

**MARCH MEETING, Wednesday, March 8, 2017**

Program: Our speaker will be Sarasota County Commissioner Charles Hines

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

APRIL EVENING EVENT: REAGAN PATRIOT DAY DINNER
 (See flyer, page 3)

President's Message, by Thomas Van Dyke

Greetings to all RCSSC members and friends! I am grateful for your support in the recent officer elections and hope to be a worthy servant and leader for the next 11 months.

Your 2017 Board hopes to provide a continuation of the social and learning activities of the RCSSC. It was founded as a Coffee & Politics group, and we hope to maintain the theme and structure you currently enjoy. I regret that a prior commitment had me out of town for our February meeting. Members from your Board of Directors ably hosted and led that meeting.

Gladys Green, our newsletter editor asked that I share some of my background information:

- Venice resident since 2008 coming from Pinellas County, FL.
- Birth State is Indiana. Graduate of Indiana University with speech communication major and accounting minor studies.
- Married with two adult children and one granddaughter.
- Volunteer: U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary, Big Brothers/Big Sisters of the Suncoast, Venice Museum & Archives, Venice Civil War Roundtable, Sons of Union Veterans-Civil War.
- Occupation: I closed my Home Companion Services small business three years ago as a result of the negative business climate. Prior to that, I experienced two back-to-back corporation closing layoffs in companies where I practiced my life-long management and Information Technology knowledge and experience.
- Interests: Rhetoric and debate on current issues and events, history and Civil War reenacting, guitar playing, and gentleman farming.+
- Politics: Consistent Republican since George H.W. Bush. First vote was for Jimmy Carter, as a young liberal-minded person. I lean toward small government and fiscal conservatism.

I became a member of our Club two years ago. I was particularly interested in sensing the patriotism and enthusiasm of the RCSSC during the primary campaign season. I was not disappointed. Barbara Vaughn and all of you were up to the task of avoiding another national election loss. The candidate who I chose to support after the last election to shake up the system won this election and here we are now in a new climate for the U.S.A., perhaps, our last chance to put things back together for our children and grandchildren.

March Birthdays

Thomas Altman
 Edward Andrews
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Key point for us to know: the vast majority of our young people voted in a solid pattern that shows the color map of the future nation to be Red. Programmed by liberal educators, subject to rumor and false news, and ill-informed on our nation's history, our children and grandchildren need to hear stubborn facts and long-standing truth from the Silent Majority to help them grow up and become better citizens.

Sadly, the Counter Revolution began on November 5th. We have seen the millennial riots; the left-sponsored recounts and Hollywood attempts to turn electors away from their duty; coordinated media opposition; an outgoing president who plans to speak out against the people's choice as his successor; a new senate minority leader who plans to oppose the executive at every turn, including dragging out cabinet confirmations; a house minority leader who apologized for our capitalist system; the Women's March with Madonna etc. fanning the flames of reactionaries; the Berkeley University Riots; the inevitable campaigns to destroy our SCOTUS nominee and national security adviser appointee; and the disruption of Republican town halls.

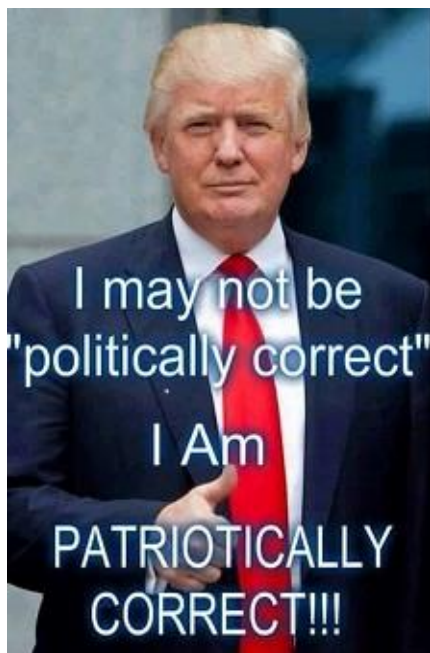
Happy still? You bet, since President Trump has been on task and on point, busy fulfilling the list of his campaign promises at a record pace.

