



***CELEBRATE FLAG DAY on JUNE 14th  
and HAPPY FATHER'S DAY on JUNE 18th***

**JUNE MEMBERSHIP MEETING, Wednesday, June 14, 2017**

**Program:** Our speaker, State Senator Greg Steube, represents District 23 and will discuss the latest session of the Florida Senate.

**Join us for lunch at 11:30; the program will begin at 12:00 noon. Venice Gardens Civic Association, 406 Shamrock Blvd., Venice.**

**Club President's Soapbox**

Spring in Florida is coming to an end this month, and many of our Snow Birds are back home. We miss you and look forward to your return this fall. Stay active in your home towns and spread the word --- We are winners, steadfast and true to the platform, campaign promises, and the election results of 2016.

Well they did it again: Congratulations to Win Orben and his team of patriots for being our Armed Forces Day and Roadside Crew Warriors this month, kicking off Our 15th Year of Keeping Sarasota County Beautiful! Volunteers were: Bill Crocker, Debbie Rossi, Doug Graham, Larry Gallick, Chuck Ford and Bill Lindquist. See photos on back page.

We have one local election race in South County this fall. In the City of Venice, Council Seat 1 is being sought by our club member, Emilio Carlesimo. After our Reagan Patriot Day Dinner, Adam Putnam felt enough support to officially place his name in candidacy for Governor of Florida. The RCSSC is well known for its grassroots support of Republican Candidates and voter turnout. Harry Walia says our Club is crucial in helping to make campaigns succeed by getting yard signs out, making phone calls, and turning out the vote.

Some members are asking for more information on how to join the calls for action by the Republican Party of Sarasota (RPOS) and how to become more involved within the South County area. We will do our best to help get the word out. The Republican Executive Committee (REC) is actively seeking new members. Please consider joining. Our Venice High School has a Republican Club that needs our Support. Cynthia Crowe has done a great job of supporting them, and Representative Julio Gonzalez sponsored their attendance at our Reagan Patriot Day Dinner. We will be brainstorming how our Club can do more in support of these young patriots.

As I write, President Trump is overseas making important visits to Heads of State. Back home, the Opposition (no longer what it once proclaimed itself to be "the Loyal Opposition") is calling for impeachment on the levels of Watergate. It has moved from trying to nullify our vote, to crying out conspiracy with the Russians, leaking intelligence, and now obstruction of justice with the Comey firing. We must remain united in our support for President Trump, as

**June Birthdays**

Chris Albright  
Joseph Granados  
Mario Grippi  
Nancy Lindquist  
Robert Pillsbury  
Debbi Rossi

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**Sunshine Chair:** Mary O'Nesky

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our Agent of Change. Draining the Swamp is not going to be easy. Unity begins at the local level and goes all the way to the top. We must support each other and realize that the true enemy to conservatism and small government is not from within, but from without; e.g., the Liberals and Democrats.

All members are welcome to attend the monthly executive board meetings held on the first Wednesday of each month at 11:00 a.m. in the Computer Room of the Jacaranda Library.

See you soon, Tom Van Dyke

## ***PHOTOS of RECENT RCSSC ACTIVITIES***



**Reagan Day Patriot Dinner with Agriculture Commissioner Adam Putnam**



**State Representative Julio Gonzalez speaking at May membership meeting**



**Members attending the May Republican executive committee meeting**



### **Club Specialty Roles**

#### **Webmaster Role:**

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Jack Malone (2007-2008)  
Barbara Hines (2006)  
Don O'Nesky (2004-2005)  
Richard Brady (2003)  
Francis Kendrick (2001-2002)  
Russell Strange (1999-2000)  
Dave Brown (1998)  
Harold Hart (1997)

### **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.

**Who needs elections? We got judges!** by Silvio Canto, Jr., *American Thinker*, May 7, 2017, Excerpts.

What do you do when you lose everything between Maryland and the California border? You look for friendly judges who hate Trump as much as you do. You get these judges to write opinions that slow down or stop President Trump's agenda.

Marc O. DeGirolami, a law professor at St. John's University, wrote a great post about judges with a bad case of Trump Derangement Syndrome:

"Something ugly is happening to the First Amendment. It is being contorted to enable judges to protest Donald Trump's presidency.

The perennial impulse of judges to manipulate the law to achieve morally and politically desirable ends has only been exacerbated by the felt necessity to 'resist' Trump.

