



*MERRY CHRISTMAS*

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**CHRISTMAS PARTY, Wednesday, December 13, 2017**

**NOTE: There will be no regular club meeting in December.**

#### Club President's Soapbox

Dear Club Family, Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! Yes, the holidays are finally upon us. It seems like yesterday you were getting to know your new officers for 2017, and now we are awaiting news from our Nominating Committee for their recommendations for 2018.

Some in our Club, consider us analogous to a "family," bound together by blood (or for us the color red for republican) and yet full of unique individuals and diversity, with conservatives coming from all walks of life and voting histories, called together for the single hope of **"Making America Great Again."**

Some in the background want their voice to be heard like the middle children in a "family," some are born leaders, as the first born or only children seem to be, and some hope to be noticed and included, as the youngest in the family. Whether by "birth order" analogy or by the social style differences of extroverts and introverts, we are all important and equal in Our Home. We all have a place at the "table" and a contribution to make in our own unique way, either by doing or by supporting.

We may not always agree, but we all need to be heard. There is always room for new ideas and it is okay to question. Ultimately, we want a harmonious and effective Club and to enjoy being part of our party's grass roots process. That is the best part of being in a Club Family like ours.

In 2018, your elected Club president will be asking you to consider volunteering in some of the many important election year activities. The 2018 races will help make or break the Trump Presidency. Your voice and assistance will be needed. President Trump is counting on us to live up to our reputation as leaders who consistently set the pace in the county and for Florida.

Over the past two years, our core of Club founders and workers have been asking for the opportunity to "pass the torch" to the next generation of the GOP. They have been active in every way to help make this a fun and effective club, with

#### December Birthdays

Terry Angley  
Joan Berkery  
Vicky Brill  
Peachie DeYoung  
Lin Hall  
Mark Kucharski  
Frank Meier  
Joyce Ranalli  
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Gladys Green

Sunshine Chair: Mary O'Nesky  
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countless hours of volunteering and leadership. They feel it is time to hand over the reins and you are their heirs. They ask for more members to step up, to learn how the Club has been successful, be willing to be adapt with their help of constructive criticism, and be willing to expand upon that success formula. I hope you answer the call.

Christmas brings us two festive opportunities: Our Annual Christmas Luncheon Party on the second Wednesday at the Jacaranda West Country Club and the The Red Party, December 14<sup>th</sup> at the Venice Venetia Hotel in support of the Young Republicans (free). Please reserve your seat now for the RCSSC Jacaranda West Christmas Luncheon. We need a headcount.

In America, conservatives and republicans, those of us of Judeo-Christian faith, celebrate Hanukkah and Christmas proudly. We recognize all faiths and are happy to wish everyone of faith, much happiness and merriment at this time of year. So, I say Merry Christmas to everyone, everywhere and may you have a Healthy and Happy New Year. Here's hoping we all get the gift of a signed bill of tax reform legislation, rather than a lump of coal! Tom



Our November speaker Bridget Ziegler, Vice Chair of the Sarasota School Board



President Trump in Japan



President Trump meeting with the troops in Japan

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Immediate Past President: Barbara Vaughn (2015-2016)

- John Harrison (2013-2014)
- Peachie DeYoung (2011-2012)
- Ron Filipkowski (2009-2010)
- 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, FL34293.

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

**Message v. Messenger: The Trump Enigma, by Victor Davis Hanson, Oct 12, 2017, Excerpts**

About 90 percent of republican voters eventually supported the political novice Donald Trump by November 2016. Most conservatives saw him as the preferable alternative to the vision and agendas of Hillary Clinton. Perhaps most still do after nine months of his presidency.

Yet almost half of the elite conservative establishment remains opposed to republican President Trump. About a quarter of them, it seems, openly despise him. These are prominent republican senators, think-tank writers, television pundits, op-ed columnists, and generic public intellectuals. MSNBC and CNN are now homes for disgruntled republicans or former conservative pundits.

The usual conservative status quo complaint against Trump is that the deficiencies of the messenger outweigh the many positives of the message. Or Trump, the person, nullifies the policies that have accompanied Trump into power.

The republican establishment used to lament that the old Reagan democrats, tea party types, and working-class whites of the Midwest had stayed home in 2008 and 2012, and thus allowed good candidates like John McCain and Mitt Romney to be steamrolled by Obama's fatuous "hope and change" identity politics. Now they are either worried or shamed that these same swing voters came out in droves and left the Republican Party in a dominant position at the local, state, and federal level not seen since the 1920s.

