



FEBRUARY MEMBERSHIP MEETING, Wednesday, February 10, 2016

PROGRAM: As a follow-up to our November program discussing term limits for Congress, REC membership chair Vic Rohe will discuss the constitutional convention as a method for amending the U.S. Constitution to require term limits for Congress.

Join us at 11:30 am for lunch. The program will follow at 12:00 pm. The meeting will be held at Venice Gardens Civic Association, 406 Shamrock Blvd., Venice.

President's Message, Barbara Vaughn

For the past year you've heard me say many times *be aware and be prepared!* Sadly, we've started this new year with ample evidence of how important those concepts are.

Whether you suffered property damage yourself or know someone who did, most of us won't forget the January tornadoes in southwest Florida! Our hearts go out to those who were injured and those who lost loved ones. This just isn't supposed to happen here! But suppose it does happen again . or something equally frightening and dangerous? Will you be *prepared?* And, will you be *aware* in time to protect yourself, your loved ones and your property?

On that now historic Sunday morning, I was alerted by my cell phone at about 2:45 a.m. and the emergency alert sounded twice more over the coming 2 hours. My warning came from the weather service but there are many alert services you can sign up for including Sarasota County's CodeRED. Simply go to www.scgov.net, scroll down to the Emergency Services section. Then click on CodeRED registration. It is very easy to register and you have several choices about what kind of alerts go to your home and/or cell phone. There is no charge for the service and this system does not share your information . even with other government offices or agencies . without a court order. I encourage you to take the few minutes it takes to register. It's a good step in preparing to be aware!

As we all know, this is going to be a critical election year, hence a very busy one. Please determine now . if you haven't already . to *sacrifice* your time and talent to help ensure the survival of the greatest Constitutional Republic in the history of the world!

Here are some opportunities coming up soon: Jewish Food Festival on Feb 14; **Reagan Patriot Day Dinner on Feb 26**; early voting Mar 5-12; Election Day, Mar 15; and the county fair, Mar 17-24. Please put these dates on your calendar and volunteer to work a few hours at a booth or a table and be sure to join us to **"Meet Your New Congressman"** at our

Reagan Patriot Day Dinner on Feb 26!

GBYRG! Barb

February Birthdays

Karen Abbott
Julie Brady
William Crocker
Marvin Gordon
Douglas Graham
Eugene Hatton
Marie Houch
Ann Jackson
William Lindquist
Larry McCarthy
Michael Moran
Mary O'Nesky
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YOUR OFFICERS FOR 2016

After swearing in RCSSC officers for 2016, Supervisor of Elections Kathy Dent (left) stands with President Barbara Vaughn, Vice President Chuck Ford, Treasurer Robert Unsell, and Secretary Alice Letizi

2015: Year of the Big Lie, by Thomas Sowell, Excerpts

It is always hard to know when a turning point has been reached, and usually it is long afterwards before we recognize it. However, if 2015 has been a turning point, it may well have marked a turn in a downward direction for America and for Western civilization.

This was the year when we essentially let the world know that we were giving up any effort to try to stop Iran . the world's leading sponsor of international terrorism . from getting a nuclear bomb. Surely it does not take much imagination to foresee what lies at the end of that road. It will not matter if we have more nuclear bombs than they have, if they are willing to die and we are not. That can determine who surrenders. And ISIS and other terrorists have given us grisly demonstrations of what surrender would mean.

More than anything else, 2015 has been the year of the big lie. There have been lies in other years, and some of them pretty big, but even so 2015 has set new highs . or new lows.

This is the year when we learned, from Hillary Clinton's own emails. . . that Secretary of State Clinton lied, and so did President Barack Obama and others under him, when they all told us in 2012 that the terrorist attack in Benghazi that killed the American ambassador and three other Americans was not a terrorist attack, but a protest demonstration that got out of hand.

What difference, at this point, does it make? As Mrs. Clinton later melodramatically cried out, at a congressional committee hearing investigating that episode. First of all, it made enough of a difference for some of the highest officials of American government to concoct a false story they knew at the time was false.

It mattered enough that, if the truth had come out, on the eve of a presidential election, it could have destroyed Barack Obama's happy tale of how he had dealt a crippling blow to terrorists by killing Osama bin Laden (with an assist from the Navy's SEALs). Had Obama's lies about his triumph over terrorism been exposed on the eve of the election, that could have ended his stay in the White House. And that could have spared us and the world many of Obama's disasters in the Middle East and elsewhere around the world. That is why it matters, and will continue to matter in the future.

