be the only politically conservative lecturer among about 50, who voluntarily offer their services to the JCC. This particular program was supposed to be a friendly political debate between a very progressive rabbi and me.

Those present who supported my opinions and already accustomed to the progressive views of their neighbors, treated the rabbi's outlook and statements with their usual "yawn, sit back and listen to the rant" attitude. However, during my time at the podium, the rabble of the radical left, could not restrain themselves and launched into stand up and shout tirades that required the program's director to be summoned to the hall. And these were Jews foaming at the mouth against another Jew who was focusing on the Democratic Party's abandonment of Israel and the explosion of campus and national Jew hating during and even after the eight Obama years.

There seems to be a violent, pathological loathing and scorn emanating from Progressive Jews against anyone attempting to reason with or even discuss a problem that affects . . . them, their children and grandkids. Talking, chatting with them or having a chairside discussion even mentioning a conservative point of view always ends up with flaming eyes, pointing of shaking fingers and of course, the end of any viable, pleasant conversation. And even sometimes, the end of relationships.

The defeat of Hillary Clinton at the hands of Trump was the tipping point of their rationality. Their dreams were shattered. Their hopes for a continuation of the Obama radical doctrine-filled future were ripped apart. There is little hope that they will ever bow down to reason, sit out the next 8 years as we did and work to the growth of this nation and themselves. It will not get better. This 1930's-like-in-Germany situation will only get worse. The solution: stay strong, resilient, knowledgeable—and fight back.

No Voter Fraud?

By George Blumel

“Plans to fight voter fraud are based on nightmares, tall tales, and paranoid fears,” says Scott Keyes of the liberal Center for American Progress. Voter fraud is so rare “you’re more likely to get hit by lightning than find a case of prosecutorial voter fraud,” asserts Judith Browne Dianis, co-director of the liberal Advancement Project.

Warning to Judith: if you’re right, then your odds of getting hit by lightning just got shorter.

The United States has a long and unfortunate history of election fraud. The Heritage Foundation provides a list by state of well over a thousand election fraud cases where individuals were convicted of vote fraud. This is just a sampling that demonstrates the many ways fraud is committed. Local GOP activist Bill Skinner’s book, *South Florida Election Handbook: How Voters Can Prevent Election Fraud and Make Elections Fair*, also documents numerous cases of electoral fraud.

An example from Palm Beach County is when my wife and I were poll watchers at the Lantana Library in 2012 when there were voters arriving on yellow buses from all over the county during the early voting days. Early voting is not permitted on Sunday, but I received a call Sunday morning that the Supervisor of Elections opened her office for voting. We went there with our credentials but were not permitted in the office to observe the voting. I called the GOP and they sent a lawyer who also was not permitted to observe. All the time the same yellow buses were bringing in voters standing in long lines and voting. A judge was called but nothing was done to stop the illegal voting. How could that be?

The SOE, Susan Bucher, advised that it was not really early voting. It was absentee balloting, so it was legal! No voter fraud?

Voter Fraud is very real—it is a basic part of Democrat Party strategy. Why do you suppose the Dems fight to prevent photo ID requirements for voting? ID of some sort is required for everyday life, including to rent/buy a house, rent a hotel

room, apply for a mortgage, a bank account, welfare, food stamps, medical care, Medicare and Medicaid, cigarettes, alcohol, to apply for a job and for unemployment benefits, getting on an airplane, drive a car, get married, buy a gun, apply for any kind of license, pick up a prescription, buy a cellphone, hold a rally or protest, give blood—even to adopt a pet! And I could go on, but you get the point.

Virtually every adult can obtain some form of ID from the state valid for all the above as well as for voting. The exceptions, of course, are illegal aliens. Technically and legally, that is.

Why do you suppose the Democrat Party promotes and defends illegals? Some Dem-controlled states issue driver’s licenses to illegals which can be used to register to vote. Given the estimated between 12 and 16 million (could be more) illegal aliens here, if just a million voted they could be the deciding factor in certain elections. But that’s not the only reason the Dems work so hard to get them to vote.

Why are the Democrats fighting to prevent a question about citizenship on the 2020 census? Most illegals are in Blue states like California. Federal budgets are allocated by population so when illegals are included in the U.S. Census, states with many illegals get more federal money. And not only mo’ money but also mo’ votes in the Congress.

There are 435 seats in the U.S. House of Representatives. After each U.S. Census, the seats are apportioned to each state based on populations. Currently there is about one U.S. House Representative per 710,000 U.S. citizens. Using California as an example, there are an estimated 2.6 million illegal aliens living in California. Since the last U.S. Census didn’t ask whether the person filling it out was a U.S. citizen, if illegal aliens filled out the U.S. Census, California may have an additional three seats, other states could have as many as 17 illegal seats.

Now we understand why the Dems are fighting—even in the courts!—to prevent “are you a U.S. citizen?” from being asked on the 2020 census form. Open borders, no voter ID, and now the Dems are refusing to comply with U.S. government requests for lists of their registered voters.

All of this is obvious to objective observers. Meanwhile, the Dems claim that any opposition to their support of illegals is an effort to suppress votes of poor folks who don’t have IDs to vote.

Preventing, deterring, and prosecuting voter fraud is essential to protecting the integrity of our voting process.



Democrats in line to vote!

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Facebook Exposure in Elections

By William J. Skinner

Not everybody using Facebook on their iPhones and Androids (or even PCs) knows what is going on with their personal data on these devices or back at the server cloud. Cambridge Analytica, a London-based U.K. firm, is now being investigated for misusing personal data of more than 50 million Americans that was rented or taken from Facebook. This is causing lots of interest in what to do about the matter.

Common Cause has asked the Federal Elections Commission and the Justice Department to investigate the company, its officers and others. Israel's government is looking into the matter. (See <http://abcnews.go.com/Politics/exclusive-cambridge-analytica-accused-violating-us-election-laws/story>. Accessed March 27, 2018.)

The *Wall Street Journal* of March 24–25, 2018, p. A-13, had an article on the obituary page (perhaps appropriate) about how to “Delete Facebook or Take a Break,” by Katherine Bindley. She gives options for what to do—turn off all outside apps, reduce ad tracking, deactivate your account, or delete your account—to avoid future complications. See her article for details.

Makers of android devices will soon be providing instructions on how to prevent, if it is possible, email message content from being downloaded for future review for clues to what you might like to buy. This is data collection, like the NSA, was said to never be done intentionally. The emails come through the messaging feature. Apparently iPhones work differently, and this bulk collection of data is not available at this time. Check for updates with Apple people.

Your personal data is being monetized by companies who have not necessarily told you what data they collect and how they are going to use it.

All of this assures us that the investigative business into the misuse of data for elections will be with us a long time after the “Russian Investigation” is concluded in the next decade.

You will probably have time to get a law degree and a master's degree in digital communications while all of the investigations are going on.

Part of what this may mean for GOP political research and encouraging voters to get to the polls is that digital device gathering of information is going to be hyper regulated so that only the rich and adventuresome will be tempted to use it.

If I am right, future office holders will have to rely on old fashioned precinct organization techniques to get to know their voters.

Political operatives will have to use letters, cards, flyers, TV ads, newspaper ads, telephone calls, coffees, receptions, recruit precinct captains, legislative district committees, county committees, and other techniques to make sure candidates get their messages out.

Facebook will have to be monitored to see who is using it and what value it can add to a campaign. It is not likely to be as valuable as it was for Obama in 2012 or Trump in 2016. Zuckerberg and Facebook are suspected of helping Obama, and Bannon-Mercer with Cambridge Analytica are suspected of helping Trump, Cruz and Bolton.

