



## Newsletter of the Republican Party of Palm Beach County—June 2019

### The Mueller Report

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**P**hew! I did it. And now you, my readers, can say that you actually know someone who read the Mueller Report. From cover to cover. Including a number of footnotes. What inspired me? It's not that I thought I would learn many new tidbits. It's that I thought for those of us who write and speak, original texts have much value. And it does. Was it painful? Less than I expected. After all, 450 pages of legalese can be a trial for anyone. But throw in large amounts of boilerplate prose in both the beginning and the end, add a glossary, consider the newsworthiness and the pain is minimized. (Last year I read the 35-page Steele Dossier.) The Mueller Report is structured into two major volumes followed by one much shorter but captivating Q & A with President Trump.

Volume I was the Russian Collusion. The Mueller team paid excruciating attention to detail. Every time a Trump campaign person communicated with any Russian a giant magnifying glass came out. One could argue that Jeff Sessions shouldn't be in the same room as the Russian Ambassador or that Donald Trump, Jr. should never let any Russian into a Trump Tower meeting. Or that planning to build a Trump Moscow hotel while running for president is not the best optics. But one can't argue that we were watching the launching of the Manchurian Candidate. When you step back the idea seems silly from the get go. The Mueller team realized this so early that they stopped the fourth three-month renewal application for another Carter Page FISA Warrant. (I wish they would have told everyone.)

Volume II was about Obstruction, specifically President Trump's actions that might be viewed as attempts to derail the whole Mueller project. Some of us might suggest that if the Russian Collusion narrative was falling apart Mueller would have informed President Trump at the time (say, over a year ago) and relieve the serious frustration President

Trump was feeling and exhibiting. Not so. President Trump is left to twist in the wind and the Independent Prosecutor concludes that the issue of Obstruction is neither Yes nor No, knowingly giving the Democrats a weapon to go after the President with. In the report, actions that Democrats might consider Obstruction were shot down by Mueller's argument that if nothing derailed the investigation then Obstruction didn't occur, regardless of intent. The cited quote for this argument came from Presidential Advisor Steve Bannon who told President Trump: "You can fire Comey but you can't fire the FBI." For those of us on the Right, know that the Dossier is nonexistent in the Muller Report. In other words, while President Trump thought he was the victim of a "witch hunt" based on the poisoned fruit of a poisoned tree, the Mueller team kept plowing forward.

I shared the President's frustration before and during my reading of the Mueller Report. Something just wasn't right. And then, there it was. At Kindle location 10543, or 78% of the way through, I found my "Aha" moment. The section is entitled: "The presumed innocence and independence of the uncompromised prosecutors." Paragraph 3b of that section states, in obvious boilerplate language: "There is also no reason to believe that investigations, let alone prosecutions, would occur except in highly unusual circumstances when a credible factual basis exists to believe that obstruction occurred. Prosecutorial action presumes an assumption of regularity: Absent clear evidence to the contrary, courts presume that [prosecutors] have properly discharged their official duties." Section 3b continues: "[This] would provide even greater protection to the President . . . given . . . that such matters will be subject to thorough and careful review at the most senior levels of the Department of Justice."



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There it is. There’s nothing for anyone to worry about because the prosecutors and the Justice Department senior managers have the President’s back. Really? Does that include Rosenstein, a Carter Page FISA Warrant signer, or Eric Holder, the originator of the Trump Campaign surveillance, or Loretta Lynch, Bill Clinton’s tarmac buddy. Or the Strzok/Page investigation team, creators of the “insurance policy”? And how about the Mueller Team? Virtually every lawyer on that team voted for Hilary. Not one “came out” as a Trump supporter. And Weissman, Mueller’s lead prosecutor, spent Election Night 2016 at Hillary’s “Victory” party. Indeed, by the time the Mueller Report was released, a sizable chunk of the electorate felt that President Trump was dealing with a stacked deck. Not a single Mueller insider was arguing the President’s case.

Here we are two months after the release of the Mueller Report. Nothing has changed. The Democrats keep shouting

the “I” word (for Impeachment) and the Republicans have countered with their own “I” word (for Investigations). We’re going to have an election in November, 2020. And as Sonny and Cher once sang: “The beat goes on.”

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## “The Backhoe Chronicles”

*By Peter Feaman  
Florida National Committeeman*

### Hell Freezes Over . . .

JUNE 6—CNN commentator Jim Acosta and MSNBC commentator Joe Scarborough both praised President Trump’s speech at Normandy, France, commemorating the 75th anniversary of the D-Day invasion. . . .

Scarborough compared Trump’s remarks to former President Reagan’s well-received speech commemorating the 40th anniversary of the Normandy invasion.

Trump’s speech “measured up to the moment and really was a true salute to the unity of this day,” co-host Mika Brzezinski, another frequent critic and Trump target, added.

Scarborough was not the only media figure who has frequent clashed with the president to offer praise for the speech Thursday morning.

CNN’s Jim Acosta said Trump “stayed on-script, stayed on-message and I think rose to the moment.”

Wow . . . man bites dog!

### Second Update from the RNC Spring Training Meeting in Washington, D.C.

MAY 31—If small donor contributions are any indication of grassroots support concerning Republicans vs. Democrats, take a look at these numbers:

The RNC this year has raised a record \$61.8 million, with most of it coming from donations of \$75 or less.

Let that sink in.

Let’s compare the financial numbers of the RNC vs. the DNC:

Cash on Hand:

RNC—\$34.7 million;

DNC—\$7.6 million

Debt:

RNC—\$0

DNC—\$6.5 million

If you want to know how the Democrats would handle the economy if they were in charge, just take a look at those numbers above. If they run the country like they run their party. . . ???

Please tell your independent-minded friends to vote Republican!

### Update on the RNC Spring Training Meeting from Washington, D.C.

MAY 29—Today was a very informative day here at the Mayflower Hotel, as we heard from RNC Chair Ronna McDaniel, Trump Re-Election Campaign Political Director

Chris Carr and numerous others. . . .

Some of the hot topics discussed:

- Ballot harvesting—Many of you are aware that California passed a law legalizing what is called “ballot harvesting.” This is the practice of paying someone to



hand out ballots, collect them and bring them to the polling station. This is illegal in most states but Democrat legislatures in other states are now trying to pass their own version of this procedure.

The RNC supports many lawsuits in federal court that are challenging this new procedure. But this takes time, so in the states where some form of ballot harvesting is legal, the RNC is also funding an effort to accomplish ballot harvesting amongst likely REPUBLICAN voters. Two can play that game.

- Voter fraud—There is also increased funding for "election day operations" which focuses on poll workers and poll watchers in an effort to stop election fraud. Before this election cycle, the RNC was prevented from being involved in election day operations as a result of a “Consent Decree” entered by a federal judge back in the 1980s. That Decree has now ended.

This is only the tip of the iceberg. I will share more in my next post.

### Black Robe Tyranny . . .

MAY 23—I have been a courtroom lawyer for 40 years and I still get very frustrated and admit I don’t completely understand how ONE federal judge, say in Hawaii, can enter a NATIONWIDE injunction against an executive order signed by the President of the United States. . . .

Call it the power of one. Individual federal judges across the country have been issuing nationwide injunctions against the Trump administration in record numbers, blocking a range of executive policies from being enforced.

But here is the good news: The Trump administration is fighting back.

“These nationwide injunctions have frustrated presidential policy for most of the President’s term with no clear end in sight,” Attorney General William Barr said in a speech this week. “One judge can, in effect, cancel the policy with the stroke of the pen.”

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Good point, Mr. Attorney General. Whatever happened to the concept of thee co-equal branches of government?

Barr and Vice President Pence have been leading an effort to highlight what they say is a federal court system out of control. The administration makes the point nationwide injunctions have occurred more during this presidency THAN ALL OTHERS COMBINED!

“We believe that needs to change,” Pence said on “Fox News @ Night” last week. “We believe that’s really a distortion of the separation of powers and the balance of powers in our Constitution. And so we’re going to be looking for a case to take the issue of national injunctions all the way to the Supreme Court.”

In President Trump’s first year alone, federal judges issued 20 nationwide injunctions—the current number is more than three dozen—on a range of hot-button issues—especially immigration:

- Rescinding grant money to sanctuary cities.
- Ending the so called “dreamers” program for young undocumented aliens.
- Travel ban on certain Muslim majority countries—a policy ultimately upheld by the Supreme Court last year.
- Restrictions on transgender people joining the military
- A planned citizenship question on the 2020 census
- Several abortion and reproductive health policies, including administration efforts to suspend federal funding for family planning clinics that refer patients to abortion providers.

The ACLU is among the most active of advocacy groups requesting judges issue nationwide injunctions, and it has been mostly successful.

But the White House is pushing back, looking for the right case to present to the Supreme Court.

“I suspect the Supreme Court is going to weigh in at some point on this just because nationwide injunctions are being increasingly prevalent in recent years,” said Thomas Dupree, a former Bush principal deputy assistant attorney general. “And there’s a lot of unsettled law in this area about how far as a single district court’s power projects. Can a single judge apply his or her ruling across the nation? Different courts give different answers to that.”

The administration thinks it ultimately has a winning hand since Trump’s two justices—Neil Gorsuch and Brett Kavanaugh—now create solid conservative majority.

And Justice Clarence Thomas in particular is eager to address it.

“Universal injunctions are legally and historically dubious,” he wrote last June in the Trump travel ban case. “If federal courts continue to issue them, this Court is duty-bound to adjudicate their authority to do so.”

Kudos to the Trump Administration and their efforts to rein in black robe tyranny.

## Greetings from Sarasota

May 18—Greetings from Sarasota, Florida where the Republican Party of Florida is holding its Quarterly Board Meeting.

Chairman Joe Gruters and the RPOF staff are putting on a very good and productive meeting. We are learning all kinds of things to help Mr. Trump achieve victory in November, 2020. This information and training will then be shared throughout the state as the election draws near.

