



## HAPPY NEW YEAR!

### JANUARY MEETING, Wednesday, January 11, 2017

Program: Our speaker will be Ron Turner, our newly elected Supervisor of Elections, who will install our new officers for 2017. We will hold our election of officers for 2017 (see back page for information).

Join us at 11:30 for lunch with the program to follow at 12:00 noon. Venice Gardens Civic Association, 406 Shamrock Blvd., Venice.

### President's Message, by Barbara Vaughn

Hopefully, this finds you all still basking in the glow of a blessed Christmas and/or Chanukah and your best New Year's celebration in years!

But brace yourselves: the best is yet to come! At noon on the 20<sup>th</sup> of January, Barack Hussein Obama will pass into our fading memories to be dismissed as a long, bad, history lesson in how NOT to lead a Constitutional Republic!

Within a couple of hours after that we'll watch President Donald J. Trump and Vice President Mike Pence and their families walk down Pennsylvania Avenue in that traditional parade following the Inauguration to begin a new era in the life of our great nation! If you're like me, you plan to be glued to the TV soaking up every word and every minute of the pageantry and solemnity that mark our peaceful transfer of power. Then we'll watch portions of the Inaugural Balls and thank God, yet again, for delivering our country from the brink.

And, when we drift down out of the clouds and back to earth it will be time to join with like-minded Sarasota Republican friends and PAAAAAARRTTEEEEE! So, please plan to join us for an

## INAUGURATION CELEBRATION!

On Sunday, January 22<sup>nd</sup> from 2 to 5 p.m.

at the [South Venice Yacht Club at 4425 Yacht Club Dr.](#)

Very informal: barbeque with pot luck sides  
(please bring a favorite appetizer, side dish, or dessert to share)  
Plenty of room inside & out; & plenty of parking

There is no charge and guests are warmly welcome  
but we do *gratefully accept donations* to the ongoing  
support of our Republican Club of South Sarasota County!

Please contact Barbara at [bvdees@reagan.com](mailto:bvdees@reagan.com) to RSVP or with questions.

Looking forward to seeing you all there!  
GBYRG! Barb

### January Birthdays

Elizabeth Bauer  
James Bender  
Eva Berrish  
Richard Brand  
Dan Church  
Cynthia Crowe  
Dale DeYoung  
Chuck Ford  
Seth French  
Janet Jorgensen  
Win Orben  
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## CHRISTMAS PARTY FESTIVITIES



President Barbara Vaughn with Kathy Dent, recipient of the RCSSC Lifetime Achievement Award for 2016



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**Bylaws:** Vacant

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Don O'Nesky  
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### Do You Have Something You Would Like Printed in *The Patriot*?

The RCSSC welcomes letters to the editor or articles from members for publication in *The Patriot* newsletter. The letter or article should be brief and appropriate for our Republican readers. Please include sources for articles other than your own. Send articles to newsletter editor Gladys Green via e-mail or snail mail:  
[gladysg33@comcast.net](mailto:gladysg33@comcast.net);  
330 W. Baffin Dr., Venice, FL 34293.

Deadline for articles to be submitted is the 20th of each month.

### Sunshine Committee

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 Don O'Nesky:  
[elephantpride@aol.com](mailto:elephantpride@aol.com)

**It's Official: Clinton's Popular Vote Win Came Entirely from California, by John Merline, December 16, 2016**

Democrats who are having trouble getting out of the first stage of grief and denial aren't being helped by the fact that, now that all the votes are counted, Hillary Clinton's lead in the popular vote has topped 2.8 million, giving her a 48% share of the vote compared with Trump's 46%. To those unschooled in how the United States selects presidents, this seems totally unfair. While Clinton's margin looks large and impressive, it is due to her huge margin of victory in one state – California – where she got a whopping 4.3 million more votes than Trump.

California proves the true genius of the Electoral College – which was designed to prevent regional candidates from dominating national elections. In recent years, California has been turning into what amounts to a one-party state. Between 2008 and 2016, the number of California's registered Democrats has climbed by 1.1 million, while the number of registered Republicans has dropped by almost 400,000. Republicans in the state had *nobody to vote for* in November. Two Democrats and *zero Republicans* ran to replace Sen. Boxer. No Republicans were on the ballot for House seats in nine of California's congressional districts. Six districts had no Republicans running for the state senate, and 16 districts had no Republicans running for state assembly seats. Since Republicans knew Clinton was going to win the state and its entire 55 electoral votes, casting a ballot for Trump was virtually meaningless.

