



FEBRUARY MEETING, Wednesday, February 8, 2017

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

February Birthdays

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RCSSC OFFICERS FOR 2017



RCSSC Officers for 2017: L-R: President Thomas Van Dyke, Vice President Anthony Sawyer, Secretary Alice Letizi, and Treasurer James Bender

The RCSSC election of officers for 2017 was held at the January 11 membership meeting. The Nominating Committee was chaired by Terry Angley. Others who served on the Nominating Committee were Cynthia Crowe, Robert Sprague, and Jake and Dot Scheeres,. The slate of officers recommended by the Nominating Committee was elected unanimously without any nominations from the floor. The newly elected officers were sworn in by our new Supervisor of Elections, Ron Turner.

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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; 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

Devil's Advocate, by Russell Turner, *The Conservative View*, January 13, 2017, Submitted by Don O'Nesky

Debate can be one of the greatest sources of entertainment. It never ceases to amaze me how someone can defend something or someone that is reality un-defendable. Over the past several days there has been a constant back and forth about the impending repeal of the so called Affordable Health Care Act (Obamacare). The defenders of this poorly crafted piece of legislation are already starting to try to scare the American people into believing that repealing Obamacare would essentially MAKE AMERICA SICK AGAIN.

They like to throw out some arbitrary off the cuff numbers to prove the success of Obamacare; it makes me wonder what planet they are living on. In any piece of legislation there are some people that will benefit because of it, but in the case of Obamacare there are far more people being hurt by its mandates. For example, I know one person who cannot afford the high price of the government mandated insurance. He recently received a letter from the IRS informing him that if he didn't purchase a policy during the current enrollment period he would be facing a fine in excess of \$1,350. In the past, this individual had purchased a policy with a \$7,500 deductible per year. When you start doing the math, if he had become ill or injured he would have had to spend at least \$7.5k while at the same time keeping up the estimated premiums of \$5k per year. The end result, he would have to spend \$12,500 per year for health care before the insurance would even start paying anything. We need to remember that the deductible applies for every year, not for the illness itself. On top of the other bad marks for the policy, a person could only use doctors that the insurance company approved of; the patient couldn't choose his own doctor.

I agree that many Americans are sick. They are sick of a bunch of politicians and bureaucrats taking away our freedoms and forcing us to purchase a sorry insurance policy that doesn't provide for our needs. The American people spoke volumes when we elected Donald Trump. Over the past several years the US House of Representatives have voted roughly 60 times to repeal Obamacare even though they knew that President Obama would veto it. We will soon have a president that has promised to sign the repeal. I understand that lawmaking can be a slow process, but the mandate for Obamacare must be removed immediately.

Playing Devil's Advocate may be fun to play, but the American people are tired of a bunch of people who have never run a business or worked in the private sector peeing on our boots and trying to convince us that it is only rain. The time to repeal our socialist healthcare system is now. The working class and the small business people of this nation will not tolerate a bunch of political rhetoric or delaying tactics. No matter how long someone may try to convince you that the devil is a saint, we need to remember the devil is still the devil.



inviting them to come to our meetings.

If you can help, contact Don O'Nesky:
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Our Presidents with February Birthdays

GEORGE WASHINGTON
1ST President of the United States, Feb 22, 1732 – Dec 14, 1799



George Washington

George Washington Quotes

%Associate yourself with men of good quality if you esteem your own reputation for 'tis better to be alone than in bad company.+

%Few men have virtue to withstand the highest bidder.+

%I hope I shall possess firmness and virtue enough to maintain what I consider the most enviable of all titles, the character of an honest man.+

%If the freedom of speech is taken away then dumb and silent we may be led, like sheep to the slaughter.+

%Ninety-nine percent of the failures come from people who have the habit of making excuses.+

%I am sure there never was a people, who had more reason to acknowledge a divine interposition in their affairs, than those of the United States; and I should be pained to believe, that they have forgotten that agency, which was so often manifested during our

***EVERYONE HAPPILY CELEBRATED OUR ELECTION VICTORY
AT THE INAUGURATION CELEBRATION ON JANUARY 22***



Debbie Rossi (right) suggested this event, and she and former President Barbara Vaughn (left) planned and hosted the event. Our thanks to both for an exciting post-election celebration.