Florida Attorney General Ashley Moody dropped by yesterday to say “thank you” to us for helping her get elected, as well as a host of other elected officials.

This weekend I announced my intent to run for re-election as Florida’s National Committeeman. The election will be held on January 10, 2020 (less than eight months away) at the Annual Meeting of the Republican Party of Florida.

## The Deep State Should Be Nervous

MAY 15—The deep state should be nervous, very nervous.

Yesterday, Attorney General William Barr appointed the U.S. Attorney for the District of Connecticut, John Durham, to examine the origins of the Russia investigation and determine if intelligence collection efforts targeting the Trump campaign were “lawful and appropriate.”

Why is this so stunningly important?

Ever since the whole “Russian collusion” investigation started, Trump defenders have been saying the whole thing was a “set up,” first to derail the Trump campaign for President and then to undermine his presidency or even destroy it, all paid for by the Clinton campaign, using the highest members of the Obama Administration in the CIA, FBI, the Attorney General’s office and other “deep state” actors.

If true, this is political corruption unprecedented in American history.

And the appointment of Mr. Durham in particular, to investigate this corruption, sends a very direct message—Durham specializes investigating corruption at the FBI!

Durham previously has investigated law enforcement corruption, the destruction of CIA videotapes, and his most important prosecution: the corruption of the Boston FBI office concerning its unholy relationship with mobsters.

There is a parallel here.

The deep state should be nervous, very nervous.

Stay tuned.

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## Time To Limit Frankel's Career of Reckless Spending

By George Blumel

Frankel was in the Florida House of Representatives for fourteen years (1986–1992 and 1994–2002) when the legislative term limits amendment—which she opposed—took effect and she could not run again. She was Mayor of W. Palm Beach (2003–2011), leaving office due to term limits but not without a fight. She tried to upend the voter-approved 8-year term limit. First, she called for a charter review commission stacked with political cronies. Everyone, including the *Palm Beach Post*, saw through this, and due to public outcry she pulled the plug on her charter, but followed with other failed attempts to avoid the term limit law.

Then she was elected to Congress in 2012. We're working on term limits there but she opposes the effort and has not cosponsored the term limits amendment bill introduced by Rep. Francis Rooney (R-FL). So near term we'll take the direct approach by challenging her reelection with a serious candidate in 2020.

If you're familiar with my blog, [Poster Children for Term Limits](#), you know where this is going. For over 40 years my family has been actively supporting term limits efforts on all levels of elected office. My son Philip and I and many volunteers gathered the 60,000+ petitions to put the initiative to limit the terms of our County Commission on the ballot; it passed by 70%. Fellow REC member Bill Gorman was our champion petitioner with over 1,000 signatures. Phil is currently president of [U.S. Term Limits](#).

Frankel's opposition to term limits is of a piece with her general aggrandizement of government at the expense of the citizenry.

In January 2013, Lois Frankel was listed as a new member of the openly socialistic [Congressional Progressive Caucus](#) founded in 1991 by Bernie Sanders. In 2018 she was joined by a batch of freshmen as the Democrat Party lurched further to the left, including Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez, Rashida Tlaib, Ilhan Omar and a couple dozen others. It currently lists 98 members.

I like to paraphrase St. Matthew by saying that it is "by their votes ye shall know them." So, let's look at Rep. Frankel's record as scored by indicative groups (click on the name for voting details):



Professional politician Rep. Lois Frankel (D-FL 21) is a big government progressive with a long, tangled history with term limits laws in Florida.

- [Americans for Democratic Action \(ADA\)](#) gives her 87% as a measure of political liberalism for 2014–2017 most recent years published.

- [National Taxpayers Union \(NTU\)](#) scores her at 8% with an "F" grade as a "Big Spender."

- [Citizens Against Government Waste](#) awards her the lowest score of **zero** as "Hostile to Taxpayers." Only Frankel and Wasserman-Schultz scored so low! That's how we get to a national debt of \$22 trillion.

- [The Club for Growth](#) rates on votes that affect economic growth such as lower taxes, balanced budgets, free trade, term limits, school choice and other factors affecting freedom and prosperity. The Club gives Frankel a lifetime 7 of a 100.

- [Heritage Action](#) is the policy advocacy affiliate of the conservative Heritage Foundation, the opposite of socialism. As expected, Frankel scores 4% of 100%. Only Rep. Charlie Crist is lower at 2% and even Wasserman-Schultz is at 6%.

Bottom line: Lois Frankel is a far-left careerist in opposition to President Trump's tax and regulation reform that has energized our economy, reduced unemployment and increased incomes on all levels, especially lower incomes that had stagnated for many years.

A recent initiative on her part was to sponsor a petition drive to "TELL THE TRUMP ADMINISTRATION TO NOT RIG THE CENSUS."

Her group explained it this way: "Donald Trump and Republicans want to rig and politicize the census. By failing to recognize LGBTQ Americans and families, and by insisting upon a citizenship question to target undocumented residents, they want to skew the numbers and paint an inaccurate picture of America's population."

Translation: The Democratic Party needs all the votes they can get and by dividing residents into protected groups like the LGBTQs they hope to claim those votes. But mainly they want to count illegal aliens in the census. In California alone the numbers of illegals, if counted, add additional congressional seats even though illegals are not eligible to vote. Of course, they do. Why else would California sue to block the move, arguing that it would discourage (illegal) immigrants from participating (read: voting).

Some other political positions: Against the Second Amendment and for gun control; Against repeal of Obamacare; For Medicare for All; For federal regulation of greenhouse gas emissions; Pro-abortion—just filed a bill against state abortion bans. She follows the party line faithfully.

Between now and the primary elections we look forward to reviewing the candidates challenging this hardcore tax-and-spend Democrat.




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## The Rise and Fall of the Democrat (Fascist) Party, Part II

By Arthur DeRuve, Col. (Ret.), USAR

In my May Newsletter column I outlined the horrendous actions of the Democrat Party on domestic issues which have steered our nation in a Socialist, Marxist, Communist, Fascist direction. As written, it was a mere limited summation of the crushing efforts made by this party to drive us away from the magnificent Republic created by our Founding Fathers; to outline all the evils would require countless volumes. Nevertheless, a compilation of the foreign policy actions of this same party through the most recent century shows them to have been equally damaging to our wonderful country.

When Woodrow Wilson ran for reelection in 1916 his main campaign plank was “I kept us out of war.” Within weeks of his inauguration we were in it. This war, known then as The Great War, now known as World War I, is agreed upon by most historians as the precursor of World War II; we would not have had the second had we not had the first! So much for Wilson’s foreign policies.

In the 1930s Fascism and Communism threatened the world. We cuddled up to communism (USSR) as the lesser of the two evils. However, the extent to which we cuddled was unforgiving. FDR’s left-wing domestic programs were so smothering to our population, and his warming-up to Joseph Stalin so intense, that many Democrats joined the American Communist Party. Hence, at the end of WWII half the western world was handed over to the USSR dictator. While we followed the left-wing chant of “bring the boys home” when Germany surrendered (with the USSR paying for most/many of the chanting demonstrations) the Soviets installed their armies throughout the nations of Eastern Europe. FDR, in essence, helped deliver tens of millions of freedom-desiring people into the arms of the tyranny of world communism without a shot being fired. It took Ronald Reagan, 40 years later, to deliver them out of their captivity.

When he assumed the presidency, Harry Truman made, among many others, two massive mistakes, the results of which haunt us until today. First, during the Chinese Civil War he gave only limited assistance to the Chinese Nationalists against the Communists forces of Mao. As a result, 1.5 billion Chinese Communists have been a threat to the free world for the last 70 years. Second, HT’s Secretary of State prepared a white paper announcing the zones of interest to the United States, including those which specified areas of vital interest. Unfortunately, Korea was not included as a vital interest to our nation. Hence, we announced an open invitation for an attack by North Korea on South Korea, making it clear that we would not oppose such an attack. The result was the Korean War and the resulting deaths to American and allied troops. Our, and the world’s, problem today with North Korea would never have come into being had Truman followed General MacArthur’s advice to fight that

war to a victory rather than to a stalemate.

President Kennedy introduced the first combat troops into Vietnam and his successor, LBJ, followed with hundreds of thousands more. Following the Korean



example, we fought another no-win land war in Asia. Learning from the example we set in Korea, the Communists, not as strong as the USA, allowed it to drag on to an impasse.

Millions died in Southeast Asia as a result of our restraint in using our power to win that conflict. As in Korea, the frightened but politically power-hungry Democrats in office, urged on by their useful idiot left-wing voters, put power before country. It took the carpet bombing initiated by Richard Nixon to bring the Communists to the negotiating table, which resulted in an eventual truce to that war.

President Kennedy also failed to support the strategy initiated by President Eisenhower to free Cuba from Fidel Castro. When the Cuban Freedom Fighters invaded Cuba at the Bay of Pigs with the intention of overthrowing his Communist Regime, Kennedy called off the heavy air support Eisenhower promised for the mission. The result was a defeat for the Freedom Fighters and continued subjugation of the Cuban people to this day—nearly 60 years.

The 1980s saw the continuation of the non-shooting segment of the Cold War. Likewise, it saw the continuation of the Democrat Party attacking the USA rather than the USSR. It condemned Ronald Reagan for not agreeing to the terms set out by General-Secretary Gorbachev for ending the Cold War. Of course, those terms would have benefited world communism, not us. Gorbachev in essence said, “give up the SDI program, or no deal.” Reagan said, “no deal” and left their talks in Iceland. Reagan had also said, along the way, “Mr. Gorbachev tear down this wall.”

Eventually the wall came down; the SDI program was pursued; the USSR collapsed; and tens of millions of people were freed from the yoke of Soviet fascism. All this while President Reagan suffered from the slings and arrows of the Democrat Party. Another shame on that party!