If you take California out of the popular vote equation, then Trump wins the rest of the country by 1.4 million votes. Meanwhile, if you look at every other measure, Trump was the clear and decisive winner in this election:

Number of states won:	Trump 30; Clinton 20
Number of electoral votes won:	Trump 306; Clinton 232
Avg. margin of victory in winning states:	Trump 56%; Clinton 53.5%
Popular vote outside of California:	Trump 58,474,401; Clinton 57,064,530



**The Genius of the Electoral College System, Submitted by Cynthia Crowe**

There are 3,141 counties in the United States. Trump won 3,084 of them. Clinton won 57.

There are 62 counties in New York State. Trump won 46 of them. Clinton won 16. Clinton won the popular vote by approximately 1.5 million votes.

In the five counties that encompass New York City (Bronx, Brooklyn, Manhattan, Richmond and Queens), Clinton received well over 2 million more votes than Trump. (Clinton only won four of these counties. Trump won Richmond). Therefore, these five counties alone, more than accounted for Clinton winning the popular vote of the entire country. These five counties comprise 319 square miles. The United States is comprised of 3,797,000 square miles.

When you have a country that encompasses almost 4 million square miles of territory, it would be ludicrous to even suggest that the vote of those that encompass a mere 319 square miles should dictate the outcome of a national election.



# THE ELECTORAL COLLEGE, DECEMBER 19, 2016 VOTES FOR TRUMP



President-elect Donald J. Trump



Our 29 Florida electors



Florida Senate Chamber



RPOF Chairman Blaise Ingoglia



Florida Attorney General Pam Bondi



Electors voting

## A New Year's Poem. How True It Is!

Another year has passed  
And we're all a little older.  
Last summer felt hotter  
And winter seems much colder.

I rack my brain for happy thoughts  
To put down on my pad.  
But lots of things that come to mind  
Just make me kind of sad.

There was a time not long ago  
When life was quite a blast.  
Now I fully understand  
About living in the past.

We used to go to weddings,  
Football games and lunches.  
Now we go to funeral homes,  
And after funeral brunches.

We used to have hangovers from  
parties that were gay.  
Now we suffer body aches and  
while the night away.

We used to travel often  
To place near and far.  
Now we get sore bottoms  
From riding in the car.

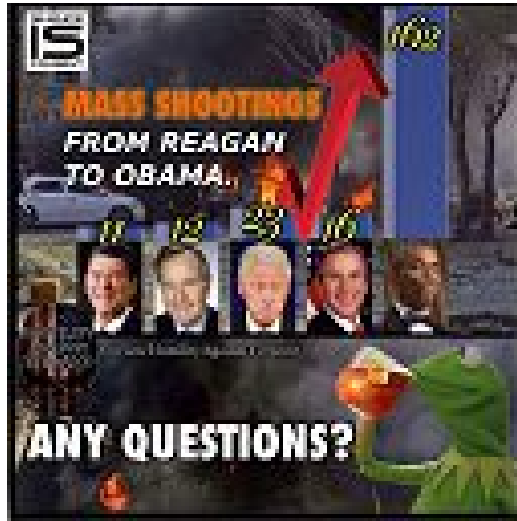
We used to go out shopping  
For new clothing at the Mall.  
But now we never bother. . .  
All the sizes are too small.

We used to go to nightclubs  
And drink a little booze.  
Now we stay at home at night  
And watch the evening news.

That my friend is how life is and  
now my tale is told.  
So enjoy each day and live it up  
Before you're too darn old!



*Filled Full of Love,  
Joy, Peace,  
Happiness, and  
Prosperity*



**Walter Williams: We Don't Need Another 'National Conversation' on Race, *Investor's Business Daily*, Excerpts, July 13, 2016**

President Obama and his first attorney general, Eric Holder, called for an honest conversation about race. Holder even called us “a nation of cowards” because we were unwilling to have a “national conversation” about race. The truth of the matter is there’s been more than a half-century of conversations about race. We do not need more. Instead, black people need to have frank conversations among ourselves, no matter how uncomfortable and embarrassing the topics may be.