The best news is that with all politics being local, Sarasota County is in pretty good shape with many good Americans like you voting and supporting the Republican candidates and learning about the important issues.

How can you help? We have some openings to fill within our Club. We are seeking a treasurer, a membership/communications director, a sergeant-at-arms, and a bylaws officer. We would like to find an associate to assist our secretary. Please consider volunteering for one of these posts or joining any of our committees. All members are welcome to attend our monthly board meetings held on the first Wednesday at 11 a.m. in the Jacaranda Branch Library Conference/Media Meeting Room.

One thought is that we might continue our participation in the issues. Just as we have shown during 2016 in the turn-out-the-vote activities, we can show our support during these first 100 days. We can use our active influence through personal direct correspondence with our legislative representative, senators, state legislature, senate, and governor. This is how we can share our support and encourage elected officials to stay the course in the key votes. More on that to come.

Thomas



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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 inviting them to come to our meetings.

If you can help, contact Don O'Nesky:
elephantpride@aol.com

2017 REAGAN PATRIOT DAY DINNER

Sponsored by the Republican Club of South Sarasota County



Meet Commissioner of Agriculture Adam Putnam

WHEN: Thursday, April 13, 2017
WHERE: Jacaranda West Country Club
1901 Jacaranda Boulevard, Venice, FL 34293
TIME: 6:00 P.M. Cocktails-----7:00 P.M. Dinner
ATTIRE: Business

MENU: Chicken Chard or Salmon Dill
with vegetable medley, roasted new potatoes,
dinner rolls, apple pie, tea, coffee and lemonade

RAFFLE

Baskets Created by Cynthia Crowe

Price per person is \$50.00; Tables of 8

Please RSVP by Monday, April 3
to
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Make checks payable to RCSSC and mail to
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Top Eight Morons, Submitted by Jean West-Walker

1. WILL THE REAL DUMMY PLEASE STAND UP?
AT&T fired President John Walter after nine months, saying he lacked intellectual leadership. He received a \$26 million severance package. Perhaps it's not Walter who's lacking intelligence.

2. WITH A LITTLE HELP FROM OUR FRIENDS.
Police in Oakland, CA spent two hours attempting to subdue a gunman who had barricaded himself inside his home. After firing 10 tear gas canisters, officers discovered that the man was standing beside them in the police line, shouting, "Please come out and give yourself up."

3. WHAT WAS PLAN B?
An Illinois man, pretending to have a gun, kidnapped a motorist and forced him to drive to two different automated teller machines, wherein the kidnapper proceeded to withdraw money from his own bank accounts.

4. THE GETAWAY!
A man walked into a Topeka, Kansas Kwik Stop and asked for all the money in the cash drawer. Apparently, the take was too small, so he tied up the store clerk and worked the counter himself for three hours until police showed up and grabbed him.

5. DID I SAY THAT?
Police in Los Angeles had good luck with a robbery suspect who just couldn't control himself during a lineup. When detectives asked each man in the lineup to repeat the words: "Give me all your money or I'll shoot," the man shouted, "That's not what I said!"

Repudiated! Unraveling the Obama Agenda, *The Limbaugh Letter*, Excerpts, January 2017

"All the progress we've made over these last eight years goes out the window if we don't win this election," Barack Obama, multiple campaign speeches before 11/8/16, New York Times

"Obama: Election Wasn't About Me," headline, Politico, 11/14/16

No U.S. President in recent memory spent so much personal capital to elect his successor. But when it all went to hell on November 8, the Regime immediately tried to rewrite history.

The 2016 election was a definitive repudiation of president Obama and his radical left agenda. The 44th President was rejected thoroughly across the fruited plain- yet he insists his legacy wasn't even a consideration. Blame for the electoral upset has been shifted from James Comey and the FBI, to the evil alt-right, to phantom white supremacists, to Hillary's inept staff, to talk radio, to Fox News, to the dastardly Russians, and now to Vladimir Putin himself.