The events of 9-11-2001 woke our Republic up to its newest greatest threat, *JIHADISM!* That is, they woke all in our nation except the Democrat Party. That party did everything from claiming 9/11 was a President Bush inside job to claiming that we got what we deserve for all the past evils we perpetrated on the Middle East countries in the past. The horrors and barbarisms heaped on humanity by

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Jihadists have been overlooked and virtually excused by the left-wing political spectrum in our country. President Obama went on a tour of the Middle East apologizing for the evils of America, rather than condemning the inhumanities committed in the name of Jihadism. His administration was a failure beyond belief; not the least of which was giving financial help and recognition to Iran, which blatantly admits that it will use all its resources to kill Americans and wipe the nation of Israel off the face of the earth. Fortunately, President Trump has been able to undo the Obama disasters. The prime example is the elimination of the Caliphate created by ISIS. More dangers might be on the horizon but, fortunately, we now have a Commander-in-Chief who will recognize them as such, and will deal with them accordingly.

Add all of the above to my summary, listed in my May column, of the ineptness of the self-called Democrat (really Socialist, Marxist, Progressive, Communist, Fascist) Party

in domestic affairs to get a true picture of what a danger it presents to our nation, the greatest and freest in the history of civilization. It wants to destroy what our Founding Fathers gave us. For the sake of our progeny we must never let that happen. Shame on this Party, this so-called Democrat Party, but to be rightly called the Evil/Fascist Party!!

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**Gov. Ron DeSantis Leads a Delegation to Israel**



*"It was a pleasure to sit down with Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu. He has been a model of strong leadership for Israel throughout the course of his tenure in public service and I look forward to our continued partnership as Florida remains the most pro-Israel state in the nation."*

—Governor Ron DeSantis  
May 30, 2019

## *Talking Points:*

### **Mueller Clarified Nothing . . . and He Ain't Gonna**

*By Larry P. Horist*

Special Counsel Robert Mueller's first—and potentially last—public statement was what baseballer Yogi Berra famously said. “It was déjà vu all over again.” The ONLY thing new in his statement was that he was resigning from his position in the Department of Justice and moving on to life as a private citizen—and even that had been anticipated since he handed his Report over to his bosses at the DOJ more than a month ago.

Everything he said at the podium was already contained in the report. He said he will not—and he did not—elaborate in any way on what is contained in the Report. That is why he refused to take any questions. It is why he has forewarned Congress that he will not testify voluntarily—in public or in closed session—because he has nothing to add beyond what is contained in the Report. Even if subpoenaed by one or several congressional committees, he will not say anything that is not already stated in the Report.

This is a rather arrogant approach when you consider that the Report created great confusion—largely because Mueller did not do his job. He spent two years interviewing hundreds of individuals all over the globe at a cost of more than \$25 million and failed to give a definitive answer on one of the two central questions regarding President Trump. He was clear that no one in the Trump campaign criminally colluded with Russia and its activities involving the 2016 election. But even in that, he used vague language that could be easily spun by Trump's political adversaries. Mueller said that they did not find “sufficient evidence” that any American—including the Trump folks—were guilty of criminal collusion.

Under our system of justice, that means Trump & Co. is innocent . . . period. Even in his reference to the indicted Russian, Mueller noted that he was not alleging guilt because, in America, a person is innocent until PROVEN guilty. That is even more true when there is no evidence of

a crime—and that is how it ended in terms of criminal collusion. Trump was declared innocent by Mueller.

Democrats and those anti-Trump media analysts have decided that just because Mueller—in all that time and with all the money—could not find evidence of a crime, it does not mean that Trump was not guilty. It was just that the evidence was elusive. That puts the entire American justice system upside down—with a person presumed guilty despite the lack of evidence.

The more disturbing issue is the questions of obstruction of justice. In that, Mueller did not do his job. After all that time, all that investigating, all those interrogated and all that money, he punted. He did not come to a conclusion one way or the other.

Following his public statement, the Democrats and media analysts all decided that Mueller would have indicted Trump were it not for the Department of Justice rule that an incumbent President cannot be indicted. Of course, that is not what Mueller said. He said they came to NO conclusion on the question of obstruction.

While it is generally agreed that Mueller could not indict a sitting President, he could have said that there was sufficient evidence for an indictment, but he was prevented from issuing one because of the rule. He could have done what he was hired to do—make the call, one way or the other. Despite Trump critics putting the words in Mueller's mouth, he never said he would have indicted Trump if he could. In short, he seems to have decided that Trump's action did not



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rise to obstruction. When a prosecutor says he does not know if the person committed a crime or not—and this is exactly what Mueller stated—the case is closed—no prosecution.

That appears to be the case since there was nothing that would have prevented Mueller from saying he believed that Trump was guilty of obstruction even if he could not issue an indictment at this time. That would have been the thing to do IF Mueller believed Trump was, indeed, guilty.

In fact, if you go back to the report by Independent Counsel Ken Starr, who investigated President Clinton, you will find that he noted 11 times in which he believed Clinton had been guilty of a crime. Like Mueller, Starr could not indict Clinton, but he provided Congress with a clear legal opinion of the investigators. In doing that, Starr gave Congress more than vague words and imprecise opinions to consider.

While Trump adversaries can spin the meaning of Mueller’s decision not to be specific, they are left with considering a political action in the court-of-public-opinion. They can proceed with impeachment because there is no requirement for provable criminality—just the political will to impeach.

While most analysts believe that Mueller’s statement creates problems for Trump, they are the same problems, the same issue and the same spin based on perspective that arose when the Report was released. That is because nothing Mueller said from the podium was not already stated in the report.

While nothing changes for Trump, it is House Speaker Nancy Pelosi who may have been handed the most vexing problem by Mueller. There is no doubt that the pro-impeachment members of her Democrat caucus are going to be emboldened. They want to impeach—and are willing

to hype any event or statement to the max to create more pressure on Pelosi, who sees the political dangers of an impeachment process. The Mueller statement changes nothing but the zeal of the impeachment proponents—and that puts Pelosi in a greater bind.

While the political left is hyperventilating over the meaningless Mueller statement, it does not change the FACT that according to Mueller, Attorney General William Barr, former Deputy Attorney General Rod Rosenstein and the Office of Legal Counsel at the DOJ, Trump is innocent of any and all criminal charges—not because he cannot be indicted at this time, but because no one has alleged that he had committed criminal collusion or obstruction of Justice—and Mueller’s bosses have determined that Trump did not commit those crimes. The legal case is closed. It is now up to Democrats to decide if they really want to pursue a political inquiry.

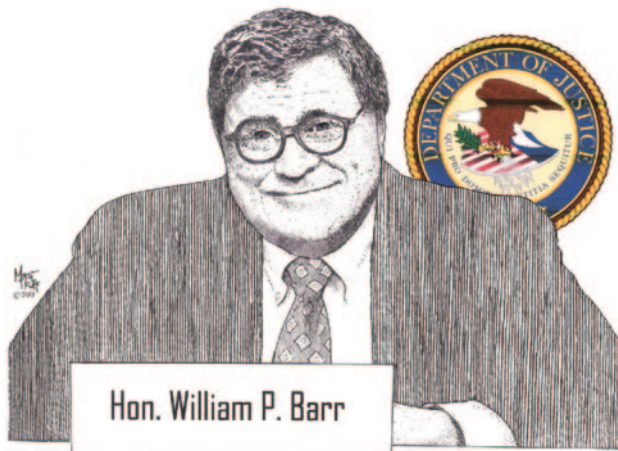
So, there ‘tis.

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**Mort’s Meanderings . . .**



## Conservatism At Its Core

*By CS Bennett*

On this concept called conservatism, and one I speak so fondly of, is just that, a concept, or philosophy, on how some of us perceive life and go about living our lives. The American version consists of the following components: traditional values, free enterprise, private ownership, and property rights. In the background lies an acute awareness of the Divine One, and His power, and our own role as moral compasses.

Conservatism at its core is but a esoteric guide of experiences provided us by the souls of collected consciousness, designed to keep us on a path of goodness, and righteousness, that benefits all mankind. Its fabric is made of truth and morality. It neither constricts us or deny us of our freedoms. It is a philosophy one is drawn to, not compelled to. It is neither good nor bad because it is but a tool, though an important tool in our lives.

But like any tool, it can be used for the benefit of all, or for destructive and disruptive purposes by individuals who are corrupted and dishonest in their intent. Of all of the philosophies that have been implemented to rule over others, to include socialism, imperialism, liberalism, parliamentarianism, Marxism, fascism, communism and a variety of other autocratic governance, conservatism allows its citizens the greatest abundance of individual liberty and freedom.

When it comes to conservatism's greatest rivals, socialism and communism, there is little good in those philosophies due to the nature of their origins. Neither promotes, or encourages, individualism, but rather collectivism. Neither stimulates human innovation, but rather stifles it. And neither proffers a belief in the Almighty, nor does it tolerate such a belief. Such philosophy hinders human creativity and tramples over one's human dignity. As such, I see no *best of* when it comes to these two restrictive forms of governance. One cannot take the best of evil as the essence of what I am saying. Evil is evil, by its nature.

Conceptually, conservatism's expectations of government's role is that of being the servant, not the master. Liberalism, on the contrary, is an antitraditionalist movement dedicated to correcting the evils and abuses resulting from the misuse of social and political power, or so those who follow this philosophy insist it is. Much like its cousins, socialism and communism, liberalism bankrupts the soul and stifles one's creativity. Its end products are dependency, class envy, racial strife, chaos, and social disorder. Anarchy breeds dictatorships, and other authoritative forms of governance. In essence, socialist-like doctrine requires obedience and submission.

Much like the Bible, which is a record of man's imperfections and triumphs and serves as a moral guide for those who believe in the Word, conservatism is but a guide, expression, and tool, which we use to calibrate our approach



to life, morality and the governance of our leaders over others. If there is bad associated with it, or assigned to it, then it is to be found within the people who are corrupted, and misaligned with the principles conservatism extols, not conservatism itself. Anyone can claim to be a conservative but mere association does not constitute an adherence to the principles of conservatism. So, in theory, the brand, and its principles, remains intact.