These developments also mean that campaigns will have to be organized and put into operation a lot earlier than in the past. But public interest in voting will not peak any faster than in the past, so the campaign must be ready to roll out within the six weeks prior to an election. Those managers who have the details ready to go will be more successful than waiting to see if Facebook can win elections.

A lot of Republicans were elected on promises they have not fulfilled in Congress. How do we hold them accountable for recent failures to deliver on those promises?

There are only seven full months to the November 2018 elections. It is time to decide where you are going to help win this election for GOP candidates!



Citizens for National Security Welcomed Economist Steven Moore

[Editor's note: On Sunday April 8, I attended the Citizens For National Security's Seminar at the Broken Sound Country Club in Boca Raton to hear an address on "The Federal Debt Crisis" given by Stephen Moore, senior economic advisor to President Trump, who helped draft early versions of the Trump tax plan. He's also the author of the book Fueling Freedom: Exposing the Mad War on Energy, which I reviewed for this newsletter in a previous issue. "Speaker Moore believes that America cannot be a military superpower if we aren't an economic superpower, and that it takes a prosperous and growing economy to defeat our adversaries. He calls for putting an end to unbridled debt spending."

I want to thank Dr. William Saxton, president of this effective national security organization for inviting me to the seminar. The following is a summary of Mr. Moore's eye-opening talk.]

The national debt has grown at a gravity-defying pace from \$2 trillion in the 1980s to above \$20 trillion this year. The debt as a share of GDP is now double its historic rate, with every projection indicating it will grow even more rapidly in the next decade at least.

This study exposes the myths and dangers of deficit spending at these levels.

First, deficit spending is NOT stimulatory for the economy. We show in this study that the Keynesian model has broken down. Deficits are if anything economically contradictory in the short and long run. The 2008 fiscal stimulus plan with a price tag of \$830 billion created unemployment rates higher than we would have seen without the blizzard of borrowing, according to the Obama administration's own numbers.

Second, deficit spending is dangerous because borrowing could necessitate giant and anti-growth tax increases to bring the budget back into balance. We estimate that the highest income tax rate would have to rise to more than 80% and even taxes on the middle class would have to rise to more than 60%. Tax rates that high would have very negative effects on U.S. global competitiveness.

Third, the greatest danger of the debt is the U.S. government's exposure to an interest rate shock. If rates rise to their normal levels the debt would balloon to 200% of GDP—which we regard as a danger zone. The interest rate payments alone would become the single largest expenditure item in the federal budget—larger than Social Security, national defense, and Medicare. This could lead to a debt death spiral with higher taxes devoted away from public services like schools, roads, and courts and toward paying bond holders.

The danger of the high debt requires to policy priorities. One is to significantly increase economic growth. The growth rate of 1.5% to 2% that we had under Obama, if con-

tinued, will mean much higher debt burdens, but with sustainable 3% debt, the debt falls every year as a share of GDP. Second, we need spending restraints to lower the burden on future generations.

Over the last six years the U.S. national debt has skyrocketed from \$11 to \$18.6 trillion,¹ and now stands at close to 75% of U.S. GDP.² After world War II we had a federal debt this high, so we are not yet in a panic zone. But we are heading in the wrong direction and every American knows it instinctively. After World War II the debt burden steadily fell over time.

Now our debt burden is expected to escalate over the next two decades at least as baby boomers continue to move into partial and then full retirement. Boomers will eventually collect hundreds of billions and then over time trillions of dollars of benefits through the government's biggest two income transfer programs: Social Security and Medicare. The money will come from their children and grandchildren one way or another.

The Congressional Budget Office sees publicly-held debt rising to 77 percent of GDP by the year 2025³ and 107 percent of GDP by the year 2040.⁴ Almost every independent economist and financial analyst agrees that debt levels this high are dangerous and debilitating to America's economic superpower status.

In short, a grim fiscal destiny awaits us. But it is not inevitable. The course can be changed before the debt as a share of GDP hits more than 200% of GDP and approaching 300% of GDP with the average family of four owing close to \$500,000 in federal debt.

Economists disagree about whether there is a "debt cliff" at which point borrowing gets so high, a nation can't possibly pay its bills or doesn't have the political will to do it. At that point the nation will have to choose from an array of equally undesirable options: default, depreciate its currency, stifling tax increases, or suffer a deep recession with ever higher interest payments and lower standards of living. Greece is experiencing many of these choices now.

Some say the danger zone is about 100% of debt to GDP ratio, others say that the ration can go as high as 150% or 200% of GDP for a nation like the United States with a stable credit rating and a world reserve currency status. We confess that we don't know where the cliff is. But we don't believe, and in fact NO reasonable person does, that a debt to GDP ratio headed to 300% is anything but catastrophic.

The problem is that we all see the titanic headed to the iceberg, but no one in the political class is willing to do anything about it. The borrowing binge under Barack Obama's presidency has already been larger, adjusted for inflation, than the entire national debt accumulated from 1776–1990. This included a period that financed the Revolutionary War,

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the Civil War, World War I and II, the Great Depression, Vietnam, and the Cold War. This was large due to the financial crisis of 2008 and the deep recession that followed.

But conscious policy decisions under Presidents George W. Bush and Barack Obama during and in the aftermath of the financial crisis greatly added to the debt. These borrowing decisions were made intentionally, unnecessarily and as we now know, unproductively. Under Bush and Obama the deficit spending rose to more than \$1.5 trillion a year in 2009 and 2010. The feds were borrowing \$3 billion a day. A decade ago these levels of borrowing—the gap between spending and revenues—would have been unthinkable. Even in the seventh year of a recovery the deficits remain at near \$500 billion a year. We are expected to return to trillion dollar annual deficits in the next ten years.⁵

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Mr. Mueller's fishing hole

Talking Points:

What Happens When a Washington Post Reporter Writes from Outside the Bubble?

By Larry P. Horist

Many media critics—me included—often write about the corruption quality of the news media that exists within the incestuous New York City/Washington D.C. bubble. I often refer to it as a one-way glass which allows America to see in but allows those within the bubble only to see the narcissistic reflections of themselves.

It is also referred to as an echo chamber in which the media hears only the reaffirming echo of their own transmissions. They do not understand the rest of America because they do not or cannot hear our voices, our opinions and our beliefs. Because they do not understand the greater range of voices of the people, they arrogantly mischaracterize the rest of America as stupid, gullible and even evil.

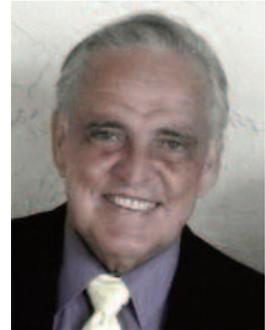
One cannot help but wonder what might happen if one of those reporters working for a bubble-encased publication were to leave the bubble—to find out first hand who all those “stupid, gullible and evil” people really are. We do not have to wonder any longer. One of the Big Seven elitist news outlets actually posted a reported in fly-over America.

The anti-Trump, anti-Republican and anti-conservative Washington Post has columnist David Von Drehle located beyond the oppression of the bubble where, as his column biography states, “he writes about national affairs and politics from his home base in the Midwest.”

Rather than paraphrase his recent column explaining those folks who remain supporters of the conservative Trump agenda as opposed to the same old big government liberalism embraced by most of the east coast media elite, I have chosen to reprint his writing in its entirety.