The result: Legal tests concerning the freedoms of speech and religion that in some cases were already highly dubious are being further deformed and twisted.

Welcome to the rise of fake law. Just as fake news spreads ideologically motivated misinformation with a newsy veneer, fake law brings us judicial posturing, virtue signaling, and opinionating masquerading as jurisprudence.

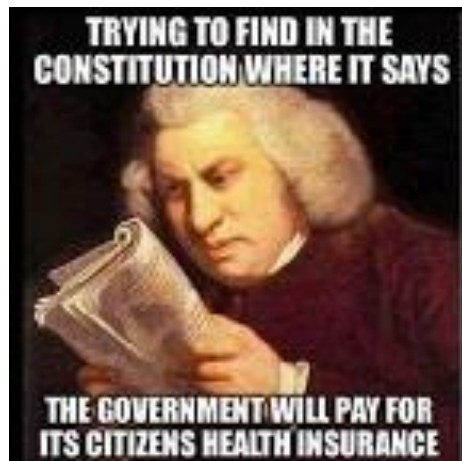
And just as fake news augurs the end of authoritative reporting, fake law portends the diminution of law's legitimacy and the warping of judges' self-understanding of their constitutional role.

Too many judges now feel called to 'resist' Trump and all his works – no matter the cost to the law's authority and to the integrity of the judicial role."

It may go on for a while. In other words, it won't be long before every law that passes a red state, such as the new sanctuary city rules in Texas, will be frozen by some judge who thinks he knows best.

How much longer will this nonsense go on? I don't know, but Attorney General Jeff Sessions could do the U.S. Constitution a big favor by taking a few of these opinions to the Supreme Court to re-establish executive authority.

It may be time for Chief Justice John Roberts to remind judges that they are in the wrong branch if they want to make law.



**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)





## Flag Day, June 14



"If anyone, then, asks me the meaning of our flag, I say to him - it means just what Concord and Lexington meant; what Bunker Hill meant; which was, in short, the rising up of a valiant young people against an old tyranny to establish the most momentous doctrine that the world had ever known - the right of men to their own selves and to their liberties."

~Henry Ward Beecher

"You're a grand old flag,  
You're a high-flying flag  
And forever in peace may you wave.  
You're the emblem of  
The land I love.  
The home of the free and the brave."

~George M. Cohan

"A moth-eaten rag on a worm-eaten pole  
It does not look likely to stir a man's soul,  
'Tis the deeds that were done  
'neath the moth-eaten rag,  
When the pole was a staff, and the rag was a flag."

~Sir Edward B. Hamley, 1824-1893

"Cheers for the sailors that fought  
on the wave for it,  
Cheers for the soldiers that  
always were brave for it,  
Tears for the men that went down  
to the grave for it,  
Here comes the flag!"

~Arthur Macy, *The Flag*

"We take the stars from heaven,  
the red from our mother country,  
separating it by white stripes, thus showing that we have separated from her, and the white stripes shall go down to posterity, representing our liberty."

~George Washington, attributed

### **Tax Lies for the Gullible, by Thomas Sowell, a senior fellow at the Hoover Institution, Stanford University, May 1, 2017, Excerpts.**

One of the painful realities of our times is how long a political lie can survive, even after having been disproved years ago, or even generations ago.

A classic example is the phrase "tax cuts for the rich," which is loudly proclaimed by opponents, whenever there is a proposal to reduce tax rates. The current proposal to reduce federal tax rates has revived this phrase, which was disproved by facts, as far back as the 1920s — and by now should be called "tax lies for the gullible."

How is the claim of "tax cuts for the rich" false? You can easily check out the facts for yourself with a simple visit to your local public library or, for those more computer-minded, on the internet. One of the key arguments of those who oppose what they call "tax cuts for the rich" is that the Reagan administration tax cuts led to huge federal government deficits, contrary to "supply side economics" which said that lower tax rates would lead to higher tax revenues.

This reduces the whole issue to a question about facts — and the hard facts are available in many places, including a local public library or on the internet.

The hardest of these hard facts is that the revenues collected from federal income taxes during every year of the Reagan administration were higher than the revenues collected from federal income taxes during any year of any previous administration. How can that be? Because tax *rates* and tax *revenues* are two different things. Tax rates and tax revenues can move in either the same direction or in opposite directions, depending on how the economy responds.