No, conservatism is not to be viewed as being a good, or bad, philosophy, but rather a just one, for that is its core nature. Any just cause, as seen through the prism of a loving, forgiving and just God, is a good cause. The Republican Party's founding was one built on a just cause, that of abolishing slavery. On the other hand, the Democrat Party's founding was based on the oppression, subjugation and hatred, of another race, and that continues on to this day, although it has cleverly disguised its true nature and intent.

If we view conservatism as a value system, as it should be viewed, much like Christianity, then it is a system worth preserving. What else do we have to replace those other philosophies? No, we do not have to reinvent the wheel. Sure, there are many views on its role and influence today but conservatism, I believe, is alive and well in America. And I believe that it can still win the day for us, as our nation slips slowly away from the Word and from the principles put forth by our founding fathers, though imperfect they were as men. America is no greater, or worse, than the people who lead it, and those followers who submit to the whims of our leaders when they take us off course.

Having traveled the world and seen the conditions others live with, and live under, I can say that America is truly an exceptional country and is seen as a beacon of freedom and liberty throughout the world. My advice; let's keep it that way.

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## Jews, the Democrats, and Survival

*By Alan Bergstein*

Jews are a hard people to figure out. They are, undoubtedly, the brightest minority on the face of the earth. There is no profession in which they are not held in the highest esteem. They excel in the arts, science, medicine, law and finance. But right here in America they've shown their political intelligence to be an oxymoron. In this area they are just plain stupid. Their support for Democratic candidates who are outright Jew haters is inexplicable. They show no common sense nor any desire to build up whatever portion of the brain functions as a road map to survival.

Barely 75 years after the end of the Holocaust, in which nearly one half of the world's Jewry was slaughtered, Jews appear to have no interest in finding ways to prevent such a cataclysm from reoccurring. They may hold hands during the sad memorials such as Yom HaShoah (Holocaust Memorial Day), listen to stories repeatedly told by aging survivors, shed tears and pray for those who perished at the hands of the Jew haters but appear to be absolutely blind to the fact that Holocaust II is flaming up before their very eyes and they themselves are throwing kindling on the emerging fires.

Look at the number of Jews who proudly supported and voted for Barack Obama, who was a solid 20+ year member of the Jew-hating United Trinity Church of Christ in Chicago run by Jeremiah Wright, who never hid his Jew hating during his weekly sermons while the Obama family sat in the front row. The Obamas were married by and had their kids christened by Wright. Barack worshiped the guy, going so far as to claim Wright was like his uncle. Wright served on Obama's 2008 election team. Wright also had Louis Farrakhan preach at his church and he honored this major Jew hater with that house of G-d's "Man of the Century" award. And Obama knew nothing of this? Jews voted for him in the 75% range on both of his presidential wins. Are we to believe that Jews were ignorant of Obama's views as reflected in his choice of church and pastor?

Let's move on to the present, with the likes of Jews such as Schumer, Feinstein, Nadler, Schiff, Deutch, and Wasserman-Schultz as Democratic leaders in Congress. Democratic Jews hold eight seats in the Senate and 32 in the House. There are enough to form a Jewish Congressional Caucus as the blacks and Hispanics do to fight for their respective causes. But there is no such Jewish organization. And we see the reason for this. They have no allegiance to the needs of their Jewish constituents. Did any of them ever speak out against Obama's shameful personal treatment of Israel's prime minister Benjamin Netanyahu? Did any of them ever rebuke Obama for his actions to "create daylight between us

and Israel?" Did any of them ever bring up the danger to Israel of Obama's support for the Iranian nuclear deal and handing over billions to that Israel-hating regime, or voice concern for Obama's support for the Muslim Brotherhood leader Muhammed Morsi as President of Egypt? Were they tongue-tied or just ignoring the wishes of their constituents, knowing that the "D" in front of their names on the ballots would be enough to get the Jewish vote?

And just where do they stand today with the likes of newbie Democratic congresswomen Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez and her sister colleagues, Rashida Tlaib and Ilhan Omar, both radical Muslims, all of whom are outspoken Israel/Jew haters? Where is the outrage over the dangerous verbiage emanating from their mouths that stokes the fires of Jew hatred not only among Americans but around the world? Why have Jewish lawmakers not demanded the ouster of Omar from her prestigious seat on the House Foreign Affairs Committee? Their silence says it all. They are also sliding dangerously close to an anti-Israel platform for their 2020 presidential campaign. After all, not one of their present announced candidates deigned to show up to address the recent AIPAC meeting. Not one of these candidates uttered a word of support for Israel during the recent rain of rockets from Gaza. Former Alaska Democratic senator Mike Gravel tweeted, "Long Live Palestine!" Bernie Sanders called Israel "racist" and he might just be the Dem's candidate to run the country and set our foreign policy.

Zev Jabotinsky in the early 1930s warned Europe's Jews of the impending Holocaust. They refused to face reality and heed his clarion calls. America under Obama clearly changed our position in support of Israel and initiated an anti-Jewish movement led by George Soros' support of such groups as J Street, Jewish Voice For Peace, T'ruah, Black Lives Matter, and MoveOn among others. This movement has slowed under the leadership of pro-Israel/Jewish President Trump. However, the upcoming 2020 elections will tell the story of whether American Jewry will be threatened by the now open Jew hating brazenly promulgated by the Democrat Party. When will Jews finally wake up to this fact and utilize their votes and dollars to defeat their enemies and finally give support to the party that supports them.

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## Why Did Obamacare Copy Bernie Madoff?

*By Alan J. Huber, CFP®  
Director, Freedom From ObamaCare*

Health insurance companies and the Democrats that created Obamacare learned a valuable lesson from PONZI Master: Bernie Madoff. “So Long As You Give People Back a Little Bit of Their Money in Return, They Do Not Notice That You Are Robbing Them Blind.”

Many people pay for insurance, or Christian health shares, and report that they are very happy with their plans. Why? Because the insurance company allows its customers to visit a doctor and only pay a \$50 co-pay.

A 50-year-old in Orlando pays \$600 a month for insurance premiums and she is happy because she only paid \$50 for a visit that will cost less than \$200. She gave the insurance company \$7,000. They give her \$200 back and she is overjoyed.

Bernie Madoff and Charles Ponzi could not have done better.

Health insurance is designed to cover THE BIG STUFF. Examples: if you get cancer, can you go out-of-network? Are you stuck with their treatment model? Are you limited to their drugs?

If you're in the hospital, will you be billed thousands of dollars for balance billing? This is the hospital charging

more than the insurance company allows?

Does the insurance company deny coverage because it is experimental in the USA?

Will the insurance company negotiate a small discount when you are below your deductible and co-pay and then receive a large kick-back which you do not benefit from?




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Paying back a few pennies is how Bernie Madoff stole billions.*

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## My Red MAGA Cap Cheered on Airline

By Gene Robinson

I could not be at the Broward County, Florida Republican Party's annual Lincoln Day fundraiser, as I was flying out of state on Thursday morning, the day of the May 23rd event, but from the Ft. Lauderdale International Airport, in texting back and forth with State Committeewoman Michele Merrell, since no tickets would be sold at the door that evening, she gave me a rundown of how we did to help raise money for the Party for the important work ahead. With a lot of hard work put in by Michele, Nancy Cooke, Richard DiNapoli, Carolyn Mann, and many others, it was expected that nearly 400 people bought seats for the dinner, and another 160 paid a little more to be in the VIP Section prior to the dinner, to have photo opportunities with the guest speakers and other honored guests. So, as I prepared to go North . . . **the news of us having a packed oceanside resort hotel for Lincoln Day just added to what I experienced, as you will see in reading below!!**

Let me begin by saying a friend of mine used to tell me on occasion that I am consumed by Image, and that "My Ego is not my Amigo." Well, I remembered what that person told me as I prepared the day before my flight out of South Florida. And, the person was right about me, as I graduated from and played basketball at THE Ohio State University, so . . . **image and ego gave me the confidence that allowed me to do that earlier in my life, and also gave me the confidence to go through what happened to me before, during, and after my flight on Thursday, as you will see.**

On Thursday, I received a ride to the airport, and was told, after that person saw what I was wearing, "I would never do what you are doing, not in largely Democrat Broward County in a place like the airport," so let me explain. I had seen videos and news reports of people, especially men, being physically attacked for wearing a red Make America Great Again cap in public. So, that set the stage for what I planned to do that day. With the ride, I arrived at curbside at the airport's Delta terminal as a 6'6" black man, wearing an all black outfit that consisted of (and, picture this if you will) a black zip-up long-sleeved turtleneck jacket, black pants, black shoes and socks, with a very large black "over the shoulder" athletic carry-on bag . . . all topped off on top with a **bright red MAGA cap!!**

**Image and ego readily on full display!!**

I strolled confidently, head held high, past the baggage handlers, who, since I travel a lot, usually will ask with a smile, if they can help with my luggage. This day, No Smile, only glares because of my Red Cap. That was fine with me, so No Help, No Tip, as I had a large bag to be checked, my carry-on bag, and another carry-on that held my laptop computer. But, their glares were only the beginning of the anger that MAGA brings out. When I went inside the terminal, and went through the maze to get to the ticket counter, the

"stares" began in earnest. I put my large bag on the scale to be checked, and the female agent looked at me with a frown, and an attitude, then said, "Your bag is five pounds overweight, and that will be an extra \$100 to check it." Now, as I said I travel a lot, so I know that normally, if my bag is only couple of pounds overweight, I am allowed to check it. And, from the feel of the weight, I knew it was not five pounds overweight.