But Donald Trump triumphed because of his very specific promises, repeated over and over during the campaign- to unravel, dismantle, blow up, and incinerate every bad policy and order that emanated from Obama. This was a full-scale rejection of a departing President, the depth of which has rarely been seen in American history.



The Real Obama legacy, by Anonymous

1. A Republican President
2. A Republican Vice President
3. Republican control of the Senate
4. Republican control of the House
5. Republican control of 31 state houses
6. A majority of Republican governors, 36 of 50
7. Republican control of a majority of county governments
8. Republican control of a majority of city governments

Now that is real "Hope and Change."

The Elephant in the Living Room, by Paul R. Hollrah, Excerpts, January 28, 2017, Submitted by Don O'Nesky

While most ex-presidents have retired quietly to their former homes, it appears that Barack Obama intends to remain in Washington, DC, where he expects to establish something of a legacy by commenting regularly on a broad range of issues. He may see himself as the host of the town-in Washington, adored by the masses and consulted by the mainstream media on everything from world peace to the pros and cons of the cross-handed putter grip, but his days of moving about town in long motorcades, with hundreds of aides at his beck and call, are over. He will now be moving about Washington in a single black SUV with two Secret Service agents in the front seat, looking more like a one-car funeral than a once-powerful president.

6. ARE WE COMMUNICATING?

A man spoke frantically into the phone: "My wife is pregnant and her contractions are only two minutes apart." "Is this her first child?" the doctor asked. "No!" the man shouted, "This is her husband!"

7. NOT THE SHARPEST TOOL IN THE SHED!

In Modesto, CA, Steven Richard King was arrested for trying to hold up a Bank of America branch without a weapon. King used a thumb and a finger to simulate a gun. Unfortunately, he failed to keep his hand in his pocket.

8. THE GRAND FINALE!

Last summer, down on Lake Isabella, located in the high desert, an hour east of Bakersfield, CA, some folks, new to boating, were having a problem. No matter how hard they tried, they couldn't get their brand new 22-foot boat going. It was very sluggish in almost every maneuver no matter how much power they applied. After about an hour of trying to make it go, they putted into a nearby marina, thinking someone there might be able to tell them what was wrong.

A thorough topside check revealed everything in perfect working condition. The engine ran fine, the out-drive went up and down, and the propeller was the correct size and pitch. So, one of the marina guys jumped in the water to check underneath. He came up choking on water, he was laughing so hard. Under the boat, still strapped securely in place, was the trailer!

Now remember these are all true stories and these people have children!

He will learn very quickly that a failed ex-president with nothing more to offer than a toothy smile is not worth much more than a bucket of warm piss. — to quote former Democratic vice president John Nance Garner

But what is most disturbing about the current transition is the number of liberals, Democrats, and media elites who refuse to accept the fact of Donald Trump's victory and who continue to propagate the fiction that he is not a legitimately elected president. This is an exceptionally dangerous game for liberals and Democrats to be playing, given that the Democrat who has just vacated the White House has still not provided, to this day, convincing proof of who he is.

It is an indisputable fact that two of Obama's principal identifying documents — his draft registration card and his long form Hawaiian birth certificate — are both rather clumsy forgeries, while the Social Security number he uses on his state and federal tax returns is not his own and will not pass a simple Social Security E-Verify test.

When Obama was first elected in 2008, it was the fundamental imperative and inherent responsibility of the delegates to the Democratic national convention, the leadership of the Democratic Party, the Democratic members of the Electoral College, and the members of the U.S. House and Senate — Democrats and Republicans alike — to assure themselves of his qualifications and his constitutional eligibility. They all failed, utterly, in that responsibility.

Unfortunately, when it comes to political advantage or disadvantage, Democrats have no qualms about such things. When the members of the House and Senate met in joint session on January 6, 2017 to certify the election of Donald Trump and Mike Pence, a number of Democrats rose to object — precisely what House and Senate Republicans should have done in January 2009, and again in January 2013, but failed to do so for fear of creating turmoil in the black community.