Von Drehle seems to understand the mindset of both Trump and the millions of Americans who value what he is doing in Washington. He seems to be free of the socio-political preconceptions and collective opinions of the NY/DC media class that anything to do with Trump is bad and anyone who thinks otherwise is equally bad. Von Drehle explains the flyover America mindset without the derisions and condescension that dominates the reporting from within the bubble—although the column does have a slight undercurrent suggesting that flyover America is being flim-flammed. Many in mid-America credit Trump with real accomplishments (largely ignored by the elitist media). They see positive potential in many of the pending actions (largely refuted by those #neverTrump news panelists). They see the nation finally moving in the right direction (totally rejected by the anti-Trump media). And, they believe the personality issues and scandals (which the media obsessively dwells upon) are not all that important in the big picture.

So, now for something completely different. Here is what Von Drehle recently penned—and before you Trump fans become too critical, remember this is coming from the *Washington Post*.



Many Democrats still wonder how folks in the Midwest can believe what they hear from Donald Trump. The answer: Often, they don't.

In Trump country, people have learned to take a wait-and-see approach to the president's extreme and categorical statements, and they keep the salt shaker handy when reading the tweets of @realDonaldTrump. They've noticed that the United States has not quit NATO; that NAFTA was not torn up on Day One (or any other day); that Jeff Sessions is still the attorney general; that North Korea has been visited with neither fire nor fury; that the government has not been eviscerated. In fact, spending is going up, up, up.

That Trump also causes blood pressures to spike on "Morning Joe" and CNN only adds to the amusement in the flyover states as Trump exaggerates, fulminates and blusters. My Midwest neighbors have figured out that these are the tools of a huckster salesman. And a lot of them like what the huckster is selling.

I believe this explains the low-key response so far to the threat of a trade war with China among the farmers who stand to lose the most. Tit-for-tat tariffs would be a disaster for American agriculture, which finds hungry markets in China. Yet on the prairie, the presidential salvos elite little more than arched eyebrows. "Potentially calamitous," said Missouri Farm Bureau President Blake Hurst of China's threat to retaliate by jacking up levies on soybeans, hogs and cattle. But the key word was "potentially." Hurst hastened to add: "It is important to remember that the actions announced by both China and the U.S. don't take effect immediately." There is still time for "a negotiated peace," he said, "one that can bring great benefits to our citizens, but one that is fraught with danger."

This distinction between the president's words and his deeds might seem to cut against the Midwestern mythos of straight-talking folks who say what they mean

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and mean what they say. But there is another kind of mythical Midwesterner, the sort that Meredith Wilson celebrated in “The Music Man,” whose flinty exteriors cloak a soft spot for the fast-talking flimflammers. Trump entertains them and, besides, they never really expected a marching band.

Trump’s overstated opening gambits create a lot of room for him to maneuver in search of his self-proclaimed victories. Perhaps you remember his big, beautiful wall, for instance, the transparent marvel covered with solar panels and paid for by Mexico. The other day he proclaimed the construction has begun—“we’ve started building the wall,” he tweeted—and offered as proof pictures from an ongoing fence-building project that began more than a decade ago. It’s called winning, in Trump’s vernacular: whoever names it, claims it.

There is every reason to believe that China will tweak its trade policies in some way or another before Trump’s threatened tariffs take effect, which will allow the president to claim credit without triggering a mercantile Armageddon. Beijing doesn’t want Trump to fail—not quickly, anyway. The disruptive mayhem at the top of the Western alliance plays nicely into China’s long game.

And it won’t take much to satisfy this president. He could net a minnow and declare himself captain of the whaling fleet.

But Trump is hardly the first leader to deploy hype as a political instrument. Woodrow Wilson did not make the world safe for democracy, nor did Herbert Hoover put a chicken in every pot. Or a more recent example: News that the current administration is easing Obama-era fuel efficiency targets for the auto industry recalled just how pie-in-the-sky those targets were. In 2012—not coincidentally an election year—the Obama White House posted a goal of 54.5 miles per gallon for the average array of cars and light trucks in 2025.

As it happened, when the rollback was made public, I had just finished driving a rented Toyota Prius 900 miles in California and Arizona, purchasing 20 gallons of gasoline along the way. I was impressed by the efficiency of the beautifully engineered marvel. Forty-five mpg! Did Barack Obama truly believe that the average new vehicle in 2025 will be 20 percent more fuel efficient than a Prius?

Probably not. More likely, Obama was signaling his ambitions, gesturing to his base and pointing the way to the electric-car future, all at the same time. Or exaggerating, fulminating and blustering, if you prefer. Sometimes overstatement is precisely what leadership requires. Call for 54.6, and maybe you get 40. That’s a win.

Seen through that lens, the difference between Trump and more conventional leaders boils down to style. For-



David Von Drehle—Outside the bubble

get finesse. He’s as subtle as an airhorn at an opera house; impulsive as a 4-year-old at the fair. **But nearly 15 months into his presidency, a significant portion of America is fine with that, and polls suggest that this portion is holding steady in size—maybe even growing.**

We should ponder Von Drehle’s last sentence (highlighted). The suggestion that Trump’s popularity just might be growing—and the latest polls give evidence of that—has deranged many of the media personalities and panelists who are hell-bent to destroy the Trump presidency and have him removed from office as soon as possible.

After spending almost two years in a full-blown effort to undermine any and all support Trump has among the public and within the Republican Party, the frustration has caused CNN, MSNBC and those ubiquitous “contributors” from the *New York Times* and *Washington Post* to take on a strident, crude and pugnacious name-calling and accusatory style that they so pompously and hypocritically deride in Trump.

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City and County Commissioners Taking Away Freedom of Speech

By Julie Harren Hamilton, Ph.D., LMFT
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In recent years, there has been a movement by LGBT activists to stop people from receiving professional help if they are seeking to change unwanted homosexual attractions, behaviors, or gender identity confusion. This movement started in California, with a statewide ban on anyone under the age of 18 receiving help from a licensed therapist for unwanted homosexual attractions or behaviors. Although the majority of states in our county have not passed such unconstitutional bans on free speech, there are nine states that have passed these bans, in addition to Washington, DC, and some cities and counties. In Florida, attempts to pass this type of ban have failed. Therefore, since the state rightly refuses to violate free speech, activists began soliciting city commissioners to pass bans in their municipalities. These activists have been successful in some cities, including West Palm Beach, Delray Beach, Boynton Beach, Lake Worth, Greenacres, Wellington, and Boca Raton, where it is now unlawful for minors to seek professional help for changing unwanted homosexual attractions, behaviors, or gender identity confusion. And now both Broward County and Palm Beach County have passed county-wide bans, even though it is the State of Florida that regulates the practice of psychotherapy and not cities or counties.

These bans are passed based on the myth that therapy aimed at changing homosexual attractions or behaviors is harmful. Unfortunately, however, city and county commissioners have failed to recognize the following facts:

1. These ordinances are extremely detrimental to so many individuals. Please consider the following examples. Under these ordinances:

a. Depressed teenagers are not able to get the professional help that THEY desire that aligns with their values, faith, and/or goals for their lives. This could lead to greater depression and even suicide,

b. Minors who have been exposed to gay pornography and, as a result, have homosexual images that are causing distress are not able to get help for alleviating such images and/or troubling fantasies. (Pornography exposure among children is greatly increasing, due to increased use of technology by children),

c. Children who have been sexually abused homosexually and begin acting out their abuse in adolescence, are not able to get help for changing their homosexual behavior if their goal is to diminish their homosexual desires (desires which in such cases have resulted directly from abuse),

d. Young children who are insecure in their gender identity are not able to get help for strengthening their self-concept to align with their biological sex. (Consider for example, a 6 year old girl whose mother died and who is being raised by her father and has two brothers. Having had only

male attachment figures, she lacks female bonding and is insecure in herself as a female. According to these ordinances, this girl would not be able to get professional help for addressing her gender identity to help her become more secure as a female. The only therapy that is permitted for her under these ordinances is to help her become a boy through hormones and surgery).