But, this woman saw her chance to "strike back" against the Evil Empire of Donald Trump, and she was taking her opportunity to show her true stripes. I walked over to the side, took out more than enough items from that large bag, and put those items in my "over the shoulder" carry on. Then, I went back to the ticket counter, but the woman that I dealt with the first time was nowhere in sight, so I got a much nicer agent, who checked my large bag with No Problem. But, my "over the shoulder" carry-on was now extremely heavy and very bulky, with all the new items just stuffed in, which would lead to another problem on my way to Making America Great Again!!

Once I arrived at the security area, a beautiful female TSA agent walked right over to me, away from the other agents, looked at my cap, smiled and said, "We are going to Make America Great Again." That was the boost I needed for my next move that morning. Once in the waiting area, where there are three flight departure and arrival gates located, I went to a seat centrally located in the Very Front of a row in the middle of the three gates, so that the hundreds who would be sitting in that area, or walking to those gates, or getting off flights that were landing at those gates, could see me Standing Out. And, I did not sit In the Seat. I sat On Top of the Back of the Seat, which elevated and raised me up higher than everyone else in the waiting area, so that only my feet were left in the seat . . . **for all to see my and my red cap.**

I got a lot of glares of anger, though at my height, dressed as I was, and sitting the "way" that I was sitting and "where" I was sitting, looking over all the other passengers like an "overseer," I think those who did not like what I represented had enough sense to not say anything negative to me, or to try me :-). However, I will mention one man who said very loudly for all to hear, as he got off an incoming flight . . . "I LIKE THAT HAT!!"

Then, as it came time for me to get on my plane, I walked past the first seated passengers to my assigned seat

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about a third of the way back in the cabin. Now, remember the extra heavy carry on bag that I had to fill up with items to get my checked bag on the flight? Well, when I got to my seat, and tried to put my bag in the overhead bin, it was Too Heavy and Too Bulky to fit, and passengers were lining up behind me, waiting to get to their seats. So, as a common courtesy, I took my carry on, went way past my seat, all the way to the back of the plane, told the stewardesses the problem, and they encouraged me to continue trying to put my bag in a bin near them. After five minutes of trying, I finally succeeded in getting the bag placed. Now . . . **if you are not already bored by reading this, read all the way to the end for a surprise that will tell you, without question, that we are going to win the next election, and get the President re-elected!!**

After placing my bag in a bin, and letting all the other passengers in that area be seated, I walked forward in the cabin, back to my aisle seat. During the flight, every time the passenger seated to my right in the middle seat, or the one in the window seat, needed to go to the restroom, I had to stand up. What I did not realize is that every time I stood up, and faced the passengers in two-thirds of the seats in the back of the packed flight, they were looking at my red MAGA cap. And, when we landed at our destination, I had to wait until all those passengers got off, so that I could then go to the back of the plane and retrieve my carry on bag. **NOW COMES THE SURPRISE!!**

As I stood up to let the two people seated next to me deplane, and then continued standing, facing the back, to allow all the others to get off, a man who was sitting right across the aisle next to me, whom I had seen in the waiting area much earlier, but had not said “a single word” to me during this entire time, put out his hand as he was ready to walk out, shook mine, and said, “I love that hat brother, thanks for wearing it.” At that point, when others behind him heard what he said, many of them began to “cheer,” and as they passed me they each looked at me, smiled and thanked me, as one woman said, “for being brave enough to wear that hat on this plane.”

I looked back, still waiting to go get my carry on from the bin in the back, when I noticed that a man reached up, pulled my heavy bag down, brought it to me, and said, “I noticed you struggling with this when you got on, and I wanted to do something to say thank you for wearing that hat, and standing publicly for something I believe in.” I thanked him, and all of the other passengers who made my day Thursday, and knew right then and there that, at least for me . . . **the 2020 election campaign had already begun, and that my image and ego had convinced me that . . . we are going to win again!!**

GOD Bless,

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## Who Gets Hurt (the most) by Tariffs!

*By Ed McCarthy*

Every crisis that we face results in some negative impact on the lives of Americans and on the nation's economy. GDP can suffer and some segments of our economy may be impacted heavier than others. Individuals and family incomes can be adversely affected.

In international diplomacy and trade, various countries develop laws and policies that work to the disadvantage of the other country with which they trade. The "predator" country doesn't negotiate in good faith and just ignores diplomatic and trade negotiations undertaken by the disadvantaged country in efforts obtain a fair deal in order to level the playing field. The "predator" just talks and talks in order to run out the clock on negotiations. Sound familiar? The imposition of tariffs by the aggrieved country (us), though painful to its economy, will eventually force the "predator" country to change its ways and level the playing field. It may be a protracted and painful period, but China and Mexico need us more than we need them.

These current crises we are experiencing with China and Mexico are no different. President Trump has imposed tariffs on China and is threatening to impose tariffs on Mexico. WHY? The short answer is that those countries are engaged in behavior that is DAMAGING to the national security and economic interests of the United States, and that that behavior can no longer be tolerated.

China in its quest for world domination has weaponized its own economy to the detriment of the free world. They dump their exports on us at below costs, steal technology and intellectual property, and demand transfer of trade secrets from companies that engage in manufacturing in China. China reaps the profits then pours the cash into its military in an attempt to dominate. This is an unacceptable situation for the U.S and the rest of the free world.

Mexico, which has some of the most stringent immigration policies in the world, allows citizens from Central American countries to transit Mexico in order to enter the U.S. illegally. This has created a humanitarian crisis on our southern border which threatens our national sovereignty and security.

We are faced with two unpleasant choices—either allow the situations to fester and grow, or take stern action that may well have a negative impact on some sectors of the U.S. economy. There is only one viable choice!

Currently, these U.S. tariffs are proving devastating to China's economy, which cannot sustain its economic advantage in the face of declining exports resulting from our tariffs. The same will, prove true for Mexico if and when the proposed tariffs become effective. True, segments of our economy suffer, but the exporting countries (China and Mexico) suffer exponentially worse consequences as a result of the U.S. tariffs. That's the intent!

No mistaking that tariffs on imports are paid by American consumers, the ultimate purchaser of the imports subject to those tariffs. But the true losers are the exporting countries. Currently, losers are China and potentially Mexico. Yes, Americans pay higher prices for those tariffed goods, and may be subject to retaliatory measures from the country selling its goods to the U.S., but those countries suffer significant loss of "market share. Their exports to us decline. Any loss to "economic sectors" of the American economy, while painful, are infinitely smaller than the losses to those country's subject to the tariffs, and our government can (may?) develop programs to shore those sectors up.

China has taken advantage of the U.S. for decades, creating an enormously lopsided balance of trade. They did so in an attempt to become the preeminent world power at the expense of the rest of the world. Currently, Mexico is exacerbating the current immigration crisis on our southern border by making little or no effort to stem the flow of illegal immigrants. True, our politics plays a role, as our immigration laws are a joke, but Mexico refuses to work with the current U.S. Administration's efforts to stem the flow of illegals across Mexico. That's because Mexico and its government has been thoroughly corrupted by the drug cartels who are engaged in human trafficking, sex trade, and are pushing drugs, terrorists and gang members across our southern border.

We as Americans have a choice here. We can continue the status quo and allow China to dominate the world and Mexico to facilitate the invasion of drugs, gangs, terrorists, and illegal immigrants to obliterate our southern border, thereby compromising our security; or we can slap the Chinese and Mexicans down with tariffs—even if it causes some dislocation in some sectors of American life. The choice is ours.

Programs can and should be developed to shore up any sector of our economy impacted by the tariffs, thereby allowing time for the tariffs to bring China and Mexico around to a fair and permanent solution. If we choose to put our head in the sand and ignore the problem, then America will have been placed on the slippery slope to obscurity.

PS: There is one more program that will inflict pain on Mexico and Central-America. Place a "tariff" on proceeds wired from the U.S by immigrants to family and friends back in Mexico and Central America. Granted, some legal immigrants will have to pay up, but it will extract revenue from the vastly larger number of illegals as well, and slow the flow of U.S. dollars south of the border, thereby affecting those economies in Mexico and Central America. After all, those dollars don't only affect the pocketbooks of the "folks back home," they also will have a substantial negative impact on the economies of Mexico and Central America. What a shame if they were reduced by tariffs!

## Club News

### The Republican Federated Women of South Florida Welcomed Two Important Speakers in May

The Republican Federated Women of South Florida once again welcomed two dynamic speakers to a packed house at their May 23 meeting at the Boca Country Club.

**Rep. Mike Caruso** told us what it was like to be a freshman Representative in the Florida State House, representing District 89. He described the procedures for introducing legislation and gave us some insights on the workings of the Legislature. He discussed some of the bills that were passed in the session that just ended, and went into detail about what was included in this year's budget. Mike mentioned the recount, noting that he won by only 32 votes, and he thanked everyone for their support and their help.

**Wendy Sartory Link** was appointed to be Palm Beach County's Supervisor of Elections by Gov. Ron DeSantis, after he removed Susan Bucher from that position. Wendy has hit the ground running, and she described some of the things she has done to bring back confidence in the Elections Office. She has ordered new voting equipment which will be used in the 2020 elections, and she commented on the potential perils of using new equipment in a presidential election. She also said that poll workers are needed, and anyone who is interested should contact the SOE office.

The next meeting of the Republican Federated Women of South Florida will be held on June 27, when we will welcome immigration attorney **Artie Pobjecky** and **John Loudon**, who currently serves as the Government Affairs Director at Engineered Tax Services. Prior to ETS, John was a Missouri State Senator, and prior to that, he was a member of the Missouri House of Representatives. John has had an incredible political career and now he has brought his knowledge and experience to Florida to help serve us. John is currently working on a change to the Florida Constitution that would protect our voting rights. He will be telling us all about this initiative and what we can do to help. Artie is an immigration attorney with Pobjecky & Pobjecky, LLP. She is an internationally recognized speaker and published author on immigration law issues. Artie has been on various local television programs and has been on OAN. Artie will be discussing various immigration issues and how the laws affect Florida.