Among the nation’s most dangerous cities are Detroit, Chicago, St. Louis, Baltimore, Memphis, Milwaukee, Birmingham, Newark, Cleveland, and Philadelphia. These once-thriving cities are in steep decline. What these cities have in common is that they have large black populations. Also, they have been run by Democrats for nearly a half-century, with blacks having significant political power. Other characteristics these cities share are poorly performing and unsafe schools, poor-quality city services, and declining populations.

Heather MacDonald’s most recent book, “The War on Cops,” points out some devastating and sobering statistics: “Blacks were charged with 62% of all robberies, 57% of all murders, and 45% of all assaults in the 75 largest U.S. counties in 2009, while constituting roughly 15% of the population in those counties. From 2005 to 2014, 40% of cop-killers were black. Given the racially lopsided nature of gun violence, a 26% rate of black victimization by the police is not evidence of bias.”

Without self-initiative, there is not much that can be done about the high crime rate in black neighborhoods. Black and white liberals and their allies in the ACLU, as well as libertarians, will not countenance the kind of tools needed to bring about civility . . . The ACLU claimed that police were disproportionately targeting minorities for questioning and searches. The practical result will be fewer investigative stops by police and more crime, and it will be black residents who suffer.

The primary victims of lawlessness are black people. To address this problem and most others, black people should ignore the liberal agenda. If civil authorities will not do their job of creating a safe environment, then black people should take the initiative. Black people have the capacity to run the criminals out of their neighborhoods. Let me put the issue another way. Suppose it were the Ku Klux Klan riding through black neighborhoods murdering 7,000 blacks year after year. How many black people would be willing to wait for the Klansmen to behave themselves or accept political promises and wait for a government program?

**Why, Submitted by Jean West-Walker**

Why do supermarkets make the sick walk all the way to the back of the store to get their prescriptions while healthy people can buy cigarettes at the front?

Why do people order double cheeseburgers, large fries, and a diet coke?

Why do banks leave vault doors open and then chain the pens to the counters?

Why do we leave cars worth thousands of dollars in our driveways and put our useless junk in the garage?

**EVER WONDER...**

Why the sun lightens our hair, but darkens our skin?

Why can't women put on mascara with their mouth closed?

Why don't you ever see the headline 'Psychic Wins Lottery'?

Why is 'abbreviated' such a long word?

Why is it that doctors and attorneys call what they do 'practice'?

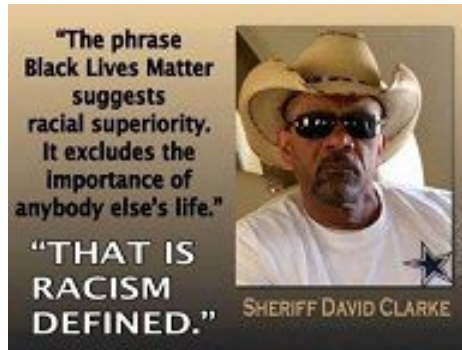
Why is lemon juice made with artificial flavoring, and dish washing liquid made with real lemons?

Why is the man who invests all your money called a broker?

Why is the time of day with the slowest traffic called rush hour?

Why isn't there mouse-flavored cat food?

Why didn't Noah swat those two mosquitoes?



**What Trump Did To Blacks And Jews 30 Years Ago Just Surfaced... This Could Change the Whole Election, by A.T., Excerpts, August 7, 2016**

Donald Trump as well as his fellow Republicans have often been accused of having no tolerance for the Blacks or the Jews — basically they were racists. Even though Trump shows an array of people of different race and background actively supporting him and working for him, the media cannot get enough in blaming him for things he did not do. Now, new information about his so-called discriminatory and racist nature is surfacing:

In 1997, Trump defied societal conventions when he purchased his Mar-a-Lago estate in Palm Beach, Florida and converted it into a private club. Prior to Trump's arrival, other clubs in the Palm Beach area "had long barred Jews and African Americans — which is to say they practiced a quiet but steely racism," wrote Jeffrey Lord in *The American Spectator*. "He put the light on Palm Beach," said Abe Foxman, national director of the Anti-Defamation League. "Not on the beauty and the glitter, but on its seamier side of discrimination."