These bans actually says that it is ILLEGAL to help decrease or alleviate gender confusion through talk therapy, but it is LEGAL to support that child in becoming the opposite sex through puberty-suppressing hormones prior to puberty, then cross-sex hormones as a teenager, and then surgical removal of healthy body parts while still a teen or young adult. There is no research that has ever shown hormones and surgery to be a healthier alternative for a child than talk therapy to possibly resolve their confusion.

2. Professional therapy is VOLUNTARY. Teenagers cannot be forced into changing against their will. That is not only unethical, but also impossible. Therapists know that the client, not the therapist, sets the goals for therapy. Therapists work under the guideline that clients have the right to self-determination. Clients determine the path for their lives.

3. These ordinances are banning TALK therapy. These bans make it unlawful for therapists and clients to have CONVERSATIONS about change of attractions, behavior, or identity. Making it illegal for certain conversations to take place constitutes a violation of freedom of speech. Even if you do not like the idea of some teenagers not wanting to embrace a gay identity, everyone in America should be greatly concerned when lawmakers consider taking away freedom of speech. Citizens should also be concerned about lawmakers reaching into the therapy office to determine the direction clients should take with their lives.

4. Therapists do not use aversive techniques—they use TALK therapy. Counselors and therapists do not perform “shock treatments.” Only medical doctors in hospital settings still perform shock treatments, but only for specific conditions, such as depression, mania, etc., and NOT for unwanted homosexual attractions. Shock treatments are NOT performed by counselors and therapists. They simply TALK to their clients.

5. There is no research that has ever shown therapy aimed at helping with unwanted homosexual attractions or gender identity confusion to be harmful. According to the American Psychological Association, “There are no scientifically rigorous studies of recent SOCE (sexual orientation change efforts) that would enable us to make a definitive

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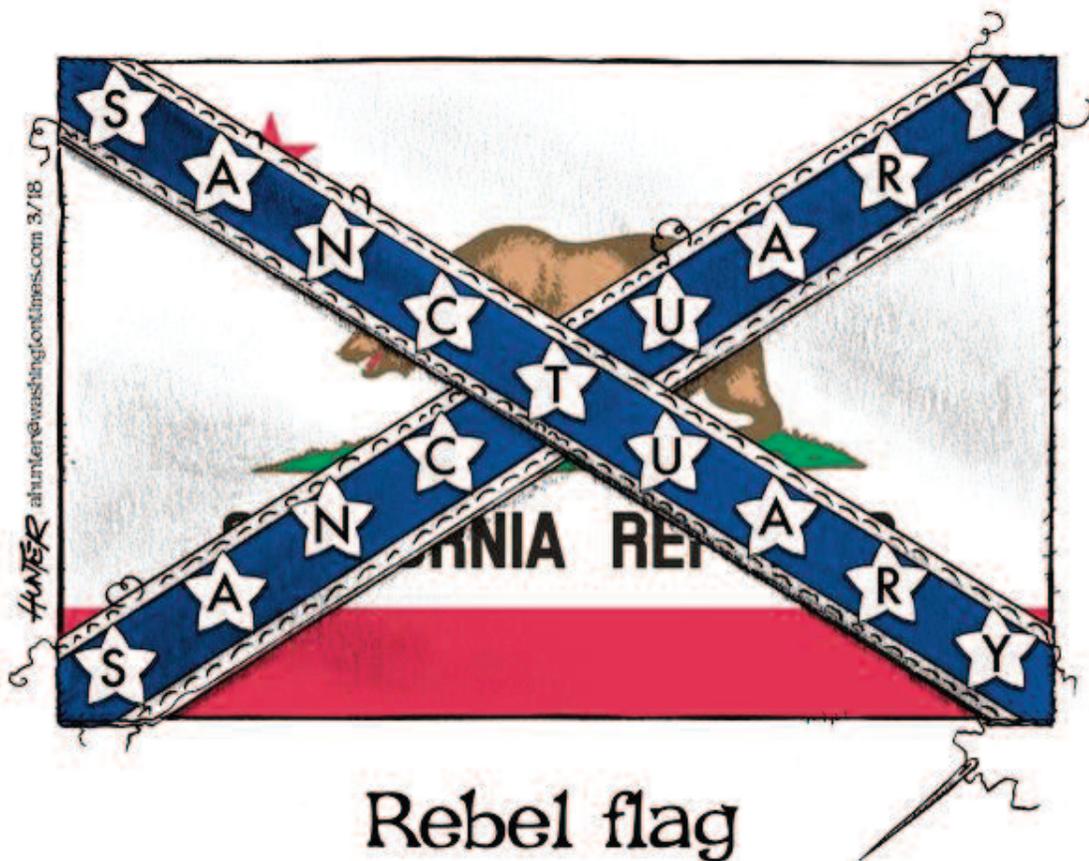
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statement about whether recent SOCE is safe or harmful and for whom.”

6. If a licensed therapist harms a client, there are already laws in place to protect such clients. Those therapists can be brought up on charges. These bans are not necessary to protect minors, who are already protected under state laws and ethical codes for therapists.

These bans are harmful at so many levels and are a violation of basic civil liberties. These bans also appear to be a stepping stone to taking away further civil liberties. In New York City, it is now unlawful for even adults to seek professional help for unwanted attractions. And in Califor-

nia, bills are being considered that would prohibit both minors and adults from receiving help from anyone, including licensed and unlicensed people. This would prohibit even members of the clergy from offering help to their parishioners who are seeking change in this area of their lives. One proposed bill in California would also prohibit conferences, ministries, and even books that offer help for changing unwanted homosexual attractions. As the scope of these bans increases, it seems apparent that they may not be as much about protecting children from alleged harm, as they are about viewpoint discrimination. They appear to be more of an attempt to silence the voices of those who do not want to adopt an LGBT label for themselves, as well as stopping those who offer to help them.



Their Propaganda Machine Is Deeply Rooted

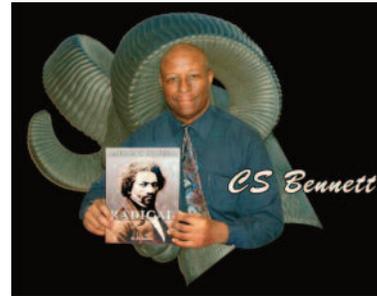
By CS Bennett

I have always warned those on our side that liberal and progressives plan for the long haul. They are patient and they are experts at implementing their agenda incrementally. They are adept at what they do, and are able to pull the wool over the eyes of many people, to include some Republicans, many who think they are joining a benevolent cause that sounds humane and sensible. All the while, they are being reeled in slowly, and what they had going on cerebrally is being replaced with something that is more heartfelt, but nevertheless, runs contrary to core values they once believed in. In effect, they are being passively indoctrinated.

Liberals/progressives are masters at reaching out to people on an emotional level. They operate under the radar of those who least suspect their nefarious and subtle ways. And they know that once they have you interacting with them on an emotional level, they have got you. But you will never know that you are being indoctrinated because their methods are disguised in a way meant to not set off alarm bells within you. Only an astute, knowledgeable, and observant individual will recognize the techniques when they are being used.

Sadly, if you tell that loved one, or dear friend, that they are being propagandized, they will look at you as though you just arrived from planet Mars. They will tell you that you are paranoid and overreacting. They will accuse you of seeing everything through the prism of politics. Yes, they will even mock and ridicule you. Their resistance to what you are attempting to alert them to is painful and emotionally draining since you are only looking out for their best interest. That your loved one would fall for another's ideological trap rather than trust your insight and judgment is frustrating, and problematic, no doubt.

