



CELEBRATE INDEPENDENCE DAY, JULY 4, 2017!

JULY MEMBERSHIP MEETING, Wednesday, July 12, 2017

Program: Bridget Ziegler, Vice Chair of the Sarasota County School Board will update us on current issues and will engage members and guests in a question and answer forum. Also in attendance will be officers and members of the VHS Republican Club.

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

Hello Fellow RCSSC Club members. As I write this, it is the first day of summer. I hope everyone is enjoying the good old summertime whether here in rainy Florida or back where you call home.

It has been a "hot" time in Washington, D.C. The Senate Intelligence Committee is acting much like the 50's Army-McCarthy hearings over fear of the Russians. We have survived the Comey leaks and testimony and the attempts by the NY Times and Washington Post to overthrow our president using unnamed sources (leakers).

Now they tell us that the president is under investigation by the Special Counsel for whatever he "hoped" for and Jared Kushner must be investigated for opening up a line of communications with the Russians. Recall that even Ronald Reagan had a channel opened to free our Iranian hostages on Inauguration Day. Meanwhile, the Republican Administration has been the most effective and ambitious one since FDR in getting things done.

Sadly, as many believe, the political rancor and vitriol discourse being ratcheted up by the Left has caused one Democrat to shoot Republican Freedom Caucus members while they practiced for a joint charity Democrat/Republican baseball game. Where Democrats would have reacted to this happening to one of their own by calling for banning all guns, the Republicans responded by calling for unity. Our Sunshine Chair, Mary O'Nesky, sent a get well card to Congressman Steve Scalise on our behalf.

The most important post-election runoff test was held in Georgia, and the Republican candidate won! The Democrats and the media cannot figure out this voting population and why they keep electing Republicans. Michael Bloomberg has stated that President Trump has a 55% chance of being elected to a second term!

What are we doing about this? Our Club is backing the president right here at home. Whether it is having a themed meeting to honor his birthday or speaking out about our Silent Majority support, we are backing our agent of change. Our Club's Executive Board has

July Birthdays

Emilio Carlesimo
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Patricia Coelho
Janice Crocker
Gladys Green
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Jo Henry
Leo Katzenstein
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decided to help us make a statement by creating bumper stickers which state loud and clear--Trump 2020! As always, creative minds have come up with ways and means of getting it done under budget. Thanks to Tony Sawyer, Harry Walia, Rob Sprague, and Rich Angley for brainstorming this idea.

We had a great Flag Day/Trump Birthday meeting and I wish to thank Gladys Green for the birthday touches and her entire Refreshment Team (Jo Henry, Mary O'Nesky, Peachie DeYoung, and Debbie Rossi) for pulling it off!

In local and state politics, we have one local candidate seeking an office; Emilio Carlesimo is seeking a Venice City Council seat and Adam Putnam is the leading candidate for governor. Keep sending your cards and letters to your elected officials. They need to hear from us.

All members are welcome at 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. Happy Independence Day to all! Tom Van Dyke



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Jack Malone (2007-2008)
Barbara Hines (2006)
Don O'Nesky (2004-2005)
Richard Brady (2003)
Francis Kendrick (2001-2002)
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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; 330 W. Baffin Dr., Venice, FL34293.

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

CELEBRATING PRESIDENT TRUMP'S BIRTHDAY AT OUR JUNE 14 MEETING



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

Find Life-Long Happiness with Philosophy 101, by Anonymous on the Internet

As we grow older and wiser, we realize that:

Whether we wear a \$300 or \$30 watch, they both tell the same time.

Whether we carry a \$300 or \$30 wallet/handbag, the amount of money inside is the same.

Whether we drink a bottle of \$300, \$30, or \$3 wine, the hangover is the same.

Whether the house we live in is 300, 3,000, or 30,000 sq ft, the loneliness is the same.

That true inner happiness does not come from the material things of this world.

Whether we fly first or economy class, if the plane goes down, we go down with it.