Now, as Obama leaves the White House and members of his party continue to make false claims regarding Trump's legitimacy, the specter of Obama's own lack of eligibility looms large over the nation's capital. Although inside-the-beltway Republicans and political pundits have not as yet recognized it as such, Obama's constitutional ineligibility may yet be the elephant in the living room of the current political environment. And if Democrats persist, a vengeful Donald Trump might be searching for a major diversion to keep Obama busy. How could he better accomplish this end than by causing an enterprising investigative reporter, eager to earn a Pulitzer, to begin digging into the question of Obama's presidential eligibility, retrospectively?

Given what we already know about Obama's lack of presidential eligibility, Trump would be a fool not to use that powerful weapon to destroy him. And so long as liberals, Democrats, and the mainstream media continue to question Trump's legitimacy, Obama would be wise to simply fold his tent and quietly sneak out of town... while he still can. Donald Trump is the sort of man who understands that revenge is a dish best served cold, and it is his seething, unquenchable thirst for revenge against Barack Obama that is the elephant in the living room, circa 2017.



Twas the Night before Inauguration, by Anonymous

Twas the night before inauguration, and up in the tower
The Donald reflected on his newfound power.
The conservative masses had come out in force,
And delivered a victory that would chart a new course.

The snowflakes were shell-shocked with tears in their eyes,
The media lied to them . . . what a surprise!
They had been promised a Hillary win,
But the criminal Clinton took one on the chin.

And though from all corners celebrities flew,
They made no impression, for they hadn't a clue.
They talked about climate, racism, and such,
And they made up good stories . . . but didn't know much.

The fake news and ignorance came at a cost,
And they can't understand all the reasons they lost.
They blame it on Comey and Bernie and Vlad,
But fail to acknowledge the one that was bad.

Yes, Hillary Clinton, in many ways flawed,
Was her own biggest hurdle toward getting the nod.
The campaign exposed her corruptness and greed,
And her speeches were punchless as ten dollar weed.

So out in the streets there arose such a clatter,
It was Soros-paid protesters and Black Lives Matter.
With cities to pillage and windows to smash,
They knew not the issues, but needed the cash.

Eight years of Obama had given them cause,
To expect a replacement of their Santa Claus.
But soon the protesters will feel the pain,
When the wheels fall off of the old gravy train.

And now all the snowflakes are riddled with fear,
Upset and offended by things that they'd hear.
The cocoa and crayons will help for a while,
But fact-based opinions will soon cramp their style.

I saw him on TV in front of a crowd,
He spoke about veterans; it made me feel proud.
He spoke about energy, safety, and jobs,
Taking this country back from the Washington snobs.

He was dressed in Armani, all tailored and neat,
And the Brunos he wore made the outfit complete.
For a man of his vintage, he seemed rather fit,
And he looked presidential, I have to admit.

His eyes glowed like embers, his smile was the best,
And his hair was the color of my old hunting vest.
His love for this country was on full display,
And his actions spoke louder than his words could say.

He thanked all his voters, and before he was gone,
Saved thousands of jobs while Obama looked on.
The fate of this country left nothing to chance,
So, he filled out his cabinet weeks in advance.



**I lived through
OBAMA
You'll live through
TRUMP**
William Layne



Smiles for the Day

Trust Your Husband

There comes a time when a woman just has to trust her husband... For example...

A wife comes home late at night and quietly opens the door to her bedroom. From under the blanket she sees four legs instead of two. She reaches for a baseball bat and starts hitting the blanket as hard as she can.

Leaving the covered bodies groaning, she goes to the kitchen to have a drink. As she enters, she sees her husband there, reading a magazine.

"Hi, sweetheart," he says. "Your parents have come to visit us, so I let them stay in our bedroom. Did you say hello?"

Mule Trading

Curtis and Leroy saw an ad in the Starkville, *MS Daily* and bought a mule for \$100. The farmer agreed to deliver the mule the next day.