It is by way of the media, Hollywood movies, and our indoctrination centers (once known as our educational system), that the left is having their greatest impact. Their globalist and anti-capitalist approach is deeply rooted within



our society and is having a profound impact within the minds of our children. They are being organized, directed and utilized, by powerful groups with an agenda. You can hear from our young people's own mouths how much the left has succeeded in brainwashing them. So, how do we confront this massive propaganda machine? We must fight back with the truth, and aggressively. And we must take back control of our schools.

I am hopeful when I see cities in California fighting back against the state's position on immigration. In the spirit of great American generals and admirals, such as George Washington, William Henry Harrison, Zachary Taylor, Ulysses S. Grant, Ernest King, Chester Nimitz, William Halsey, George S. Patton, and Dwight Eisenhower, we must lead the charge and defend our natural God given rights and our constitutional rights. Nothing less than victory will do. If we drop the ball in November, it is over. I say, let's fight! Let's stand up for America and let's stand up for what is right!

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News from the Republican Clubs of Palm Beach County

Peter Feaman on the Congressional Elections

Posted by Fred Scheibl on April 1, 2018

“Work like it’s up to us; Pray like it’s up to God!”

With this exhortation, **Peter Feaman** gave us his views of the upcoming midterm elections.

Peter is the Florida Committeeman on the Republican National Committee and a member of the Rules Committee that presides over the conduct of the national convention and primaries. The RNC is in great fundraising shape this year compared to the Democrats, he reports, and is 100% in lockstep with the President on his agenda.

“There has never been a better Republican President than Donald Trump in terms of policy,” he said. Losers like Bill Crystal who predicted that Trump was not a conservative have been proven wrong by his actions.

We are in the middle of a revolution or a civil war, though—the left has still not accepted the results of the election. Barack Obama had pulled the country so far off the Founder’s roots (and there is so much work to do), it is very important that we don’t lose the House in 2018.

The Democrats and the media would have you believe that they will win big, and seek to demoralize our voters and donors, but in fact, the DNC is in debt and has little in the bank while the RNC has raised over \$150M in the last year, \$12.8M this February alone. We have been building a targeting database since the 2012 election and now have over 3000 points of data on 200 million voters.

The Senate will be tough for the Democrats—Nelson (FL), McCaskill (MO), Donnelly (IA), Heitkamp (ND), Manchin (WV) and Baldwin (WI) are all incumbents in Trump Country and at risk. The GOP can likely pick up 5–6 seats—not 60 but close.

In the House, it could turn over if the Democrats win back 24 seats—not unusual historically, but there are 53 open seats and only 6 (3D and 3R) are tossups.

Regarding our own Brian Mast (FL18), lots of people are mad as hell over his troubling gun grabbing rhetoric, but we still need to support him. Yes, he is not with us 100% of the time, but a Democrat would be against us 100% of the time. Remember: **“Principle without Pragmatism is Suicide!”**

It is important to remember that regardless of the Congressional Preference polls, the “mood” polls favor Republicans as the President works to bring back Reagan’s “Shiny city on the Hill,” and the tax cuts will certainly help. But ultimately, keeping the House is up to us.



News from the Republican Federated Women of South Florida

On Thursday, March 29, the Republican Federated Women of South Florida hosted two exciting speakers. **Sid Dinerstein**, former Chair of the Palm Beach County Republican Party, spoke about his efforts at getting term limits enacted on the Palm Beach Gardens City Council, a process that has taken years and gone through several judicial proceedings. His message: Don’t be complacent and don’t give up.

Our second speaker, **Kirk Wolak**, gave an account of voter fraud that was quite unsettling to hear. He reported that the group with the highest percentage of voting is nursing home residents, as the Democrats are notorious for “assisting” the residents in filling out their ballots. He noted that voter fraud, while practiced by both parties, is more than twice as prevalent among Democrats than Republicans, and he described a number of ways in which voter fraud is perpetrated. It was a true eye-opener.

On Saturday, April 21, the Republican Federated Women of South Florida will be heading to the West Palm Beach

Veterans Administration Medical Center to host an Ice Cream/Bingo Social for the resident veterans of the Community Living Center. This is something we do two or three times a year, and it is always a rewarding experience to be able to give back to our veterans. Anyone interested in joining us for this event should contact Linda Johnson at ljayll@att.net.

Our next monthly meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 26, when we will hear from **Ed Gottlieb**, an expert on security and firearms. And on Thursday, May 17, we will welcome a very special guest, **KCarl Smith**, the author of *Frederick Douglass Republicans: The Movement to Re-Ignite America's Passion for Liberty*. Both meetings will be held at the Boca Country Club, with sign-in and social at 6:00 pm and meetings starting at 6:30. The cost is \$40 per person, which includes a buffet dinner. For information about the meetings or to RSVP, please contact Cheryl Mullings at 561-852-9520, cherylmullings@comcast.net.

News from the Republican Clubs of Palm Beach County

Judeo/Christian Republican Club Holds Meetings in March and April

March 13 Meeting

Last night was a great one for the Judeo/Christian Republican Club with another packed house hearing speakers that included **Michael Barnett**, who is the Chair of the Palm Beach Republican Party and also Vice-Chair of the Republican Party of Florida. He clued us in on his many visits to Mar-a-Lago to meet with the President and he also gave us information on the upcoming elections in November. Michael is a stalwart, energized and vibrant leader. We appreciate his support in getting our club off the ground. **Tami Donnally** followed Mike to urge us to support her in her run for Florida State Senate seat in District 31. She is a member of our club and will be a firm, conservative, law-and-order voice in Tallahassee. We must support her and not only get ourselves to the polls but encourage our neighbors to do so as well.

The keynote guest speaker was **Mike McAlister**, who is running to be Florida's Agriculture Commissioner. His background is sterling. He's a retired U.S. Army Colonel, businessman, farmer, university instructor and father. Here are some of his quotes from the past and present:

Of Obama he remarked: *"We're all tired of a President (Obama) standing on foreign soil, bowing down to Muslim kings and apologizing for who we are."* And of the muddled immigration system and the coddling of illegal aliens he stated: *"We need to let the world know that being in this country is a privilege and not a right. Americans have paid the ultimate price and just because you show up does not mean we owe you anything. If you want to be here, you have to be here legally—if you want to work here, you have to be in the tax system—if you want to live here, you have to be a contributor, not a taker. And if you want to be a citizen, we have a process that you need to follow and for me, please learn to speak English. . . ."*

In all, he'll get our votes for sure. But we have a job to do and that's to energize ourselves to work to support Mike, Tami and all the other Republican conservatives running in November. And that time is creeping up on us.

April 2 Meeting

Last night the Judeo/Christian Republican Club, in conjunction with the Polo Club Republicans, hosted **Congressman Ron DeSantis** and local radio personality **Joyce Kaufman**. And this was to an overflow, SRO audience who had the greatest time not only watching, listening to and loving this outstanding legislator, but getting to know more about the guy who has already thrown his hat into the ring for the Florida governorship.

There are challengers for that seat but to this point, Ron seems to be the only candidate interested in coming into the community and letting us get the feel as to what he stands for and what he can do for the state. Ron was captain of his Yale baseball team. He earned the Bronze Star in Iraq, where he was assigned as legal officer to a SEAL unit. His accomplishments in the House are enormous. He is not Jewish, nor does he have a large (if any) Jewish constituency, yet he has stood up fearlessly for Israel, having urged the incoming President Trump to move our embassy in Israel to Jerusalem. He is for a tight immigration policy. He is for strengthening our military. He is against funding of Planned Parenthood, he supports Trump's immigration policy, and all in all, he fits into our group's philosophy of what a true conservative should be.