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If you know of any member who is sick, has been in the hospital, has lost a loved one, or who we have missed seeing at our meetings, call our Sunshine Chair Mary O'Nesky at 497-6454

Help Us Grow Our Club

We need volunteers to welcome new Republicans who move into the RCSSC area! You can help by contacting newcomers by mail and inviting them to come to our meetings.

If you can help, contact
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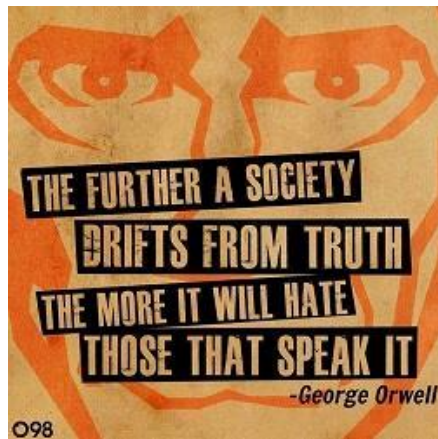
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Lying, by itself, is obviously not new. What is new is the growing acceptance of lying as a big deal by smug sophisticates, so long as these are lies that advance their political causes. Many in the media greeted the exposure of Hillary Clinton's lies by admiring how well she handled herself. Lies are a wall between us and reality, and being walled off from reality is the biggest deal of all. Reality does not disappear because we don't see it. It just hits us like a ton of bricks when we least expect it.

If there is anything that is bipartisan in Washington, it is lying. The most recent budget deal showed that congressional Republicans lied wholesale when they said that they would defund Obamacare, Planned Parenthood and other pet projects of the Democrats.

As for 2015, good riddance. We can only hope that people who vote in 2016 will have learned something from 2015's disasters.



**The Conservative View, by Russell Turner
Falling Dominoes, Submitted by Don O'Nesky**

Several years ago I watched a program that featured an individual who spent several weeks setting up thousands of dominoes so he could knock the first one over and start a chain reaction. It was kind of entertaining to watch the dominoes falling in different directions; one thing that was very evident was it didn't take near as long for the dominoes to fall as it did to set them all on their ends. The program about the falling dominoes is proving to be a pretty good analogy to what is happening to our once great nation.

We are about to start a new year; in my opinion our nation is facing a chain reaction as well. The latest 1.1 trillion omnibus budget deal proved that the so-called conservatives that we have elected to fight the over reach by the executive branch of our government have proven that they lack the stomach to oppose the socialists that seem to be hell bent on destroying our nation. I am a conservative and I am proud of it. The principles that I believe in are the ones that the founders of this nation gave us. It wasn't that long ago that most of our citizens were proud to be self-sufficient and in control of their own destiny. Today too many people are only concerned with working the system and getting some freebie. Our nation was once rich enough to support the corruption that was growing in our society, but our nation is no longer able to absorb waste and corruption.

Sadly we Americans have brought much of the problem upon ourselves. We have allowed ourselves to be conned by a bunch of worthless politicians who are only worried about getting re-elected and pandering to certain groups to get enough votes to achieve that goal. Our nation is over 19 trillion dollars in debt, but even with that

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the Patriot?**

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**Abbott & Costello:
Unemployment in America**

C: Let's talk about unemployment.

A: Terrible times. It's 5.6%.

C: That many people out of work?

A: No, that's 23%.

C: You just said 5.6%.

A: 5.6% unemployed.

C: Right, 5.6% out of work.

A: No, that's 23%.

C: Okay, so it's 23% unemployed.

A: No, that's 5.6%.

C: Wait a minute! Is it 5.6% or 23%?

startling fact our elected officials cannot reign in a budget that spends more than our federal government collects from across our nation. 2016 is an election year, and I have begun to lose faith in the political class to save this nation.

Instead of putting faith in the political class, we need to put faith into the only people that can fix the problem; all you have to do is to look into the mirror. While many people like to make New Year's resolutions, it will take a major change of attitude for many of our citizens. A well-informed patriotic people will elect the people that are sincere and actually care for our nation and the founding principles it was based upon. If we Americans fail to see the light and not be willing to make the sacrifices necessary, our great nation, and all of the things that made it special in the world, will fall like a bunch of dominoes.