The next morning the farmer drove up and said, "Sorry, fellows, I have some bad news, the mule died last night." Curtis and Leroy replied, "Well, then just give us our money back." The farmer said, "I can't do that. I went and spent it already."

They said, "OK then, just bring us the dead mule." The farmer asked, "What in the world ya'll gonna do with a dead mule?" Curtis said, "We gonna raffle him off." The farmer said, "You can't raffle off a dead mule!" Leroy said, "We sure can! Heck, we don't hafta tell nobody he's dead!"

A couple of weeks later, the farmer ran into Curtis and Leroy at the grocery store and asked, "What'd you fellers ever do with that dead mule?" They said, "We raffled him off like we said we wuz gonna do."

The men he had chosen were of the same mind,
Let's set the bar high, and not lead from behind.
He picked up his phone as he rose from his seat,
With a flick of his finger, he sent out this tweet:

Now Mattis!, now Kelly!, now Sessions!, And Pruitt!
On Perry! On Flynn! You're the ones who can do it.
Start lifting restrictions and building the wall,
Now dash away! Dash away! Dash away all!+

The roar of his audience rose from the stands,
He kissed all their babies and shook all their hands.
He answered their questions and calmed all their fears,
They knew it would be a fantastic four years.

Then he jumped in his limo, and off to his jet,
A fellow that liberals won't soon forget.
He sent one more tweet as the evening expired:
Happy Inauguration to all,
AND OBAMA . YOU'RE FIRED!+



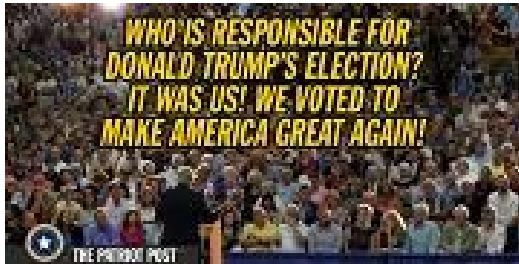
Trump Prepares Orders Aiming at Global Funding and Treaties, by Max Fisher, *The New York Times*, January 25, 2017, Excerpts

The Trump administration is preparing executive orders that would clear the way to drastically reduce the United States' role in the United Nations and other international organizations, as well as begin a process to review and potentially abrogate certain forms of multilateral treaties, officials said.

Criteria would include organizations that give full membership to the Palestinian Authority or Palestine Liberation Organization, or support programs that fund abortion or any activity that circumvents sanctions against Iran or North Korea. The draft order also calls for terminating funding for any organization that is controlled or substantially influenced by any state that sponsors terrorism or is blamed for the persecution of marginalized groups or any other systematic violation of human rights. The order establishes a committee to recommend where funding cuts should be made.

If President Trump signs the order and its provisions are carried out, the cuts could severely curtail the work of United Nations agencies, which rely on billions of dollars in annual United States contributions for missions that include caring for refugees.

The second executive order, "Moratorium on New Multilateral Treaties," calls for a review of all current and pending treaties with more than one other nation. It asks for recommendations on which negotiations or treaties the United States should leave.



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Leroy said, "Shucks, we sold 500 tickets for two dollars apiece and made a profit of \$998. The farmer said, "My Lord, didn't anyone complain?" Curtis said, "Well, the feller who won got upset. So we gave him his two dollars back."

The Poorest Preacher

The preacher had just finished his sermon for the day and proceeded toward the back of the church for his usual greetings and handshaking as the congregation was leaving the church.

After shaking a few adult hands he came upon the seven-year-old son of one of the deacons of the church. "Good morning, Jonathan," the preacher said as he reached out to shake Jonathan's hand.

As he was doing so, he felt something in the palm of Jonathan's hand. "What's this?" the preacher asked. "Money," said Jonathan with a big smile on his face, "It's for you!"

"I don't want to take your money, Jonathan," the preacher answered. "I want you to have it," said Jonathan. After a short pause Jonathan continued, "My daddy says you're the poorest preacher we ever had, and I want to help you."