Is he hated in unprecedented fashion by the media and the Left because he can be crude in a manner unmatched by past presidents? Or because his efforts, both real and rhetorical, to overturn the progressive project, are of the street-fighting caliber never quite seen before from a party of sober and judicious Republicans but long adopted by the Left and therefore likely to be both eerily familiar to them and perhaps even efficacious?

The Never Trump lament seems to be that whatever good Trump has done is more than outweighed by his "character is destiny" flaws. Neil Gorsuch and scores of conservative circuit court judges; Nikki Haley at the United Nations, James Mattis at Defense, H.R. McMaster at the National Security Council, Mike Pompeo at the CIA, and Rex Tillerson at the State Department, all restoring deterrence; rollbacks of Obama-era executive orders; green-lighting pipeline construction and increased fossil fuel production; protections of Second Amendment rights; restoring national borders; and genuine efforts to reform Obamacare and the tax code—all of that for them is not worth the spectacle of Trump on the national stage.

No previous president has been the target of such public venom. Assassination chic is now endemic. Anti-Trump obscenity is a staple of late-night television. Words like "racist" and "Nazi" and "fascist" are now so commonplace that they have lost all currency. Celebrities vie to virtue signal their disgust for Trump. His wife, his daughter, and his sons are all the stuff of public invective that, had it been directed toward the previous president, careers of the vituperative would have ended long ago.

**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)



Yet it is likely that there is a 50/50 chance that the unpredictable and irascible Trump and policies will achieve in the not so distant future a sustainable 3 percent annual rate of GDP growth, a reform of the tax code, a systematic dismantling of onerous government regulations through executive orders, a restoration of U.S. deterrence abroad, another conservative Supreme Court justice, and a return to legal, measured, and meritocratic immigration—and thus even more hysteria and hatred of Trump, the person, from policy supporters and opponents alike.



On the anniversary of his 2016 election, President Trump, while surrounded by his staff, tweeted “Congratulations to all the ‘DEPLORABLES’ and the millions of people who gave us a MASSIVE (304-227) Electoral College landslide victory!”

**Japanese prime minister gives President Trump lighthearted gift, by T.C. Newman, AOL News, Nov 5th 2017, Submitted by Don O’Nesky**

Donald Trump started his 13-day presidential tour of Asia in Japan, and received a lighthearted gift from Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe.

Both avid golfers, Trump met Abe at a country club in Tokyo where the prime minister presented him with a custom made hat that says “Make Alliance Even Greater.”

A clear take on Trump’s campaign slogan “Make America Great Again,” the two autographed the hats before playing a round of golf with professional golfer, Hideki Matsuyama...



**The Republican Club of Venice High School**

The Republican Club of Venice High School is a political club organized and directed by the students of Venice High School. The club welcomes all students interested in learning about the Republican Party and the political process. The club is one of the largest and most active on campus

We meet every other Thursday after school in Room 4-332. The meetings are social as well as informative and we often have speakers from the community. Some of the recent speakers include State Senator Nancy Detert, Sheriff Tom Knight, and State Representative Doug Holder. Members of the club have the opportunity to attend political events, debates, Republican Party functions and dinners, and political rallies.

<https://www.facebook.com/therepublicanclub> -- Tom Marshall



**Network Newscasts Don't Mention Brazile Clinton-DNC Revelations, by Joe Concha, Nov 3, 2017, Excerpts. Editor's Note: Do you think that our news media might be biased?**

The broadcast evening newscasts on three major networks on Thursday didn't mention bombshell revelations by former Democratic National Committee interim Chairwoman Donna Brazile. Brazile has written in a new book that she discovered evidence that showed the campaign "rigged" the Democratic presidential primary.

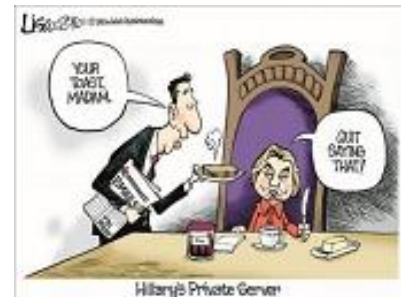
ABC's *World News Tonight*, NBC *Nightly News*, and CBS *Evening News* didn't report the allegations by Brazile on Thursday evening despite it receiving considerable coverage on cable news, in print, and online media. Brazile was also trending as one of Twitter's top topics on Thursday.