Our next meeting will be on April 10th at 6PM at the South County Civic Center. Mark your calendars for another great meeting where you can sit back and enjoy the friendship and comfort zone of other conservatives. We also offer speakers to your homes in situations where you want neighbors to be informed about our group. Be advised that because of our growing membership and popularity in the community, our meetings are usually filled. We have been told by the County that when we have reached legal occupancy capacity, doors will be closed. We urge you to arrive early. Doors will be open at 5:15 PM. Members will get priority seating until 5:45 or until capacity has been reached. Please understand our circumstances. There will be a \$5 charge for non-members.

—Alan Bergstein, President

News from the Republican Clubs of Palm Beach County

Kings Point Republican Club Met on February 7

Our March 7th meeting was a big success. **Colonel Arthur DeRuve** led us in the Pledge of Allegiance, **Paul Koppleman** accompanied by **Fran Lemon** on the piano led us in the singing of our National Anthem, and **Bill Harnett** led us in a moment of silent prayer for the shooting victims at the Marjory Stoneham Douglas School in nearby Parkland.

Paul Spain, our congressional candidate in the adjoining 22nd Florida Congressional District and former 2016 candidate in our district, urged us to support **Derek Schwartz**, who is our current congressional candidate to unseat the Democrat incumbent. Derek outlined his platform and talked about guns. **Alan Bergstein**, president of The Judeo/Christian Republican Club, was our next speaker, who gave a spirited talk about threats to our American way of life fostered by leading Democrats. Alan also told us of his club's upcoming meeting. **Paula Prudente**, a member of the Palm Beach County Republican Executive Committee, asks us to support **Tami Donnally** in her quest for the District 31 State Senate seat that recently became vacant when the Democrat incumbent resigned. The election is coming up on Tuesday, April 10th, with early voting at the Hagen Ranch Library from March 31st until April 8th. Although Kings Point is in the 29th District, the 31st adjoins us and Tami deserves our support. **Dr. Howard Zipper**, president of the Polo Republican Club, and **Max Deutch**,

president of the Century Village Republican Club, told us about their upcoming club meetings.

Finally our featured speaker, **Alan Schlessinger**, gave a multifaceted talk about several issues, including how our national debt was now larger than the total value of our gross national product, our healthcare debacle and how fraud is a threat to our Medicaid, Medicare and Social Security programs. Alan, who is a *cum laude* graduate of the Wharton Business School, gave great suggestions to fix the programs that he characterized as classic ponzi schemes. All the speakers took great questions and comments from the audience.

Peter Cavanagh, our webmaster, conducted the raffle for the \$25.00 gift card that was won by **David Kaplan**, who graciously donated the card back to the club, and **Toby Schneider** won a great book about Israel. A good time was had by all.

We hope to see you all at our next meeting on Wednesday, April 4th at 7pm in the "Social Room" of the Main Clubhouse near the East End Café. Don't forget, everyone will have a free chance to win a \$25 Publix gift card. We don't charge dues and there is no admission charge. We do accept donations. Please remember that we meet the first Wednesday of every month.

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To the Editor

Dear Mr. Mullings:

A few sincere thoughts from the heart from a dedicated Republican, concerning the upcoming elections and the near future.

I am very concerned about what I see as apathy within my party. The MOD of the opposition liberal Democrats has become very clear to me: Hijack the minds of the weakest, most vulnerable, most traumatized groups in order to position themselves as the “heroes,” and conversely Republicans as the “villians,” in order to insure millions of guaranteed future Democratic votes. Back in the day, marketers referred to this as “positioning”; nowadays it's called “spin.” It has everything to do with perception, little or nothing to do with fact. And if we don't begin to effectively counter-spin very soon, we will be in big trouble.

I am referring to the millions of future voters in the form of DACA kids, NRA opponents, immigrants, the Parkland protesters, and so forth—all of whom have become virtual liberal zombies as a result of the relentless media brainwashing blitz from all directions. I see this as coming right out of the ages-old scapegoat game plan used by corrupt power-seekers throughout history, like Hitler against the Jews, by McCarthy against “Reds,” by racists against blacks, and now by Democrats against the NRA and Republicans. As history has proven, this strategy can be very effective if not countered. I am very concerned that these seeds they are planting today will bear bitter fruit for the Republican Party in a few short years.

I think we Republicans need to be VERY proactive in publicizing our story before it's too late, not after. I understand this might be a challenge, since the mainstream media has already been turned into what I think of as “Pravda for Democrats.” But we do need to fight fire with fire. We need to raise funds to hire a very good PR firm to AGGRESSIVELY churn out press releases, news conferences, counter demonstrations, and so forth. Otherwise, we will be in big trouble come the mid-terms as well as for years to come when the seeds planted today bear fruit tomorrow.

—Barry Godofsky
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To the Editor:

About one year ago, I gave a talk at the Tamarac Hadasah in which I warned that Hamas would resort to a major PR campaign to portray Israel as an oppressive regime eagerly waiting for an excuse to kill Palestinians. Further, I opined that the Hamas leaders, aided and abetted by Iran, would find ways to win support from the left-leaning Western media outlets in the Middle East, and that the favorite method would be to have video of the Israeli military firing on Palestinian civilians. Hamas is willing to use those civilians as pawns.

This tactic will be used because the Hamas militants know that they are no match for the IDF, and therefore, their best chances would come from winning public sympathy in the Western democracies. I suggested in my talk that Iran's sophisticated media agents would handle the graphics. It's all part of Iran's goal of surpassing Saudi Arabia as the leading anti-Israel Muslim power in the Islamic world. In the case of Hamas, its goal is to outstrip Fatah as the leader of the Palestinian resistance to Israel. In essence, it's a power struggle among anti-Western Islamists, and Israel is their immediate target.

It looks as if John Bolton and Mike Pompeo are arriving just in time.

—Dr. Tony di Perna

To the Editor:

Most teachers are overpaid judging from the results—the lack of learning of so many students. But if we could pay on merit there would be a serious improvement of teacher competence and we'd finally be rid of the incompetents. And if we had school choice the better teachers would be very well-paid, indeed.

Also, given the time spent on the job they're up there on an hourly basis with a lot of us who make much more but work much harder and much longer hours.

It would be nice to have an honest candidate for governor. Like Ron DeSantis, for instance.

—George Blumel

Book Review

***America's Real War*, by Rabbi Daniel Lapin. Sisters, OR: Multnomah Publishers, Inc., 1999. Hardcover, 362 pp.**

Daniel Lapin, the author of *America's Real War*, is an Orthodox rabbi, businessman, author, syndicated talk show host, and speaker. His book was published over 20 years ago, but is even more needed today than it was then. As simply stated on the cover, his book is really an appeal to all of us here in America that “Judeo-Christian values are vital for our nation’s survival” and are under assault by the left.

At first glance, it seems most unusual indeed that an Orthodox rabbi would come to the defense of Christians, so why don’t we let him explain himself: “I profess no special expertise of the books known as the New Testament. Being infatuated with Judaism and the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, I dedicate my study time to expanding my familiarity with Jewish theology. In the midst of a lifelong love affair with the searing truth of the Torah, I reject any notion of theological compatibility between Judaism and Christianity. I do not believe a Jew can also be a Christian without betraying his Judaism. On faith, Judaism, has produced the longest-lasting, continuous culture in the history of the world, while the other, Christianity, has been responsible, among other things, for the founding of America, the greatest civilization the world has ever known, and FOR MAKING AMERICA GREAT [emphasis mine]. This book will describe how a weakened Christianity in America threatens all Americans including Jews.”