Our July 18 meeting will once again feature two exciting and timely speakers. **Jeffrey S. Sanow** has 35 years of experience in complex global operations. He has worked in South Asia, Southeast Asia, the eastern Mediterranean, and the Middle East, and served in the National Clandestine Service of the CIA, working with senior policy makers in the Office of the Vice President and National Security Council supporting their policies on preventing the sale, transfer, or acquisition



Another amazing event. Thank you to Representative Mike Caruso, SOE Wendy Sartory Link, and to all of our members and guests for making our meeting so special. Pictured here (left to right): Wendy Link, Linda Johnson, Rep. Mike Caruso, and Tracy Caruso.

of weapons of mass destruction. He retired as a Senior Intelligence Officer, and in 2014 began working as a Subject Matter Expert/Instructor teaching tradecraft for intelligence operations to the U.S. military. In August 2016, he took a position as Director of Operations for Security for the company building the U.S. Embassy in Islamabad, Pakistan. He is a frequent speaker and writer on Sharia, Political Islam and religious freedom in America. Our second guest speaker will be **Alan J. Huber**, a Certified Financial Planner and Director of Freedom From Obamacare, who will talk to us about using sales techniques to win our arguments. Don't miss this incredible evening.

Women need to help women, and learning about what we can do is one way to help others. Politics is Women's Work but men are always welcome to our meetings.

We will not be having a regular meeting in August, but we will still be busy. On Saturday, August 17, we will go to the West Palm Beach VA Medical Center to host an ice cream social and a round of bingo for the residents of the Community Living Center and the hospice ward. Those who have gone with us to the VA in the past know how rewarding it is to work with these veterans and let them know we appreciate them. We will be organizing a carpool for anyone who would like to go with us.

For information about the visit to the VA or about the Republican Federated Women of South Florida, please contact President Linda Johnson at [ljayll@att.net](mailto:ljayll@att.net).

—Cheryl Mullings



## Club News

### Republican Club of the Palm Beaches Met in May and June

*By Fred Scheibl  
May 24, 2019*

#### NCNC—Imparting Local Knowledge for Ten Years



Our May meeting featured **Sal Faso**, President of the North County Neighborhood Coalition.

Started by a small group of concerned residents 10 years ago, NCNC has grown to encompass 23 Communities and Condo/Homeowners Associations in the North County, with 45,000 residents and 30,000 voters. With a

mission to “improve the quality of life for residents in North Palm Beach County,” NCNC operates by educating its members on the local issues that affect them, and by making government accessible by hosting meetings with local officials.

As a non-partisan group, Sal and the NCNC have hosted candidate forums for county and municipal races, and their monthly meetings are well-attended by candidates running for offices at all levels. With a 76% average voter turnout by NCNC community members (compared to 60% county wide), candidates ignore NCNC at their peril.

Sal and his team advocate for many local issues affecting residents, including safety and security, economic prosperity, the character of the area, financial accountability of government, and maintaining home rule.

For more information on the NCNC, or to get your community involved, check out their website at: <http://www.ncncpb.org/>



#### 2019 Session Accomplishments with Representative Rick Roth

Our June meeting featured **HD85 Representative Rick Roth**, who described some of the significant actions taken by the Florida Legislature in the just completed session.



- The House passed a parental notification act for abortions by minors, but it was not passed by the Senate.
- Felon voting rights reinstatement (from 2018 amendment 4) was clarified to state that all aspects of a sentence must be concluded (including restitution if applicable)
- Smokeable marijuana is no longer prohibited for medical use with a doctor’s letter
- Texting while driving is now a ‘primary offense’ meaning you can be stopped for it (Emily Slosberg’s crusade)
- The “Certificate of Need” requirement for expansion of medical facilities was eliminated
- Coverage of 21 types of cancer are now covered under firefighter health plans
- HB7113 transportation bill authorizes 3 regional corridors to be built
- The Parkland bill that allows for the arming of teachers (with board approval) passed
- The “assignment of benefits” to rebuilding contractors was limited and polices can be written to preclude it
- The “sanctuary cities” bill (SB168) passed, allowing for the fining of local governments who do not cooperate with federal immigration authorities

For more detail on the major bills from this session, see: 2019 Legislative Session Update

Please join us next month on June 26 for the awarding of our annual Anne Roberts Scholarships. The presenter will be **Tom Rooney**, former Congressman and Senior Fellow at the Lemieux Center for Public Policy.

## Letters

### PBC Supervisor of Elections Office/ Vote Vet Program

Good afternoon Mr. Mullings,

I received your contact information from Supervisor Link. I am in the beginning stages of creating a new program in our office, Vote in Honor of a Veteran.

This program will be promoted through our outreach programs in an effort to honor the role that our uniformed men and women have played in our many freedoms including our right to vote.

Once I have determined the content required on the biography page, may I reach out to you and ask you for that information? If so, I would like to recognize you as our first Veteran participating in the program when it is launched.

Thank you, have a nice Memorial Day weekend.

*Alison Leitheuser  
Public Information Officer/Director of Strategic Initiatives  
Palm Beach County Supervisor of Elections*

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MAY 29—In his Theory of Mechanics, Sir Isaac Newton concludes that “for every action, there is an equal and opposite reaction.” The brilliant Albert Einstein’s Theory of Relativity Einstein built on that theory.

What we have witnessed in Bob Mueller’s recent “statement” is a Democrat reaction to President Trump’s decision to authorize AG William Barr to declassify all the documents relative to the genesis of the Russian Hoax perpetrated upon the country by the likes of Hillary Clinton and the Democratic National Committee, along with the assistance of the governments of our “allies” in Australia, Great Britain, Italy, and probably Romania.

It is an attempt to change the narrative and derail the declassification. Declassification of those documents puts on notice: Brennan, Clapper, McCabe, Strzok, Nellie and Bruce Orr, Page, Yates, James Baker, Andrew Weissman, et al., and especially former FBI Director James Comey, who is Mueller’s friend and who was Mueller’s protégé at the FBI.

Heads up to all of you who participated as perpetrators or instigators this hoax—declassification will expose your treachery. It will also expose duplicity on the part of our “Allied Friends.”

It won’t work, boys and girls. Despite your desperate attempts, soon the documents will be declassified and disseminated to the American people. You will all be exposed!

To all of you in the Cabal that launched this Coup, brace for the impending impact! Brace your feet, you’re all going down.

For our “Allied Friends” in Australia, England, Italy and Romania, duck your heads. Donald Trump will be ringing you all up soon!

*Ed McCarthy  
Boca Raton*

### Clark Gable

Tom,

Clark Gable looked smarter in a 50-Mission crush cap and uniform than anyone else I can recall. You’ll remember that he enlisted in the U.S. Army Air Corps and became a gunner on a B-17. Somewhere along the line, he became a commissioned officer and attained the rank of Captain. I chose to do a pen-portrait of him in that mode.

Cheers,  
Mort Kuff



Capt. CLARK GABLE

### Secure Vote in Florida

Hello Mr. Tom Mullings,

My name is Scott. I am a nearly lifelong resident of Palm Beach County and third-generation Republican, starting with my grandfather, who emigrated from Syria. I’ve been a professional in Palm Beach County and small business owner since approximately 1982, so I’ve seen a lot of things happen, including the whole Save Our Homes debacle, when Palm Beach County doubled all of our property taxes.

The things I’ve watched happen in California and some other slavish states have to be prevented from happening in Florida. I think now is the time to act. What do you think? People say this one won, or that one won in an election, but when the slavers control, that’s not true. You can never

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know who would've won if the elections had been clean and fair. Unlike California, in my opinion.

I am preparing to detail it all in my upcoming book, *Civilization: What Kills It, What Builds It*. America first.

It looks to me like the slavers and the slavish minded think they can steal the next election. They tried twice before but failed; once in Florida through their fellow slavers and slavish-minded Florida Supreme Court in 2000. Next in 2016 and still ongoing.

It looks like they think they can finally do it in 2020. Shame on us if they do. We must clean the vote in Florida. No more vote fraud. No more vote mining. No more vote corruption. This must be a thing of the past for us in Florida. The double-speakers must not be allowed to commit treason, as I see it, and as I believe they have in California and other states. If they control the vote why would they not control the vote outcome? Remember these are slavers and slavish-minded people we are talking about. They are not honest moral people, in my opinion. It will be much easier to clean the vote before we vote than after. You know Humpty Dumpty and all. Can any vote outcome be considered true if the outcome is for the slavers, slavish and slaves controlling the process?

Here's my explanation for the term slavers for the South Florida Republicans. I have endeavored to define the adver-

saries and adversarial relationship that exist in our civilization, the American civilization. In doing so, it is necessary to keep it simple. Some people want to use other people. Some people want to be free and use the benefits of their own labors. You have the slavers, the people that want to use others for their own gain—most, if not totally, exclusively. You have the free people who primarily do not want to use others, but are smart enough, wise enough, and hard-working enough to want to do it themselves. In between, you have the slavish and the slaved. Or the useful idiots. As I see it.

*Scott Swad*

### **Pelosi Parade**

A former assistant to Nancy Pelosi told her she had a fantastic dream last night.

There was a humongous parade in Washington celebrating Pelosi. Millions lined the parade route, cheering when Nancy went past. Bands were playing; children were throwing confetti into the air; there were balloons everywhere. It was the biggest celebration Washington had ever seen.

Nancy was very impressed and said, "That's really great! By the way, how did I look in your dream? Was my hair OK?"

Her friend said, "I couldn't tell, the casket was closed!"

**Thank you**  
*Representative Michael Caruso*  
**for supporting education  
 policies that help  
 students and their  
 families.**

**A**

2019 Florida Education Report Card Grade

### **POLL WORKERS NEEDED!**

The Republican Executive Committee (REC) is working with our Palm Beach County Supervisor of Elections, Wendy Sartory Link, to recruit poll workers for the upcoming 2020 election cycle. Anyone interested in getting information to become a poll worker should contact Mitchell Schwartz, REC Liaison to the Supervisor of Elections Office for Poll Workers, at Mitch0901@icloud.com. An application will be emailed to you. Be advised that a poll worker is a paid position. Please let your friends know about this opportunity to participate in this community civic function, and pass this along to any person you know who might benefit from this opportunity, regardless of party affiliation.