Trump went further, asking the town council to lift the existing restrictions on the club, and sending them a copy of, "Guess Who's Coming to Dinner," a film whose characters defy the race-based discrimination of the day. The town council would not budge, leading Trump to file a \$100 million lawsuit alleging the town was "discriminating against Mar-a-Lago, in part because it is open to Jews and African Americans," reported *The American Spectator*. The incident was profiled in a 1997 *Wall Street Journal* piece that discussed Trump's clash with Palm Beach. Eventually, Palm Beach put an end to their discriminatory restrictions.

"In other words, long before he was running for president, there was Donald Trump battling racism and anti-Semitism in Palm Beach society. Using every tool at his disposal," wrote Lord. He continued, "In today's world the Left demands racial quotas and supports illegal immigration. What all of these things have in common is that they are designed to divide Americans by race, to divide by skin color." Lord said Trump's actions show the falsehood in the accusations of racism leveled against him.

"The good news here is that in Donald Trump someone — finally — is standing up to fight back. Just as he fought back all those years ago in Palm Beach when no one was looking."



Why do they sterilize the needle for lethal injections?

You know that indestructible black box that is used on airplanes? Why don't they make the whole plane out of that stuff??

Why don't sheep shrink when it rains?

Why are they called apartments when they are all stuck together?

If flying is so safe, why do they call the airport the terminal?



## Do We Live in a Country Run by Idiots?

Source: Fritz Edmunds, *Politically True*, February 3, 2013,

If all of the following things are true:

- If plastic bottles are okay, but plastic bags are banned,
- If you can get arrested for hunting or fishing without a license, but not for entering and remaining in the country illegally,
- If you have to get your parents' permission to go on a field trip or take an aspirin in school but not to get an abortion,
- If you must show your identification to board an airplane, cash a check, buy liquor, or check out a library book, but not to vote for who runs the government,
- If the government wants to prevent stable, law-abiding citizens from owning gun magazines that hold more than 10 rounds, but gives F-16 fighter jets to the crazy new leader in Egypt,
- If you can buy two 16-oz sodas in the nation's largest city, but not one 24-oz soda because 24 ounces of a sugary drink might make you fat,
- If an 80-year-old woman who is confined to a wheelchair or a three-year-old girl can be strip-searched by the TSA at the airport, but a woman in a burka or a hijab is only subject to having her neck and head searched,
- If your government believes that the best way to eradicate trillions of dollars of debt is to spend trillions more,
- If a seven-year-old boy can be thrown out of school for saying his teacher is "cute," but hosting a sexual exploration or diversity class in grade school is perfectly acceptable,
- If hard work and success are met with higher taxes and more government regulation and intrusion, while not working is rewarded with food stamps, WIC checks, Medicaid benefits, subsidized housing, and free cell phones,
- If you pay your mortgage faithfully, denying yourself the newest big-screen TV, while your neighbor buys iPhones, time shares, a wall-sized plasma screen TV and new cars, and the government forgives his debt when he defaults on his mortgage,
- If being stripped of your Constitutional right to defend yourself makes you more "safe" according to the government,

Then we might be living in a nation that was founded by geniuses but is now being run by idiots.

Think before you vote in all upcoming elections. Most of the idiots running this country say one thing when campaigning and then do the opposite knowing that the people who voted for them do not pay attention!

***Thankfully, Americans did think before they voted this year. We will now have an adult in the White House, and President Donald J. Trump will work to solve these problems.***





**Election of Officers for 2017**

The nominating committee has selected the following nominees for RCSSC officers in 2017:

President: Thomas Van Dyke  
Vice President: Anthony Sawyer  
Secretary: Alice Letizi  
Treasurer: James Bender

Additional nominations may be made from the floor. The election will be held at our regular meeting on January 11, 2017. Only paid members are eligible to seek office and to vote in the election, so please ensure that your membership is current. If you have not paid your membership dues for 2017 and wish to seek office or vote, fill out the membership form below and bring it along with your payment to the January 11 meeting.

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**RCSSC MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM**  
**PLEASE PRINT**

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NEW YEAR!**