KEY 2016 ELECTION DATES

Presidential Primary Election:	March 15
Early Voting:	March 5 . 12
Primary Elections:	August 30
Early Voting:	August 20 . 27
Election Day:	November 8
Early Voting:	October 24 . November 5

Florida is a closed primary state and you **must be a registered Republican in order to vote for a Republican candidate**. The deadline to register to vote or change your party affiliation in Florida is **February 16th**. After this date, you are ineligible to vote in the Republican Primary if you are not a registered Republican!

To check the status of your voter registration online, go here:
<http://registration.elections.myflorida.com/CheckVoterStatus>

If you are not a registered voter or not registered as a Republican, you can download a voter registration application. Applications must be returned to the Supervisor of Elections office near you; locations are listed on the second page of the form.
<http://dos.myflorida.com/media/693757/dsde39.pdf>.

A: 5.6% are unemployed. 23% are out of work.

C: If you are out of work, you are unemployed.

A: No, Congress said you can't count the % out of work + as unemployed. You have to look for work to be unemployed.

C: But they are out of work!

A: No, you miss the point.

C: What point?

A: Someone who doesn't look for work can't be counted with those who look for work. It wouldn't be fair.

C: To whom?

A: The unemployed.

C: But ALL of them are out of work.

A: No, the unemployed are actively looking for work. Those who are out of work gave up looking, and if you give up, you are no longer in the ranks of the unemployed.

C: So if you're off the unemployment roles that would count as less unemployment?

A: Unemployment would go down. Absolutely!

C: The unemployment just goes down because you don't look for work?

A: Absolutely it goes down. That's how it gets to 5.6%. Otherwise, it would be 23%.

C: Wait, I've got a question for you. That means there are two ways to bring down the unemployment number?

A: Two ways is correct.

C: Unemployment can go down if someone gets a job?

Bubble Wrap, Participation Trophies, Safe Zones, and More by Randy Wedin

I'm appalled at the current generation in high school, college, and within our welfare state. They're not even close to being ready to have this country handed over to them. We've pampered them, wrapped them in bubble wrap to protect them, given them participation trophies to protect their hurt feelings, and now our future leaders in college are asking for "safe zones" at their colleges to protect them from hurtful language. This is our fault! We conservatives have let the ultra-liberal left mold our children into the most pampered generation in U.S. history.

Our country is like a Boeing 757: we citizens sit in comfy first class seats and assume that our pilot knows how to fly the plane, what to do if something goes wrong, and will protect our well-being (the Republic). Many Americans are shocked by the reality that we are in a spiraling nose-dive and our pilot (the community organizer) is totally clueless

Political leaders and our fellow countrymen have no idea how to proceed while liberals continue their disastrous purge of our values. While our plane continues to spiral downward, those politicians who were sent to Washington to represent us are frightened by political correctness, afraid that they may be labeled racist, bigot+or some other name that liberals use to control free speech.

WE THE PEOPLE have sat calmly in our seats for seven years waiting for others to rush the cockpit and take over the controls from our inept pilot. The crew (our political leadership) has been clueless of what to do to stop him -- sometimes seeming to aid and abet his agenda. Now our pilot wants to force potential terrorist-infiltrated immigrants on us. Why? So that the non-terrorists can join our welfare state, or so that the terrorists can help him in our Republic's demise? San Bernardino was just a warm-up folks -- others wait in the wings to do more harm. It only takes a few against a soft-target, and America is full of soft targets.

The new generation is not prepared to cope with our failed and divisive system with its riots, protests, and record number of citizens and illegal immigrants within the welfare state. In fact, huge numbers of this latest generation want to join the welfare state.

Before we in the older generations decide to hand over this country to the youth of America, we have more work to do to protect our Republic and the Constitution. We have no choice. The alternative is unthinkable to every *real* American. We are the solution, and we have to take back what the liberals have stolen from us, even if it means working a few more years. I have a few more years that I'm prepared to give. How about you?

The obvious starting point is at the ballot box. This nation will be hard-pressed to survive another democrat in the White House -- especially the current two socialist Democrat front runners. We must change our politically correct culture.

We must be focused and work at a feverish pace to fight against those who would sell out our great nation, no matter what it costs personally. We need to wake the patriotic fervor within all Americans, no matter what ethnicity they claim. Good patriotic Americans will follow if we lead the way. We need to lead with a passion and a love of this country above personal comforts. Leadership has to start somewhere -- why not here in South Sarasota County, Florida?