Whether we fly first or economy class, if the plane reaches its destination, everyone arrives at the same time.

When we have mates, buddies, old friends, and brothers and sisters with whom we can chat, laugh, talk, and sing, that is true happiness!

Our Crude News Network, by Victor Davis Hanson June 6, 2017, Excerpts

Progressive media bias is now a given. The present generation of journalists and reporters tends to believe that just conveying the news no longer offers ample venue for their unappreciated talents, celebrity status, and deserved political influence. As a result, they often massage coverage to find relevance as makers, not mere deliverers, of news. Like many academics, writers, and intellectuals of our bicoastal elite landscapes, they are naturally self-described idealists and left-of-center both politically and culturally.

Yet Donald Trump's election as president has redefined the American media by stripping nearly all pretenses off its once carefully sculpted disinterested veneer. In other words, never before in American presidential history—not even during the dark days of Watergate—have the media so despised a sitting president.

The reasons have become clear: the outsider billionaire Trump's politically-incorrect blasts and personal invective, his non-Washingtonian and often in-your-face behavior, his combative and undisguised contempt for progressive elites, his unexpected and unapologetic conservative agendas, and the liberal depression over his shocking victory that stopped cold an anticipated 16-year progressive agenda that really would have fundamentally transformed America in perhaps irrevocable fashion.

So the media's anti-Trumpism is now daily fare. The Harvard Shorenstein Center on Media, Politics and Public Policy's recent media bias study found that Trump coverage by CNN, to take one example, was 93% negative—a far greater percentage than even its earlier documented prejudices in 2008 and 2012 against John McCain and Mitt Romney.

But after nearly two-years of an anti-Trump drumbeat, CNN's rote biases have become pedestrian. There are only so many ways a Don Lemon or Fared Zakaria can express his antipathies for Donald Trump that so far seem to have had little effect on Trump's presidency.

So what comes next after mostly polished and polite disdain?

The last two weeks answered that question: obscenity, crudity, and a sort of cruelty—ironic given those are some of the character defects that CNN has lectured the nation about are inherent in Donald Trump.

Crudity is not for the sake of crudity alone, but exists now for politics, and in particular for destroying Trump. The elite of the Left also believes, in ends-justifying-the-means fashion, that their ideological nobility demands unusual methods that might better further their message. CNN is merely the news façade of televised culture in general, as characterized by the obscene references to Trump by celebrities or reporters like Stephen Colbert, Bill Maher, and Julia Loffe. Once Trump is deemed bad, then bad language and imagery are necessary to deal with him—the lower the bar, the better.

The answers are many. Propriety has largely vanished from American discourse, a legacy of the 1960s when “f—k” and “s—t” superseded old expletives like “damn”, largely because of the supposed revolutionary shock effect on polite, staid society. Now a coarsened culture has become indifferent to commonplace obscenity and we are in a downward spiral of always seeking the next scatological or sexual one-uppance.

CNN has no idea of what are its standards of professional conduct. Instead, it adjudicates these scandals apparently on the basis, first, of the relative value of the offender to CNN's profitability, and, second, of claims on race/gender/sexual preference persecution and victimhood. More recently, CNN was charged with supposedly choreographing anti-terrorism protests in London, ostensibly as a way to further its narrative that British Muslim communities were outraged over the terrorists among them and actively seeking to suppress them.

**In Memoriam
Kathy Bolam
Oct 11, 1935—Jun 2, 2017**



Kathy Bolam, a past treasurer of the RCSSC, passed away on Friday, June 2, 2017 after a long illness. In addition to serving as treasurer, Kathy was always a willing volunteer in all of our Club's many activities. She will be missed by our club members.

Formation of a Prayer Group

RCSSC member Patricia Rule would like to announce the startup in October of a prayer group to pray for our country.