Before we turn to the question of "the rich," let's first understand the implications of higher income tax revenues after income tax rates were cut during the Reagan administration. That should have put an end to the talk about how lower tax rates reduce government revenues and therefore tax cuts need to be "paid for" or else there will be rising deficits. There were in fact rising deficits in the 1980s, but that was due to spending that outran even the rising tax revenues. Congress does the spending, and there is no amount of money that Congress cannot outspend.

As for "the rich," higher-income taxpayers paid more — repeat, *more* tax revenues into the federal treasury under the lower tax rates than they had under the previous higher tax rates. That happened not only during the Reagan administration, but also during the Coolidge administration and the Kennedy administration before Reagan, and under the G.W. Bush administration after Reagan. All these administrations cut tax rates and received higher tax revenues than before

More than that, "the rich" not only paid higher total tax revenues after the so-called "tax cuts for the rich," they also paid a higher percentage of all tax revenues afterwards. Data on this can be found in a number of places, including documented sources listed in my monograph titled "'Trickle Down' Theory and 'Tax Cuts for the Rich.'"

As a source more congenial to some, a front-page story in The New York Times on July 9, 2006 — during the Bush 43 administration — reported, "An unexpectedly steep rise in tax revenues from corporations and the wealthy is driving down the projected budget deficit this year." Expectations, of course, are in the eye of the beholder.

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**GOOD CONSERVATIVES  
ALWAYS PAY THEIR BILLS,  
UNLIKE SOCIALISTS,  
WHO JUST RUN UP  
OTHER PEOPLE'S BILLS.**

MARGARET THACHER



This soldier lost both of his arms. The feeling of a handshake is lost to him. President Trump realized this and touched his face so he could feel the human connection.

This is what we see of President Trump's motives. He gave up a billionaire lifestyle so he could be insulted, dragged through the mud, and lied about on a daily basis.

All to save the country and people he loves.



First Lady Melania Trump is not only beautiful and super intelligent but also kind! Melania is holding the hand of Israel's First Lady, Nechama Rivlin, who carries an oxygen tank due to a respiratory illness. Mrs. Trump's guiding the congenial but frail Mrs. Rivlin went beyond normal diplomatic protocol and presented an image of kindness.



## Father's Day, June 18

### Fathers are Wonderful People

Fathers are wonderful people  
Too little understood,  
And we do not sing their praises  
As often as we should...

For, somehow, father seems to be  
The man who pays the bills,  
While mother binds up little hurts  
And nurses all our ills...

And father struggles daily  
To live up to "his image"  
As protector and provider  
And "hero of the scrimmage"...

And perhaps that is the reason  
We sometimes get the notion,  
That fathers are not subject  
To the thing we call emotion,

But if you look inside dad's heart,  
Where no one else can see  
You'll find he's sentimental  
And as "soft" as he can be...

But he's so busy every day  
In the grueling race of life,  
He leaves the sentimental stuff  
To his partner and his wife...

But fathers are just wonderful  
In a million different ways,  
And they merit loving  
compliments  
And accolades of praise,

For the only reason dad aspires  
To fortune and success  
Is to make the family proud of him  
And to bring them happiness...

And like our heavenly Father,  
He's a guardian and a guide,  
Someone that we can count on  
To be always on our side.  
**Helen Steiner Rice**

## History Lesson on Your Social Security Card, by Lou Sacatigna, March 1, 2013

Just in case some of you young whippersnappers (and some older ones) didn't know this. It's easy to check out, if you don't believe it. Be sure and show it to your family and friends. They need a little history lesson on what's what and it doesn't matter whether you are Democrat or Republican. Facts are facts.

Social security cards up until the 1980's expressly stated the number and card were not to be used for identification purposes. Since nearly everyone in the United States now has a number, it became convenient to use it anyway and the message, NOT FOR IDENTIFICATION, was removed. <http://blog.kir.com/archives/images/social%20security.gif>

Franklin Roosevelt, a Democrat, introduced the Social Security (FICA) Program. He promised that:

1. Participation in the program would be completely voluntary.  
No longer Voluntary.
2. The participants would only have to pay 1% of the first \$1,400 of their annual incomes into the program.  
Now 7.65% on the first \$106,000.
3. The money the participants elected to put into the program would be deductible from their income for tax purposes each year.  
No longer tax deductible.
4. The money would be put into the independent 'Trust Fund' rather than into the General Operating Fund, and therefore, would only be used to fund the Social Security Retirement Program, and no other government program.  
Under Johnson the money was moved to the General Fund and spent.
5. The annuity payments to the retirees would never be taxed as income.  
Under Clinton and Gore, up to 85% of your social security can be taxed.  
Since many of us have paid into FICA for years and are now receiving a social security check every month — and then finding that we are getting taxed on 85% of the money we paid to the federal government to 'put away' — you may be interested in the following:

Q: Which political party took social security from the independent 'Trust Fund' and put it into the General Fund so that Congress could spend it?