## Book Review

***Capital Vol. 1, 2, & 3 [Das Kapital]*, by Karl Marx, trans. Ernest Unterman, Samuel Moor, and Edward Aveling. Compiled by Jake E. Stief. Stief Books, 758 pp., soft-cover. ISBN #9781791968465.**

This is the first book that I've reviewed for this newsletter that I would strongly urge Republicans not to read. Not in this version anyway. Karl Marx's legendary *Das Kapital* that he wrote in the 1800s originally came in three separate volumes and I thought it was wise to purchase this complete, unabridged edition, but boy was I wrong. As it turned out, the consolidated edition was over 700 pages and composited with double columns and miniscule 7-pt. type size, which rendered it nearly unreadable. Fortunately, my eyes are still good and with proper lighting I was able to get through it, but do yourself a favor and buy the traditional three-volume edition if you decide to take it on.

For me, reading this difficult book was something I've long wanted to do to see if I could confirm a suspicion I've had about Karl Marx—that a dominant influence on his philosophy came from the writings of Charles Darwin. They lived only a few miles apart and Marx read Darwin's most famous book, *The Origin of Species*, several times and seemed obsessed with it. A friend opined that Marx "spoke of nothing else for months but Darwin and the enormous significance of his scientific discoveries." Marx believed that Natural Selection, Darwin's mechanism for evolutionary change, was the basis for "class struggle" and he says as much in *Das Kapital*. Marx offered to dedicate his book to Charles Darwin, but Darwin refused to allow it.

In the book, Marx himself quotes another writer, whose opinion about his Marxist philosophy obviously pleases him and illuminates the heavy influence of Darwinian thought in Marx's most seminal work:

The only thing which is of the moment to Marx, is to find the law of the phenomena with whose investigation he is concerned; and not only is that law of moment to him, which governs those phenomena, in so far as they have a definite form and mutual connection within a given historical period. Of still greater moment to him is the law of their variation [important Darwinian term], of their development, i.e., of their transition from one form into another, from one series of connections into a different one. This law, once discovered, he investigates in detail the effects in which it manifests itself in social life. Consequently, Marx only troubles himself about one thing: to show, by rigid scientific investigation, the necessity of

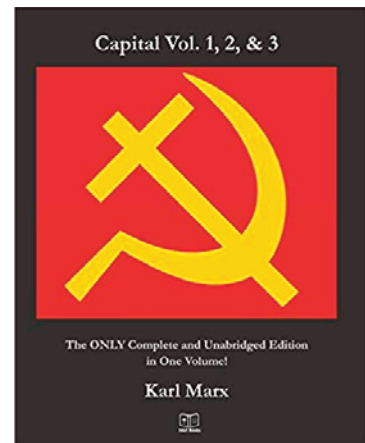
successive determinate orders of social conditions, and to establish, as impartially as possible, the facts that serve him for fundamental starting-points. . . . The scientific value of such an inquiry lies in the disclosing of the special laws that regulate the origin, existence, development, death of a given organism and its replacement by another and higher one. And it is this value that, in point of fact, Marx's book has.

Commenting on the writer's perception of his views, Marx compliments him by stating: "Whilst the writer pictures what he takes to be actually my method, in this striking and generous way, what else is he picturing but the dialectic method?"

Karl Marx admired societies in India which he viewed as collectivist. He believed that England from 1846–1866 was worthy of special study of capitalist accumulation because capitalist production there alone is completely developed. This was the beginning of the industrial revolution and he called it the "machinery revolution" and thought of machinery as the "enemy of the people." He used as a rationale for centralized governmental control his belief that the capitalist system of political economy "works against a rational agriculture." He turns Adam Smith's view of capitalism upside down by believing that "competition plays a perverted role" and that "the long, cherished freedom of competition has reached the end of its tether." He also felt that ground rent was the "tyranny of private property" because it "exploits workers." Most tellingly, he fervently believed that the "decentralization" of power in society "stops collapse of capitalist production."

This book is about a most complex subject and is tedious in the extreme to read, or at least it was for me, but has great value in understanding the viewpoint of the left in America today. Read it and you will understand where liberals' preoccupation with things such as class warfare and income inequality come from.

—Tom Mullings



## Book Review

***Our 50-State Border Crisis: How the Mexican Border Fuels the Drug Epidemic Across America*, by Howard G. Buffett. Hachette Books, 2018. ISBN: 978-0-316-47661-4, 356 pp.**

This book is just in the nick of time for the opposers of President Trump’s border “wall” to learn what is going on at the Mexican border that directly leads to the death of 70,000 to 80,000 Americans in all fifty states every year. It answers some questions that have not been raised by the public debate on border security and it makes proposals that deserve to be considered by the members of Congress within the next 180 days as they write new immigration laws. This book makes it easy to become a better expert on the needs for changes in immigration laws and drug enforcement laws.

Howard G. Buffett is a son of billionaire Warren Buffett, who gives Howard and his brother millions of dollars, with which they have created foundations to work to reverse some of society’s failures. Howard is chairman of the Howard G. Buffett Foundation that works on hunger, wildlife trafficking, border security, and public safety. One of Howard’s pet border projects concerns the illegal drugs leading to the death of Americans in every state. Howard lives in Macon County, Illinois, where he has been a volunteer deputy sheriff for years and now serves as the elected sheriff. He is also an experienced volunteer deputy sheriff in Cochise County, Arizona.

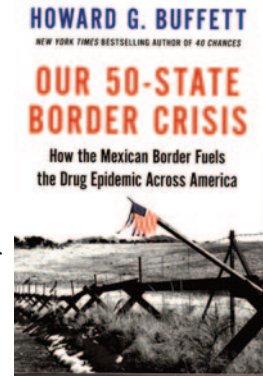
Simply put, the HGB Foundation purchased some large ranches on the U.S.–Mexican border and hired experts to help him study what is going on. He has discovered some crucial things that I have not read about anywhere else. Former U.S. Senator Heidi Heitkamp wrote the Foreword. She was, until the election of 2018, a member of the Homeland Security Committee and says Buffett is stickler for facts. Cindy McCain, Human Trafficking Advisory Council of the McCain Institute for International Leadership, wrote the Preface and says Howard is a hard worker and the book gives a sense of his passion about the subject. I agree with both of these ladies.

There are twenty chapters separated into three parts: Costs and Consequences; Countries of Origin; and What Needs to Change.

### *Costs and Consequences—Part I*

Here are some examples. Federal law 8 U.S.C. 1325 establishes a person’s first apprehension for improper entry into the U.S. as a misdemeanor crime. “In California and many states, this kind of misdemeanor is considered ‘completed’ at the scene, which means law enforcement cannot make an arrest unless an officer witnesses the act taking place” (p. 72).

A weakness in the “virtual” border is the U.S. Postal Service, demonstrated by a case in which two boxes of drugs were shipped from Sierra Vista, Arizona, to an abandoned house in Decatur, Illinois. “When the boxes hit Springfield, Illinois, a U.S. postal inspector became suspicious of them. Problem one, explains [Detective] Leaner: ‘USPS is supposed to verify that a sender address is legitimate. They did not. A bogus address out of Sierra Vista was supplied by the sender.’ When the inspector realized that, he contacted the Decatur Police Narcotics Unit. ‘They contacted me and requested that my K-9 sniff the boxes. K-9 alerted to both boxes. We drafted federal search warrants off the alert, opened the boxes, and found sixteen pounds of cannabis.’” Then the Decatur Police Department and postal inspector organized a sting of the boxes at the abandoned house where two repeat offenders came out of the house when they realize the delivered boxes were empty. The team followed up later when Buffett showed photographs of the packaged drugs with markings to a customs inspector in Arizona. The investigation is ongoing, as the markings on the photos were used for an electronic sweep that revealed an IP address in Mexico was clicking on the delivery link to track the boxes. This need for a federal warrant to search USPS packages is not applied to FedEx or UPS packages. “The result is that the USPS ‘is moving more narcotics around the country every day than anybody can even wrap their heads around’” (p. 84).



Buffett points out another problem is that “There is another way to approach the drug epidemic and impact demand for illegal drugs that some believe would create a safer, less lethal economy around drugs: legalizing them. I do not agree. Even though efforts to legalize marijuana have gained momentum around the country, I think this is a dangerous trend” (p. 93).

There are many other situations described in Part I that will require deep thinking by legislative drafters to coordinate the many wrinkles they will encounter. This book is a good guide.

### *Countries of Origin—Part II*

In this part, Buffett introduces some of the people he has met while spending \$350 million in what he calls “livelihood development and citizen security initiatives in Latin America over a period of almost two decades.” These are

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reviewed in chapters titled: 10. Red Shoes in Honduras; 11. Stolen Harvests; 12. Two-Legged Predators; 13. Prison or the Cemetery; 14. Silencing the Canary; 15. Red Shoes on the Road Again. Altogether about 100 pages of intimate efforts to help poor people grow food, get an education, and better their lives where they live.

You will learn that these countries are behind the development curve decades to light years compared to the American economy.

*What Needs to Change—Part III*

The toll on human and finances all of these problems cause are also taking toll on our basic values, Buffett says. He mentions how the *New York Times* did an exposé in 2017 on “supposed drug treatment facilities in Florida that are deliberately sabotaging the recovery of patients because they profit from insurance payments when addicts relapse.” In Ohio, officials are talking about refusing Narcan treatment to people who repeatedly overdose and call 911 to come save them.