In excerpts released to *Politico* Thursday, Brazile writes in her new book, "*Hacks: The Inside Story of the Break-ins and Breakdowns that Put Donald Trump in the White House*," that it "broke [her] heart" upon discovering evidence that she said showed the Clinton campaign "rigged" the Democratic nomination system.

Brazile also shares an arrangement between the DNC, the Clinton campaign and Clinton's joint fundraising committee that indicated the campaign would "control the party's finances, strategy, and all the money raised. If the fight had been fair, one campaign would not have control of the party before the voters had decided which one they wanted to lead." President Trump sent out a flurry of tweets over the Brazile revelations Thursday night and into Friday morning, calling out the Justice Department and the FBI to "do what is right and proper" and pursue the matter.

Despite the Brazile blackout, the ABC, NBC and CBS evening newscasts all featured reports on special counsel Robert Mueller's investigation into Russian meddling in the 2016 presidential election and the recent indictments of Trump campaign chairman Paul Manafort and his business associate, Richard Gates.

The so-called Big Three evening newscasts draw more than 20 million viewers combined on a nightly basis.



**CNN JOKE**

I watched two full minutes on CNN where they didn't attack President Trump; then I realized it was a commercial!



**Very Short Gun Story**

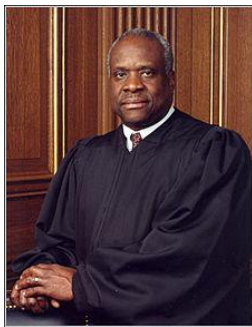
A wild eyed (and ugly) old woman walked into a crowded bar in downtown Washington, DC waving an un-holstered pistol and yelled out,

"I have a .45 caliber Colt 1911, with a seven round magazine, plus one in the chamber. I want to know who's been sleeping with my husband?"

A female voice from the back of the room called out, "You need more ammo Hillary!"

**Smithsonian gives Clarence Thomas a spot in year-old African American history museum, by Bradford Richardson, *Black Republican Blog*, Sep 28, 2017**

Just in time to celebrate its first anniversary, the Smithsonian's National Museum of African American History and Culture has included a display featuring Justice Clarence Thomas, one of the U.S. Supreme Court's conservative stalwarts.



Justice Thomas appears in an exhibit that was installed Sunday, a Smithsonian spokeswoman said Monday. The display honors both of the black justices who ascended to the pinnacle of the legal profession. The other is Thurgood Marshall. Justice Thomas' apparent omission irked conservative observers, who suspected an ideological bias among Smithsonian officials and called for the influential jurist's inclusion in the museum.

Ronald D. Rotunda, distinguished professor of jurisprudence at the Dale E. Fowler School of Law at Chapman University, said Justice Thomas deserves to be recognized for his contributions to constitutional jurisprudence, his record of public service and his inspirational life story.

"Like Thurgood Marshall, he has been a very influential justice, and like Thurgood Marshall, he has risen from humble beginnings," Mr. Rotunda said. "His father left him; his grandparents raised him. The 1968 assassination of Martin Luther King Jr. turned him to the law. He left a successful corporate law practice and turned to public service. That path led him to the Supreme Court."

Mr. Rotunda said it's "surprising that it has taken so long" for the museum to acknowledge such a "seminal figure on the U.S. Supreme Court."



A fleeing ISIS terrorist, desperate for water, was plodding through the Afghan desert when he saw something far off in the distance. Hoping to find water, he hurried toward the mirage, only to find a very frail little old Jewish man standing at a small makeshift display rack - selling ties.

The ISIS terrorist asked, "Do you have water? The Jewish man replied, "I have no water. Would you like to buy a tie? They are only \$5." The Taliban shouted hysterically, "Idiot Infidel! I do not need such an over-priced western adornment-- I spit on your ties. I need water!"

"Sorry, I have none - just ties - pure silk and only \$5." "Pahh! A curse on your ties, I should wrap one around your scrawny little neck and choke the life out of you, but I must conserve my energy and find water!"

"Okay," said the little old Jewish man; it does not matter that you do not want to buy a tie from me or that you hate me, threaten my life and call me infidel. I will show you that I am bigger than any of that. If you continue over that hill to the east for about two miles, you will find a restaurant. It has the finest food and all the ice-cold water you need...Go In Peace! Cursing him again, the desperate ISIS terrorist staggered away over the hill.