A: It was Lyndon Johnson and the Democrat-controlled House and Senate.

Q: Which political party eliminated the income tax withholding for social security (FICA) withholding?

A: The Democratic Party.

Q: Which political party started taxing social security annuities?

A: The Democratic Party, with Al Gore casting the 'tie-breaking' deciding vote as President of the Senate, while he was Vice President of the US.

Q: Which political party decided to start giving annuity payments to immigrants?  
AND MY FAVORITE:

A: That's right! Jimmy Carter and the Democratic Party. Immigrants moved into this country, and at age 65, began to receive social security payments! The Democratic Party gave these payments to them, even though they never paid a dime into it!

Then, after violating the original contract (FICA), the Democrats turn around and tell you that the Republicans want to take your social security away! And the worst part about it is that uninformed citizens believe it! If enough people see this, maybe a seed of awareness will be planted and maybe changes will evolve.



## US Constitution--'Political Religion of the Nation'

"Let it [the Constitution] be taught in schools, seminaries and in colleges; let it be written in primers, in spelling books and in almanacs; let it be preached from the pulpit, proclaimed in legislative halls, enforced in courts of justice. In short, let it become the political religion of the nation."

Abraham Lincoln (1809-1865), 16th US President







**Collusion, posted on the internet by Anonymous**

COLLUSION: Is when an attorney general meets secretly with the spouse of a person under investigation.

COLLUSION: Is when media personnel provide questions in advance to benefit one party over another in a debate.

COLLUSION: Is when the DNC conspires with one candidate in a primary to block the other candidates in that primary.

COLLUSION: Is when government officials leak classified information to the media.

COLLUSION: Is when an FBI director hands out immunity to persons involved in a criminal investigation and permits them to destroy evidence and doesn't place key suspects and witnesses under oath, nor record their responses in an interview or deposition.

**Illegal Immigration Is Already Down BIG LEAGUE Under Trump, *Headline Politics*, April 6, 2017**

Even before Donald Trump officially took office, his influence made illegal immigration begin to fall. In October 2016, there were 20,531 people presenting themselves at ports of entry at the Southwest Border that were deemed inadmissible. By November, that number dropped to 16,155, and in December, it fell further to 15,226.

Admittedly, it wouldn't have been irrational to expect a surge in illegal border crossings following Trump's victory, with illegals trying to cross the border before a wall is built. On the other hand, a fear of vigorous immigration enforcement could be the deterrent responsible for the decline.

And of course, when Trump took office, the crossings fell even further. In January, there was a 42 percent drop in family unit apprehensions, a 39 percent decline in unaccompanied minors apprehended, and a 27 percent decrease overall. And it hasn't slowed down since.

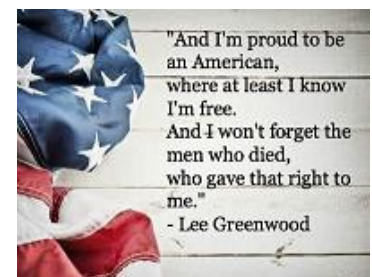
Since Inauguration Day, illegal immigration across the southern border is down over 60% and the wall hasn't even been built yet, *The Washington Times* reports.

President Trump credited Homeland Security Secretary John F. Kelly for the "record reductions":

However, a former chief at border patrol, David V. Aguilar, said the number is likely higher — more like 67% — and praises the president for giving ICE agents his blessing to do their jobs.

"This administration has said we're going to address illegal immigration," Aguilar said. "ICE has started working in the interior, unlike other times. So that message resonates."

If this tightening of security is reducing crossings at this rate, imagine when the border is sealed up tight.



## RCSSC Road Crew Helps Keep Sarasota County Beautiful

The road cleanup crew (Debbi Rossi, Bill Crocker, Bill Lindquist, Doug Graham, Larry Gallick, and Chuck Ford) and road boss Win Orben began Year 15 of Keep Sarasota County Beautiful by cleaning Manasota Beach Road on Armed Forces Day, May 20, 2017.



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### RCSSC MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM PLEASE PRINT

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