As the Rabbi points out, it is interesting to note that while Judeo-Christian values in general, and Christianity in particular, are under assault in America, Judaism is not. The reason, of course, is obvious. Jewish Americans overwhelmingly vote for the Democrats in elections, so that voting bloc’s religious beliefs must not be disturbed.

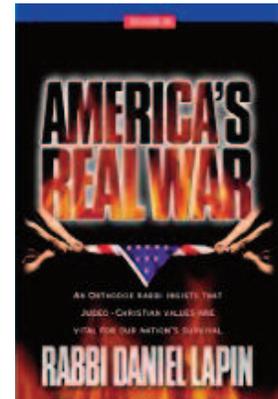
The author identifies a period of time in America when the assault on Judeo-Christian values began, and I couldn’t agree more. The ’60s he believes is when things really started to change and it has continued to slowly do so ever since. Some of the causes of that turbulent period in our history were begun with good intentions, such as the desire to eliminate poverty, but “in trying to eliminate material poverty, we’ve impoverished ourselves spiritually.”

Madalyn Murray O’Hair’s victory at the Supreme Court in 1962 to remove prayer from our nation’s public schools

represents one of the earlier assaults, and Rabbi Lapin points out something about O’Hair that I did not know. She “harbored maniacal hatred for this country and had tried desperately to emigrate from here to the Soviet Union.” Listen to what her son later said about how his mother reacted upon hearing that he had participated in the morning prayer at his public school when he was young:

“You stupid fool,” she said, slapping me hard across the face. “Listen, kid, the United States of America is nothing more than a fascist slave labor camp run by a handful of Jew bankers in New York City. They trick you into believing you’re free. . . . Just because we can run around the street free doesn’t mean we are really free. The only true freedom can be achieved through the new socialist man—an entire race that lives for the state. Russia is close, but not close enough or they would have let us in.”

I’ve long believed that the ’60s were the beginning of many of our country’s disturbing trends that we see today, and that we, at least those of us on the political right, have been trying to pick up the pieces ever since. A couple of years ago, I wrote about it in a piece for this newsletter entitled “Mugged By the ’60s.” Rabbi Daniel Lapin shares this view, and at the heart of these disturbing trends is a steady assault on our nation’s Judeo-Christian values. *America's Real War* is well worth reading in my judgment, and I think it’s fitting to close this review with a warning of his from the final pages of his book that is just as applicable today as it was 20 years ago when he wrote it: “Living in the real world as we do, does not allow us the luxury of making perfect choices. Sometimes we must pick the least bad alternative. Christians, Jews, and all others need to recognize the peril America faces and work together, despite the differences that separate us. We may differ on theology but we do not differ on the basic decencies that flow from Judeo-Christian thought—and which make it possible for different people to live together.”



—Tom Mullings

Book Review

***Injustice: Exposing the Radical Agenda of the
Obama Justice Department***
By J. Christian Adams

This book was published in 2011. If you had read it back then you might have been motivated to be more active in the 2012 presidential election. Obama and his impeached Attorney General Eric Holder are now out of office. In 2018, the Department of Justice (DoJ) still contains some deep state holdover staff who are slowing down the takeover by Donald Trump and his Attorney General Jeff Sessions. Reading it now will give you some idea of the very serious problems still facing the DoJ.

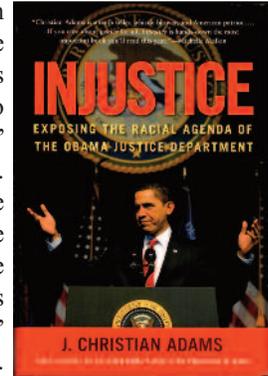
Adams is known to many Palm Beach County Republicans since 2012, when he was invited to speak to the Central Republican Club about his book. Adams also represented True-the-Vote in its case to count the vote in Allen West's congressional election in 2012. Adams was earlier known in Lake Park, Florida in Palm Beach County, since March 31, 2009, when the DoJ filed a complaint concerning voting discrimination in the city commissioners' elections. The case was settled October 26, 2009, when the City Commission agreed it should change from the at-large method of electing the Commission that had the effect of diluting black voting strength in violation of Section 2 of the Voting Rights Act, 42 U.S.C. §1973. Adams was one of the DoJ trial attorneys on the ground in the case.

The 291-page book contains an Introduction, eight chapters, notes and index. As you begin the book you will observe that each sentence is action packed with startling assertions. Soon you find that Eric Holder and his specially chosen helpers were really bad actors and very methodical trouble makers between the races in the country. How could it be so bad, you will think. Just read on for the facts.

In the Introduction—"As this book will show, the Civil Rights Division can best be described as a soap opera, within a cabal, surrounded by a racist culture of dysfunction" (p. 4). "The assault on American business is damaging enough, but it is within the Voting Section of the Civil Rights Division that the far-left racist mindset most affects American political life." During Adams' more than five years at the DoJ, he wrote, ". . . I saw from the inside how an agency that already employed a good number of leftist zealots quickly descended during the Obama administration into outright racial demagoguery" (p. 7). "The end result when racial extremists dominate such a powerful division of federal law enforcement is, in a word, lawlessness" (p. 12).

In Chapter One, Noxubee County, Mississippi, is described as being 70 percent black when the book was published, but earlier it was 83 percent black when some of the black dominance "payback" was started against the

whites. In contrast, the people in the civil rights Selma March were motivated by eradicating laws that denied blacks the right to vote, "equality, not vengeance." That attitude changed in 2003. Located near the northeast state border, in 2003 Ike Brown came to Noxubee County. "In due course, his racist jeremiads found a receptive audience." "Throughout the county, Dr. King's dream of Christian love, equality, and integration gave way to a malicious campaign to exert racial payback" (p. 21).



As a result of Brown's many oppressive activities in the August 2003 Democrat primary, including the election of Albert Walker as sheriff by making sure that 103 of the 110 poll workers were black, when the Mississippi Democrat Party challenged the lopsided staff, Brown told them, "We hire who we want to" (p. 28).

In Chapter Two, Brown's election tactics are explained in detail, and readers will see that some of the techniques have been used in Florida elections, if you are giving attention to voter fraud here in Florida. Adams explains how from 1965 to 2003, the DoJ had to be called in to Noxubee County to run the election process because of the unlawful election tactics. After the 2003 primary election Senator Thad Cochran sent a letter to the DoJ about the corruption that occurred. Nearly all DoJ attorneys ignored the letter except Chris Coates, then a Special Litigation Counsel, who proposed DoJ send monitors to the next election. This idea was almost beaten down by Joe Rich and Chris Herren until Hans von Spakovsky and Bradley Scholzman, their superiors, intervened and the DoJ, for the first time, sent monitors to Mississippi to make sure white voters could vote.

Adams writes that AG Eric Holder would call the final decision a "politicization" of the situation (p. 49). As a result of monitoring the run-off election, DoJ observers saw enough to open an investigation. After the case was started, Adams came in to assist. Adams details the resistance from DoJ lawyers who did not want to sue blacks.

When DoJ signed off on filing a complaint against Brown in February 2005, the Bush Administration had hired several attorneys dedicated to race neutral law enforcement. But that did not stop an aggressive group of attorneys from prying for information from the trial team.