Several hours later, he crawled back, almost dead and gasped, "They won't let me in without a tie!"

**Gowdy Back to Investigate Clinton Crimes, <https://winningamericanow.com>, published Oct 24, 2017, Submitted by Don O’Nesky**

House Oversight Committee Chairman Trey Gowdy and House Judiciary Committee Chairman Bob Goodlatte announced Tuesday morning they have officially opened a joint investigation into decisions made at the Obama Justice Department surrounding the FBI’s criminal investigation into former Democrat presidential candidate Hillary Clinton. They also want to know why the FBI kept quiet about ongoing investigations into members of the Trump campaign, like Paul Manafort, while publicly discussing the Clinton probe.

“Our justice system is represented by a blind-folded woman holding a set of scales. Those scales do not tip to the right or the left; they do not recognize wealth, power, or social status. The impartiality of our justice system is the bedrock of our republic and our fellow citizens must have confidence in its objectivity, independence, and evenhandedness. The law is the most equalizing force in this country. No entity or individual is exempt from oversight,” Gowdy and Goodlatte released in a statement. “Decisions made by the Department of Justice in 2016 have led to a host of outstanding questions that must be answered.”

The Committees will investigate the following:

- FBI’s decision to publicly announce the investigation into Secretary Clinton’s handling of classified information but not to publicly announce the investigation into campaign associates of then-candidate Donald Trump;
- FBI’s decision to notify Congress by formal letter of the status of the investigation both in October and November of 2016;
- FBI’s decision to appropriate full decision making in respect to charging or not charging Secretary Clinton to the FBI rather than the DOJ; and
- FBI’s timeline in respect to charging decisions.
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A U.S. Marine enters the Catholic Church confessional booth in Jacksonville, NC .

He tells the priest, "Bless me, Father, for I have sinned.

Last night, I beat the ever-living crap out of a flag burning, cop hating, anti-Trump protester."

The priest says, "My son, I am here to forgive your sins, not to discuss your community service."



**Dick Morris: Sanders-Clinton Divide Will Affect the Democratic Party for the Next Decade, by Trent Baker, Nov 5, 2017**

Sunday on New York AM 970's "The Cats Roundtable," political commentator and former Bill Clinton adviser Dick Morris predicted that the allegations of collusion between the Clintons and the Democratic National Committee in the 2016 presidential campaign will divide the Democratic Party for the next decade.

"The Democratic Party has always had a fundamental cleavage within it of those who made economic policy their priority and those who made social policy, women's issues and civil rights and so on, their priority," Morris explained.

He added, "Bill Clinton took away the party from the control of the social activists and made it about economics and about the working class. Hillary Clinton took it away from the economic focus and made it a focus on social rights — [LGBT] rights, reproductive freedom, all of those concerns rather than the need for jobs and higher wages and more income equality. That cleavage, fundamentally, is mirrored in the Bernie Sanders-Hillary Clinton confrontation. And the pro-Hillary bias of the committee, basically subordinating economic issues to social issues, continues and is going to be the fissure that will divide the Democratic Party for the next decade."



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**Christmas Vacation, Submitted by Chuck Ford**

After Christmas vacation, a teacher asked her young pupils how they spent their holiday away from school.

One child wrote the following:

We always used to spend the holidays with Grandma and Grandpa. They used to live in a big brick house, but Grandpa got retarded and they moved to Stay Young Bay in Florida, where everyone lives in nice little houses, and they don't have to mow the grass anymore!

They ride around on their bicycles and scooters and wear name tags because they don't know who they are anymore. They go to a building called a wreck center, but they must have got it fixed because it is all okay now. They do exercises there, but they don't do them very well.

There is a swimming pool too, but they all jump up and down in it with hats on.

At their gate, there is a dollhouse with a little old man sitting in it. He watches all day so nobody can escape. Sometimes they sneak out and go cruising in their golf carts!

Nobody there cooks; they just eat out. And, they eat the same thing every night --early birds.

Some of the people can't get out past the man in the dollhouse. The ones who do get out bring food back to the wrecked center for potluck.

My Grandma says that Grandpa worked all his life to earn his retardment and says I should work hard so I can be retarded some day too.

When I earn my retardment, I want to be the man in the dollhouse. Then I will let people out, so they can visit their grandchildren