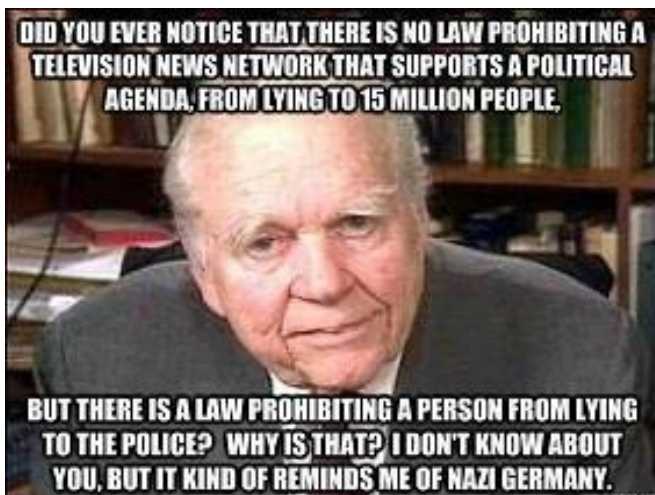
Go to www.IFAPRAY.ORG or phone Patricia Rule for details. 941-223-4121. Patricia submitted the following:

PRAY THIS PROMISE DAILY

2 Chronicles 7:14: “If my people, who are called by my name will humble themselves, and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and heal their land.”

Frustrated elites are psychologically melting down, as if unhinged crudity might do what past political messages and agendas and even the courts could not. If you will not change your political message, and your political message will not win the Electoral College, then you either hope to turn up the cultural heat in hopes that others will melt first or simply yourself spontaneously combust.

Over the next four years, expect CNN and others to follow further the trajectories of late-night potty-mouth comedians and unhinged performance artists who must seek to shock or vent when they can no longer either elucidate or entertain. In sum, the aim of crude network news is now to propagandize by any means necessary.



The Painter

A young blonde girl in her late teens, wanting to earn some extra money for the summer, decided to hire herself out as a "handy woman" and started canvassing a nearby well-to-do neighborhood. She went to the front door of the first house and asked the owner if he had any odd jobs for her to do.

"Well, I guess I could use somebody to paint the porch. How much will you charge me?"
Delighted, the girl quickly responded, "How about \$50?"

The man agreed and told her that the paint and brushes and everything she would need were in the garage.

The man's wife, hearing the conversation, said to her husband, "Does she realize that our porch goes all the way around the house?"

"That's a bit cynical, isn't it?" he responded.

The wife replied, "You're right. I guess I'm starting to believe all those dumb blonde jokes."

A few hours later the blonde came to the door to collect her money. "You're finished already??" the startled husband asked.

"Yes," the blonde replied, "and I even had paint left over so I gave it two coats."

Impressed, the man reached into his pocket for the \$50 and handed it to her along with a \$10 tip.

"Thank you," the blonde said, "And, by the way, it's not a Porch, it's a Lexus."

Clint Eastwood Blasts Political Correctness...and He's Exactly Right, by Andrew West, Constitution.com, May 22, 2017, Excerpts

During the election of 2016, one major issue that was being addressed by then-candidate Donald Trump was the rampant political correctness infecting America.

Historically, Americans have achieved greatness by committing to bold action, unfettered by the constraints of causing offense. Our nation is simply founded on freedom of speech – something that is all too often taken for granted. What is not guaranteed, however, is your “right” to not be offended, as many progressive minds have attempted to claim.

The hijacking of the First Amendment for this very purpose has a name: political correctness. It is truly nothing more than etiquette exaggerated, and then taken to a despicable new level by those looking to marginalize their political opponents. Truly, we must ask ourselves, since when have we allowed “you can’t say that” as an argument in this nation?

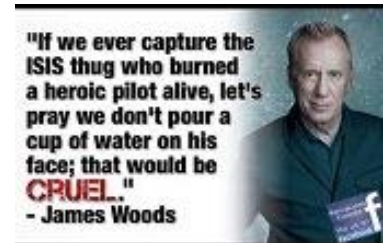
One American icon, an actor, director, and activist, is taking offense to those who habitually take offense, and he’s holding ransom one of his greatest works in the process.