Buffett questions whether people forfeit the chance to live because they are in the grip of an addictive disease. With that logic will we stop treating heart attacks or strokes if a person smokes? “We won’t win this war by punishing or even prosecuting addicts,” he writes. “We have to stop narco-terrorism at a much earlier stage. It requires strengthening our own border defenses and supporting the countries whose current struggles are fueling the cartel’s power and filling their bank accounts.” The enemy are the criminal organizations.

Buffet’s recommendations are: Chapter 16: Reboot Command of the Border; Chapter 17: Respect and Work with Mexico; Chapter 18: Create a Persistent Presence; Chapter 19: Reduce Demand for Drug and Illegal Labor; Chapter 20: Support Peace and Security in Our Hemisphere.

All members of Congress and the staff with ability to absorb hundreds of details need to read this book. So do you, if you want to help educate them. As a country we have

been through the Opium Wars, the over-the-counter opioid home remedy epidemic in the 1800s, the marijuana and psychedelic period in the 1960s through the 1980s, and now we are in a new phase that will require, once again, that we focus on doing all that is necessary to beat this evil. Thanks to Howard Buffett for his dedication to helping you and me to solve these problems. Thanks to Warren Buffett for using some of his money to help in this effort.

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*Book Review by William J. Skinner. Skinner worked with law enforcement organizations during the 1960s through the 1980s in a series of circumstances concerning combatting drug abuse. From 1965 to 1971 with Smith Kline & French pharmaceutical company he organized programs for pharmacy students, physicians, pharmacists, education students, and others including programs sponsored by the U.S. Jaycees and the American Bar Association. While with SK&F in Philadelphia, he helped organize a local neighborhood office in the Mantua area to help set up treatment events for drug abuses. See the bumper sticker [below] given out by the local Jaycees. These were the years when the District Attorney in Philly was Arlen Specter, then a Democrat. Later Skinner served as a speaker for the U.S. Civil Service Commission on drugs in the work place for several years. He helped the American Management Association conduct a two-day program on drugs in the work place in New York City. He consulted with the Industrial Physicians Association to conduct a two-day program in Philadelphia on drugs in the work place. Later in the 1980s, Skinner was a member, then chair of the Montgomery County, Maryland, Drug Abuse Advisory Council for over 10 years. He was recognized by two Maryland governors and the Montgomery County Executive. I tell you these things about my volunteer efforts because I have had some unique experiences in the efforts to help others treat the drug addiction problem.*



**Editor’s Postscript**

**In Memory of Nancy Marie and Michael Ann**

*By Tom Mullings*

Ever since I was a small child, I’ve had a vivid memory of a terrible crime that occurred near my boyhood home in the Maryland suburbs of Washington, DC, where I grew up. Little did I know at the time that that horrible double murder was a harbinger of things to come in our country that haunts American society to this day.

My memory of the crime was that it occurred at some time during the 1950s, and to my knowledge had never been solved by police investigators, rendering it, perhaps, the greatest unsolved mystery of my otherwise happy childhood. Inexplicably, one morning, while on their way to school, two teenage girls were shot to death in a park near the University of Maryland. The 1950s were a much more innocent time than today, where slayings such as these occur with seemingly frequent regularity. People left their doors unlocked without thinking twice about it back then, and parents were much less worried about their children’s safety than they are in today’s America. “Unfortunately, we’re almost used to these things now,” said Betty Miller, a former classmate of the two murdered girls, who now resides in Bowie, Maryland. “But back then, these things didn’t happen. It was terrifying.”

Indeed, it was. For weeks after the senseless slaughter of those two innocent children—Nancy Marie Shomette, 17, and Michael Ann Ryan, 14—the horrible crime was front page news in all the DC area newspapers and people were scared to death, not knowing if this was a random act or the beginning of something even more terrifying.

As the years and decades went by and the leads dried up without resolution, the mystery of who killed Nancy Marie and Michael Ann and why remained unsolved and has been with me all this time. It’s now been over 60 years since these murders occurred and as always happens in such matters, your thoughts of such things fade with the passage of time, and only rarely have I revisited them. But I have thought about it occasionally, and, as always, wondered who was the perpetrator of this senseless act of violence and would he ever be brought to justice. One such time occurred a couple of weeks ago, when on a lark one day I decided to try and Google the story, and was stunned by what I discovered. Popping up on my computer screen was a story from the *Washington Post* in the year 2000. What follows are the first two paragraphs of that story by staff writers Craig Whitlock and April Witt: “Before her brother-in-law succumbed to liver disease, Jean Dobek was summoned to his [Hollywood] Florida bedside. The dying man pulled her close, she recounted later, and confessed to a horrible crime he committed in Prince George’s County [Maryland] more than 40 years earlier.



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“My sister Michael Ann Ryan was murdered June 15, 1955. She was 14 and I was 3. She had just graduated from the 8th grade. Her friend Nancy Shomette was 16 and going to the high school nearby. She was going to get her report card and my sister asked to go with her. They were both shot and killed in a park across the street. This changed our lives forever. At 63, I have a hole in my heart that will never be filled. My hearts breaks everytime I hear of a shooting and think of families that will never be the same again.”

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“Police say Edward V. Dobek told his sister-in-law that on June 15, 1955—back when he was a skinny 17-year old from Hyattsville [Maryland]—he aimed his [22 caliber] squirrel rifle at two teenage girls passing through a county park on the way to school . . . [pulling] the trigger 17 times, killing them both. . . . But even more frightening was the fact that the killer was on the loose. Parents refused to let their children out of their houses for days.”

Today, well into the twenty-first century, horrible crimes like this and even more monstrous happen all the time, which begs the question, What has happened in America that caused an increase in such senseless violence? I'm not an expert on such matters, but like most people, I have my own suspicions as to why such violence has become more endemic. Certainly, the doubling of America's population since the mid-1950s, and the press's increasing appetite for sensationalism, which has made it difficult to tell the difference between the mainstream media and the *National*

*Inquirer* have played their part in the growing violence. And in my own mind, liberal permissiveness and their coddling of the most violent offenders among us seems a likely contributing factor to the escalating mayhem as well, but whatever the cause, something has indeed happened since those much more innocent, carefree times of the 1950s and we need to find out and fix it if that's possible. In the meantime, I'd like to dedicate this article to the memory of Nancy Marie Shomette and Michael Ann Ryan, whose promising young lives were senselessly ended in 1955 when I was 8 years old.

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*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.*

## Memorial Day Ceremonies in Boca Raton



With the 75th anniversary of D-Day this past week, it was even more fitting that we had by far our biggest attendance ever at both our city's Memorial Day observance and patriotic concert. Presenters from the NJROTC, American Legion, DAR, and Coast Guard Auxiliary were very moving, and it was an honor to join my City Council colleagues to reflect on those who gave their lives for ours and our children's freedom. One thought from my remarks: "The bravery of those who have served us all despite great peril is at the height of the American spirit. The tragedy of those lost in defense of our country is at the depth of our national soul. May we all honor these deepest sacrifices with the core of our united hearts." Let us be ever grateful for all who served and especially those who didn't come home.

—Mayor Scott Singer





# 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 registered Republicans who live in their precinct and serve as the Party's liaison to the Republicans within that precinct. REC members are expected to maintain contact with Republicans living in their 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/or 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. YOU WILL ALSO NEED THE SIGNATURES BELOW OF TWO CURRENT REC MEMBERS. THE DEADLINE FOR ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS IS 11:00 AM, 14 DAYS PRIOR TO THE REC MEETING.**

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Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

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\* Check here if you DO NOT want your email reported to the Supervisor of Elections thus making it a matter of public record under Florida law. \_\_\_\_\_

Profession: \_\_\_\_\_

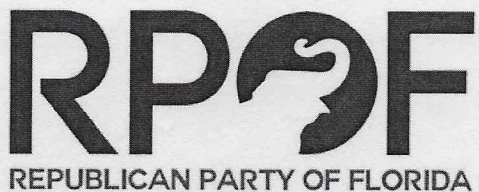
Precinct #: \_\_\_\_\_

I am applying for the position of: Committeeman \_\_\_\_\_ Committeewoman \_\_\_\_\_

### Two Current REC Members' Sponsor Signatures:

1). \_\_\_\_\_ REC Precinct # \_\_\_\_\_ 2). \_\_\_\_\_ REC Precinct # \_\_\_\_\_

Please return your REC Application to the Republican Party of Palm Beach County Headquarters,  
1555 Palm Beach Lakes Blvd., Suite 500, West Palm Beach 33401 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 #

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Date

Office: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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Address, as it appears on voter registration

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City, State, Zip

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Phone Number

# CANDIDATE OATH –

## Committeemen and Committeewomen

Check applicable one:

- Precinct Committeeman or Committeewoman
- District Committeeman or Committeewoman
- State Committeeman or Committeewoman

OFFICE USE ONLY

### Candidate Oath

(Sections 99.021(1)(a) and (2), Florida Statutes)

I, \_\_\_\_\_

(Print name above as you wish it to appear on the ballot. If your last name consists of two or more names but has no hyphen, check box . (See page 2 - Compound Last Names). No change can be made after the end of qualifying.)

am a candidate for the office of  **Committeeman**  **Committeewoman**

**Precinct/District Number** \_\_\_\_\_ (Not applicable to State Committeemen and State Committeewomen),

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.

### Statement of Party

(Section 99.021(1)(b), 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.

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

**Phonetic spelling for audio ballot:** Print name phonetically on the line below as you wish it to be pronounced on the audio ballot as may be used by persons with disabilities (see instructions on page 2 of this form): [Not applicable to write-in candidates.]

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**Signature of Candidate**

Telephone Number

Email Address

Address

City

State

ZIP Code

**STATE OF FLORIDA**

**COUNTY OF** \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature of Notary Public**

Print, Type, or Stamp Commissioned Name of Notary Public below:

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

Personally Known: \_\_\_\_\_ or Produced Identification: \_\_\_\_\_

Type of Identification Produced: \_\_\_\_\_