The year of 2016 is when we must take back our nation. To paraphrase those patriots on Flight 93 on 9/11, "COME ON AMERICA -- LET'S ROLL!"

A: Correct.

C: And unemployment can also go down if you stop looking for a job?

A: Bingo.

C: So there are two ways to bring unemployment down, and the easier of the two is to have people stop looking for work.

A: Now you're thinking like an economist.

C: I don't even know what I just said.

A: Now you're thinking like a politician.

Quotes Honoring President Ronald Reagan on his Birthday Month

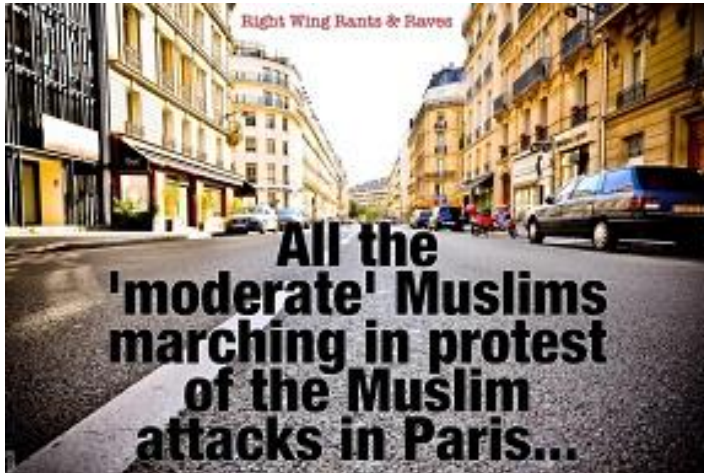
~~We~~ We have one beacon to guide us that Ronald Reagan never had. We have his example. Let us give thanks today for a life that achieved so much for all of God's children.+
Margaret Thatcher, From her eulogy at Ronald Reagan's funeral in June 2004.

~~We~~ We must pay tribute to President Reagan -- he was a great man.+
Mikhail Gorbachev, 2011 interview during centennial observance of Ronald Reagan's birthday.

Quotes by Famous People

"The man who reads nothing at all is better educated than the man who reads nothing but newspapers."
Thomas Jefferson

~~We~~ We must reject the idea that every time a law is broken, society is guilty rather than the lawbreaker. It is time to restore the American precept that each individual is accountable for his actions.+
Ronald Reagan



Destroying Your Vote, by Walter E. Williams, Excerpts, November 3, 2015, Submitted by Don O'Nesky

Voter ID laws have been challenged because liberal Democrats deem them racist. I guess that's because they see blacks as being incapable of acquiring some kind of government-issued identification. Interesting enough is the fact that I've never heard of a challenge to other ID requirements as racist, such as those: to board a plane, open a charge account, have lab work done or cash a welfare check. Since liberal Democrats only challenge legal procedures to promote ballot-box integrity, the conclusion one reaches is that they are for vote fraud prevalent in many Democrat-controlled cities.

There is another area where the attack on ballot-box integrity goes completely unappreciated. We can examine this attack by looking at the laws governing census taking. As required by law, the U.S. Census Bureau is supposed to count all persons in the U.S.

Both citizens and non-citizens are included in the census and thus affect apportionment counts. Counting illegals in the census undermines one of the fundamental principles of representative democracy - namely, that every citizen-voter has an equal voice. Through the decennial census-based process of apportionment, states with large numbers of illegal immigrants, such as California and Texas, unconstitutionally gain additional members in the U.S. House of Representatives thereby robbing the citizen-voters in other states of their rightful representation.

Hans von Spakovsky, a Heritage Foundation scholar and former member of the Federal Election Commission, has written an article, *How Noncitizens Can Swing Elections: Without Even Voting Illegally*. He points to the fact that 12 million illegal aliens, plus other aliens who are here legally but are not citizens and have no right to vote, distort representation in the House.

There is a strong argument for counting non-citizens, whether they are here legally or illegally. An accurate population count is important for a number of public policy reasons as well as national security - we should know who is in our country. But as professor Mark Rozell, acting dean of the School of Policy, Government, and International Affairs at George Mason University, and Paul Goldman, a weekly columnist for the Washington Post, say in their Politico article, there is no persuasive reason to allow the presence of illegal immigrants, unlawfully in the country, or noncitizens generally, to play such a crucial role in picking a president.