revolution, or that they failed to consider the omnipotence of that God, who is alone able to protect them.+

To be prepared for war is one of the most effectual means of preserving peace.+

ABRAHAM LINCOLN
16th President of the United States, Feb 12, 1809 – Apr 15, 1865



Abraham Lincoln

Abraham Lincoln Quotes

Don't interfere with anything in the Constitution. That must be maintained, for it is the only safeguard of our liberties.+

This country, with its institutions, belongs to the people who inhabit it. Whenever they shall grow weary of the existing government, they can exercise their constitutional right of amending it, or exercise their revolutionary right to overthrow it.+

America will never be destroyed from the outside. If we falter and lose our freedoms, it will be because we destroyed ourselves.+

A house divided against itself cannot stand.+

My dream is of a place and a time where America will once again be seen as the last best hope of earth.+

We the people are the rightful masters of both Congress and the courts, not to overthrow the Constitution

Dear press corps: We don't believe you, by Deplorable Don Surber, January 18, 2017, Excerpts

Dear Kyle Pope, editor of the Columbia Journalism Review:

I see where you wrote an open letter to President Trump "to clarify how we see the relationship between your administration and the American press corps."

After reading newspapers since I was six, I can clarify how readers now see the relationship between us and the American press corps. I do so in four words.

We don't believe you.

As a person with four decades in newspapering, now retired, I do not blame your readers in the least. This election cycle has shown that the news business is dominated by social justice warriors who push a narrative rather than tell stories in a fair and balanced manner.

From John Harwood asking Trump in a debate if he was running a comic book campaign, to John Harwood secretly asking questions from the Clinton campaign, to Donna Brazile giving the Clinton campaign debate questions ahead of time, no intelligent voter should trust the news media to deliver news that is fair, impartial, and balanced. I thank you, personally, for opening our eyes once and for all to the folly of the Fourth Estate.

On July 15, as Republicans began to gather in Cleveland to nominate Donald Trump, you published a 1,604-word call by David Mindich to abandon objective journalism in an all-out effort to stop the American people from electing Trump president. What gives journalists license to go after anyone? How does it help a democracy to have journalists determine the outcome of an election? I don't mean pundits. I mean reporters.

Which leads me to your letter, in which you demanded fairness after encouraging journalists to treat him [Trump] unfairly. You allowed that, "Access is preferable, but not critical." But you stated, "Off the record and other ground rules are ours- not yours- to set." Actually, they are agreed to mutually.

You wrote, "We decide how much airtime to give your spokespeople and surrogates." We know. We saw this throughout the campaign. However, journalism requires telling both sides of the story. CNN's posting of that Fake Russian Dossier story (even Bob Woodward called it garbage) without reaction from the president-elect or his staff was only the latest example of journalistic malpractice. Trump's response may have given CNN's staff pause and saved the network from doom. If we treated the news media like any other industry and made it subject to product liability suits, accuracy would improve and hoaxes would be rarer than a Cleveland Browns playoff victory. Instead they run rampant.

You wrote, "We believe there is an objective truth, and we will hold you to that." No you don't believe in an objective truth. You and CJR gave up on objectivity in July. If you truly believed there in an objective truth, you would have encouraged the press to resist temptation and adhere to the time-tested principles. Instead you led the charge to play god.

You lost on Nov 8. The American people rejected you. **We don't believe you.**

Instead of demanding President Trump curtsy to you, how about earning some respect? You arrogantly told the president-elect: We're playing the long game. Best-case scenario, you're going to be in this job for eight years. We've been around since the founding of the republic, and our role in this great democracy has been ratified and reinforced again and again and again. You have forced us to rethink the most fundamental questions about who we are and what we are here for. For that we are most grateful.+ How clueless, how utterly and adorably clueless you are. The vast majority of the American people -- both left, right, and neither -- do not believe you. The power of the press is its credibility. But this "long game" playing crew of social justice warriors posing as reporters blew credibility that took two hundred years to build on one small election.