“Hollywood legend Clint Eastwood has hit out at political correctness, claiming one of his greatest films could not have been produced in today’s climate. The 86-year-old regaled at the Cannes Film Festival also predicted a possible return to acting and decried what he perceives to be the world’s collective loss of sense of humour.

“The film in question is Dirty Harry; a classic by all measures. A gritty tale of a beleaguered police officer attempting to do his best in the world that Eastwood believes would never have been made in the politically correct climate of today’s society.”

In reality, there are a number of films that would never have graced our imaginations were they to be pitched in Hollywood today. While Dirty Harry is but one example, we must wonder if racism challenging pieces such as Blazing Saddles would have ever seen the light of day had the idea been born in the 21st century. That particular film, while silly and a little bit dark, demanded that we reevaluate how we view racism in then-modern America by positioning the blatant bigotry against the backdrop of the Old West – a particularly romantic setting in the hearts of all Americans. That seminal work, as goofy as it was, made an enormous impact on the world in which it was released.

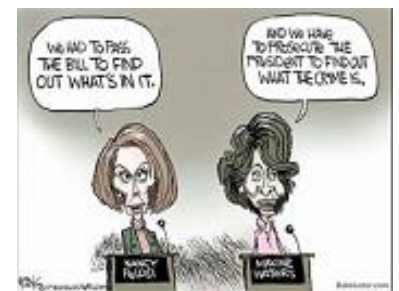
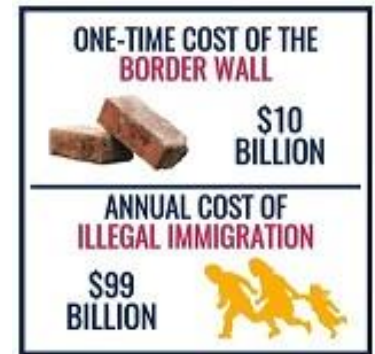
How will art suffer in the modern political climate? How many masterpieces have already been lost to the liberal lunatics holding all the loot in the Los Angeles suburbs? Perhaps we’ll never know, but we can’t say that one of Hollywood’s all-time greats didn’t warn us.



I Was Asked Why I Loved President Trump so Much; Here is My Answer, posted on Facebook by Doc Roberts of Georgia

1. He is NOT A POLITICIAN.
2. He can't be bought by big buck lobbyists as many in both parties have been.
3. He is a real executive who knows how to hire and fire and expects results.
4. He isn't a politician who promises everything but delivers nothing.
5. He's not intimidated by fake news media.
6. He's been good for the stock market.
7. He started saving jobs right after the election.
8. He put coal miners back to work.
9. He made America energy independent and gasoline prices are down.
10. He influenced the Arab states' new posture on ISIS terrorism.
11. He renewed good relations with Israel.
12. He nullified regulations preventing small businesses from growing.
13. He passed legislation that reforms the Veterans Administration.
14. He loves America.
15. He's got the support of religious groups.
16. He's slowed down Illegal immigration.
17. He's deporting criminal aliens.
18. He's breaking up gangs.
19. He's a good father to his children.
20. He supports our military.
21. He supports the American workers over foreign interests.
22. He believes in "America First." If you live here, this is or should be important to you.
23. He's not a socialist; he is a reasonable, open-minded person.
24. He meets with top executives and listens to their ideas.
25. He isn't afraid to meet with and listen to the points of view from friends and enemies.

These are just a few reasons why I love President Trump. He's unlike any other president America has ever had, and he gives me renewed hope for the future of America.





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“I am a firm believer in ‘keep your history before you.’ So, I don’t actually want to rename things that were named for slave owners. I want us to have to look at those names, and realize what they did, and be able to tell our kids what they did and for them to have a sense of their own history. When you start wiping out your history; sanitizing your history to make you feel better? It is a bad thing.”

Condoleezza Rice

HAPPY 4TH OF JULY

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