The trial in *United States v. Brown*, Case No. 4:05-cv-33, heard 41 witnesses for the United States and twelve for the defendants. When the trial was over, the local NAACP

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held a “pre-victory celebration” party for the defendants’ lawyer, who asked the court for \$179,000 in legal fees, even though during the case he said he was working for free. Judge Tom Lee ruled on June 29, 2007 that Ike Brown was liable for violating Section 2 of the Voting Rights Act. Adams wrote: “The opinion, one of the most comprehensive descriptions of the mechanics of vote fraud ever published, should be required reading by students of politics, law, and constitutional government” (p. 81). [This order is over 100 pages. Contact the author if you want to read this. The Court Docket has 299 docket entries, the last being November 22, 2011, a Notice by the United States that the consent decree entered into remains in effect until December 31, 2012. During the time from the initial District Court ruling, the court ordered annual payments to referees for conducting and supervising elections in the County.]

Chapter Three is about Personnel Is Policy. In this part, Adams covers such activities as the Obama attacks on individuals in the DoJ Voting Division, including John Tanner and Han von Spakovsky. He details how Clinton packed the

DoJ with leftwing activists before Bush was elected, using William Yoemans to do a hiring blitz right up until Bush took office. Readers can find details about who is part of the swamp here. Maybe you will want to raise some names to a higher public visibility level. You will need to get the book to do that.

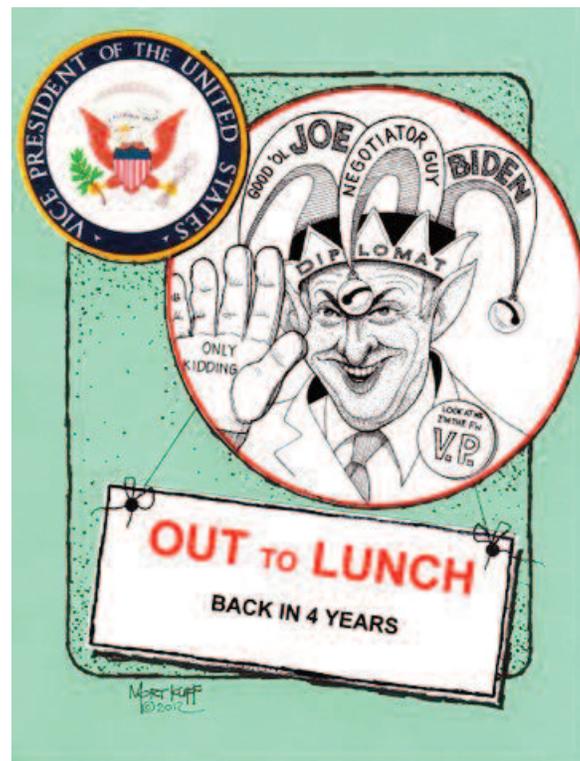
Chapter Four details the Black Panther Party anti-white voting intimidation case in Philadelphia that Adams was required to dismiss after the defendants had allowed a default judgment to be entered. There are some colored photographs of events describe here. You will need to get this book to completely understand how big the swamp is in the DoJ. Remember there are eight chapters.

If you think the Trump Administration and Jeff Sessions are having trouble with the deep state DoJ employees today in 2018, you will want to read this book and remind political leaders with integrity and guts about the people who brought us to this place.

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—Reviewed by William J. Skinner

Mort's Meanderings



Editor’s Postscript

BOLTon Out of the Blue

By Tom Mullings

Finally, the president arrived at the right choice! I’ve long felt that he would, sooner or later and I’m not alone in feeling that way. All across the fruited plains conservative Republicans are smiling. And why shouldn’t they be? Beginning this month, John Bolton will be Mr. Trump’s senior National Security Advisor (NSA), an appointment long overdue, despite predictable warnings of doom and gloom coming from the left. His predecessor in the job, General H.R. McMaster, had run afoul of many conservatives with his unshakable support of Obama’s nuclear deal with the ayatollas of Iran. The former Ambassador has been steadfastly opposed to the deal, and with “the president facing [an upcoming] May 12 congressional deadline for recertifying that Iran is complying with the nuclear deal that has given Tehran relief from international economic sanctions in return for limits and inspections on its nuclear program,” his appointment should signal a tougher line to come from the Administration.

I certainly hope so. The president, like Mr. Bolton, has been highly critical of what has been referred to as the signature foreign policy initiative of Barack Obama’s presidency, and has often called it “the worst [international] deal the United States has ever made.”

The change in Mr. Trump’s top national security post comes at a very important time with other potentially momentous events scheduled in the near future, signaling a hardening of administration positions in other areas as well. The president is reportedly going to meet with North

Korean leader, Kim Jong-un, in May in a high-level attempt at denuclearizing the entire Korean peninsula, and Ambassador Bolton’s hardline views on this subject are much more in keeping with the president’s than were those of Gen McMaster, so it makes sense that the change would occur at this time.



Conservatives were also furious at the General for his 2017 decision “to extend a security clearance for Susan Rice, Obama’s NSA, who was accused of mishandling classified information involving Trump campaign officials.”

An additional indication of a change of course to a harder line in the Administration foreign policy, can be seen in the replacement of Secretary of State Rex Tillerson, another status quo supporter of the Iran deal, with hawkish, CIA Director Mike Pompeo.

“GOP hawks” love Mr. Bolton and I’m one of them, so bravo, Mr. President! As all of us who support you know, you don’t always say the right thing, but, eventually you almost always do the right thing as you just did by walking back your ill-advised comments to “withdraw our troops from Syria.” But no senior appointment in your first year

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in office more exemplifies your uncanny ability to eventually find the right people for the job and do the right thing for the country than your decision to bring John Bolton into your inner circle in this most challenging of times.

I'm tired of American presidents talking tough with regard to Iran and North Korea, but doing nothing. Of these two rogue states, Mr. Bolton has said repeatedly that "the declared policy of the United States of America should be the overthrow of the mullahs' regime in Tehran," and that "Washington should seriously weigh a pre-emptive military strike against North Korean nuclear facilities." His appointment as Senior National Security Advisor signals, to this observer at least, that not only are those two last-resort options on the table, but that they will in fact be used if all else fails to stop the mad Mullahs's and the Really Great Dear Leader's reckless attempts to threaten us and our allies with nuclear weapons.

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Mort's Meanderings . . .

Hold it !!



We attended an event at Mar-a-Lago on March 6, 2011 at which Donald Trump came off the golf course to greet and briefly address the audience. As he completed his address and left the podium, I made my way into the aisle with my camera. As he approached, I was backing up and trying to focus at the same time. I suddenly realized that I'd never be able to get the shot I wanted, so, I said in a fairly loud voice, "Hey Sir, would you just 'hold it' a second?" He stopped in his tracks, gave me his big grin. I took this shot, said, "Thank you, Sir" and then quickly stepped out of the way.

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The Republican Party of Palm Beach County is committed to promoting Republican ideals and principles; recruiting and electing qualified candidates for public office; developing a grassroots organization that will motivate the electorate to vote; and raising the funds necessary to complete these objectives.

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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.
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.

Name: _____

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;
Alt. Precinct Committeeman, Alt. Precinct Committeewoman)**

Address, as it appears on voter registration

Email

City, State, Zip

Phone Number

**CANDIDATE OATH -
PRECINCT COMMITTEEMEN AND
COMMITTEEWOMEN**

OFFICE USE ONLY

OATH OF CANDIDATE (Section 99.021, Florida Statutes)

I, _____
(PLEASE PRINT NAME AS YOU WISH IT TO APPEAR ON THE BALLOT * -- NAME MAY NOT BE CHANGED AFTER THE END OF QUALIFYING)

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 | |
| Address | City | State | ZIP Code |

STATE OF FLORIDA
COUNTY OF _____

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

Personally Known: _____ or

Produced Identification: _____

Type of Identification Produced:

Signature of Notary Public
Print, Type, or Stamp Commissioned Name of Notary Public