Trump owes you nothing. I owe you nothing. The American people owe you nothing because -- and pay attention this time -- **we don't believe you.**

but to overthrow the men who pervert the Constitution.+

I am a firm believer in the people. If given the truth, they can be depended upon to meet any national crisis. The great point is to bring them the real facts.+

RONALD REAGAN
40TH President of the United States, Feb 6, 1911 – Jun 5, 2004



Ronald Reagan Quotes

Government should do only those things the people cannot do for themselves.+

When you go to bed with the federal government you get more than a good night's sleep.+

It isn't that liberals are ignorant. It's just that they know so much that isn't so.+

You'd never hear that word . liberal . from them [the Democrats]. They've put on political trench coats and dark glasses and slipped their platform into a plain brown wrapper.+

America will never make concessions to terrorists, for to do so will only invite more terrorism.+

God should never have been expelled from America's classrooms in the first place.+

There is no limit to the amount of good you can do if you don't care who gets the credit.+



An Older Lady Who Loves Obama, Submitted by Cynthia Crowe

One 82-year-old lady loves Obama and she may have a very good point. She says that Obama is rebuilding the American dream! She gives us an entirely new slant on the "amazing" job Obama is doing. Read her comments and explanation. She says Obama has

1. Destroyed the Clinton Political Machine, driving a stake through the heart of Hillary's presidential aspirations--something no Republican could do.
2. Killed off the Kennedy Dynasty-- no more Kennedys trolling Washington looking for booze and women wanting rides home.

%know in my heart that man is good, that what is right will always eventually triumph, and there is purpose and worth to each and every life.+

New Definitions

ADULT: A person who has stopped growing at both ends and is now growing in the middle.

BEAUTY PARLOR: A place where women curl up and dye.

CHICKENS: The only animal you eat before they are born and after they are dead.

COMMITTEE: A body that keeps minutes and wastes hours.

EGOTIST: Someone who is usually me-deep in conversation.

INFLATION: Cutting money in half without damaging the paper.

POLITICAL CORRECTNESS: A doctrine, fostered by a delusional, illogical minority.

SECRET: Something you tell to one person at a time.

TOOTHACHE: The pain that drives you to extraction.

TOMORROW: One of the greatest labor-saving devices of today.

YAWN: An honest opinion openly expressed.

WRINKLES: Something other people have---similar to my character lines.

OLD: I very quietly confided to my friend that I was having

3. Is destroying the Democratic Party before our eyes! Dennis Moore had never lost a race. Evan Bayh had never lost a race. Byron Dorgan had never lost a race. Harry Reid GONE! These are just a handful of the Democrats whose political careers Obama has destroyed. In December 2008 the Democrats were on the rise. In two election cycles, they had picked up 14 Senate seats and 52 House seats. The press was touting the death of the Conservative Movement and the Republican Party. However, in just one term, Obama put a stop to all of this and gave the House and the Senate back to the Republicans.

4. Has completely exposed liberals and progressives for what they are. Sadly, every generation seems to need to re-learn the lesson on why they should never actually put liberals in charge. Obama is bringing home the lesson very well: Liberals tax, borrow and spend. Liberals won't bring themselves to protect America. Liberals want to take over the economy; they think they know what is best for everyone. Liberals are not happy until they are running YOUR life.

5. Has brought more Americans back to conservatism than anyone since Reagan. In one term, he has rejuvenated the Conservative Movement and brought out to the streets millions of freedom loving Americans. Name one other time when you saw your friends and neighbors this interested in taking back America!

6. Has sparked the greatest sales of firearms and ammunition this country has seen. Law abiding citizens have provided a "stimulus" to the sporting goods field while other industries have failed, faded, or moved off-shore.

Four years ago, I was more afraid than I have been in my life. Not afraid of the economy, but afraid of the direction our country was going. I thought, Americans had forgotten what this country is all about. My neighbors and friends, even strangers, have proved to me that my lack of confidence in the greatness and wisdom of the American people has been flat wrong.

When the American people wake up, no smooth talking teleprompter reader can fool them! Barack Obama has served to wake up these great Americans! Again, I want to say: "Thank you, Barack Obama!" After all, this is exactly the kind of hope and change we desperately needed! Thank you Obama!

an affair. She turned to me and asked, "Are you having it catered?" And that, my friend, is the definition of %LD.+





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