"I think this is the most extraordinary collection of talent, of human knowledge, that has ever been gathered together at the White House - with the possible exception of when Thomas Jefferson dined alone."

John F. Kennedy

"Barack Obama, by the time he is done, will have been the greatest educator on the failure of liberalism and the failure of big government in American history."

Newt Gingrich

"Our lives begin to end the day we become silent about things that matter."

Martin Luther King, Jr.

"You can avoid reality, but you cannot avoid the consequences of avoiding reality."

Ayn Rand

"Only two things are infinite, the universe and human stupidity, and I'm not sure about the former."

Albert Einstein

"Any man who is under 30, and is not a liberal, has no heart; and any man who is over 30, and is not a conservative, has no brains."

Winston Churchill

"In America, anybody can be president. That's one of the risks you take."

Adlai Stevenson

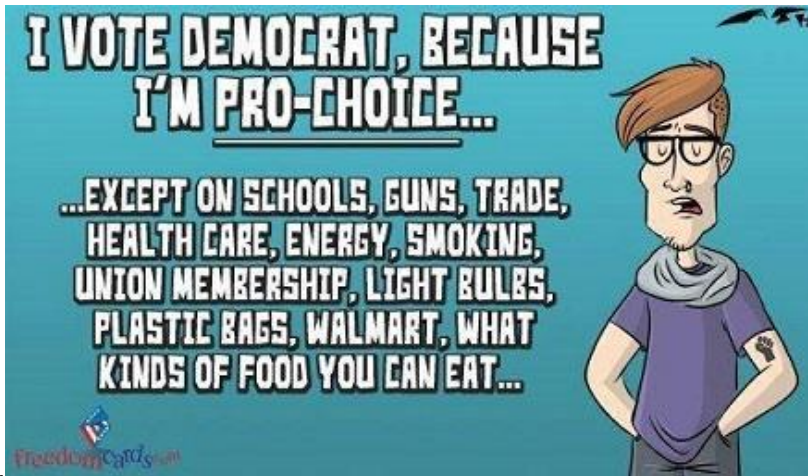
"To anger a conservative, lie to him. To anger a liberal, tell him the truth."

Theodore Roosevelt

"Patriotism means to stand by the country. It does *not* mean to stand by the President or any other public official save exactly to the degree in which he

Hans von Spakovsky, concludes his article saying, "It is a felony under federal law for a noncitizen to vote in our elections because voting is a right given only to American citizens. It is a precious right that must be earned by becoming a citizen. Giving aliens, particularly those whose first act was to break our laws to illegally enter the country, political power in Congress and allowing them to help choose our president strikes at the very heart of our republic and what it means to be an American."

himself stands by the country. It is patriotic to support him insofar as he efficiently serves the country. It is unpatriotic not to oppose him to the exact extent that by inefficiency or otherwise he fails in his duty to stand by the country.
Theodore Roosevelt



"The Constitution shall never be construed. . . to prevent the people of the United States who are peaceable citizens from keeping their own arms."
Alexander Hamilton

"We Americans have got into a bad habit of looking to the government to solve every aspect of our lives. Thomas Jefferson once made the comment that the government that governs best governs least. Maybe the old-timers were a lot more observant than we gave them credit for."
Russell Turner, The Conservative View, January 1, 2016



Smiles for the Day

I was visiting my son last night when I asked if I could borrow a newspaper.

"This is the 21st century," said the thoroughly modern son. "We don't waste money on newspapers. Here, use my iPad."

I can tell you this, that fly never knew what hit him.

If you are going to talk about foreign policy with Obama supporters, remember this:

Most of them, including some in Congress, believe that "Iran" is what they did after they robbed the liquor store.



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Now the local police, sheriff, FBI, CIA, NSA, Homeland Security, Secret Service and other agencies are all watching the house 24/7.

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Mr. Clark, I have reviewed this case very carefully, the divorce court judge said, and I've decided to give your wife \$775 a week.

That's very fair, your honor, the husband said, and every now and then I'll try to send her a few bucks myself.

Sally applied for a job in a Florida lemon grove and seemed to be far too qualified for the job. She had a liberal arts degree from the University of Michigan and had worked as a social worker and a school teacher.

The foreman frowned and said, "I have to ask you, have you had any actual experience in picking lemons?" "Well, as a matter of fact, I have," Sally said: "I've been divorced three times, owned two Chryslers, and I voted Democratic for 35 years including twice for Obama."

