



## HAPPY NEW YEAR!

### JANUARY MEETING, Wednesday, January 3, 2018.

**Program:** Our speaker will be Supervisor of Elections Ron Turner who will also install our new officers for 2018. We will hold our election of officers for 2018 (see back page for information).

**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

It's a new year, President Trump's second year, and the 2018 election campaign year cycle! It's also a time to reflect upon our past 12 months and to set New Year's Resolutions.

All over America this year we were able to boldly say **Merry Christmas**. Our Christmas gift was the Tax Reform Legislation passed by Congress and signed into law by President Trump. Retail sales went through the roof, major corporations let employees know they will be seeing more take-home money, and the stock market wrapped up a phenomenal year of firsts. Overall, 81 major historical achievements were accomplished to help fulfill campaign promises to Make America Great Again. This is your reward. Our theme last year was "We are Winners." We may be silent, but we show up to vote, and we solidly support our Republican president, governor, and county executives.

In 2017 we daily faced the following: the fragile millennial generation's emotional breakdown; overt hate by celebrities; obstruction by the Schumer/Pelosi Party of NO; abandonment by former GOP presidents, presidential candidates, and our party establishment; hourly drumbeat of media bias; agitation by the Soros Indivisible Group at Republican town halls; AntiFa violence; the Mueller fishing expedition; Russia/Russia/Russia; the filing of impeachment articles; and Obama's Organizing for America activism and his critical speeches in foreign nations following Trump's Itinerary. We still overcame.

Locally, we learned about our 2016 Sarasota voter turnout results, bills before the State Legislature, the challenges facing the Sheriff's Department, school board needs, and the 2017 Venice City Council campaign issues. We were the first to feature Florida Agriculture Commissioner Adam Putnam as he prepared to announce his Campaign for Governor.

### January Birthdays

James Bender  
Eva Berrish  
Robin Blaisdell  
Dan Church  
Dale DeYoung  
Cliff Dodge  
Chuck Ford  
Win Orben  
Vic Rohe  
Anthony Sawyer  
Mike Torina  
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### 2017 Elected Officers

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### Standing Committee Chairpersons

Programs and Projects Chair: Rich Angley  
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Vacant

Refreshments (Hospitality) Chair: See  
Gladys Green

Sunshine Chair: Mary O'Nesky  
[ElephantPride@aol.com](mailto:ElephantPride@aol.com)

Throughout the year we enjoyed a wonderful Inauguration Day Party, the Reagan Patriot Day Dinner, Flag Day/President Trump's Birthday Celebration, our summer picnic, and our Christmas Party. At each meeting, our Hospitality Committee provided a nice luncheon.

Let's set a New Year's Resolution to continue our Club Founders' Spirit of Volunteerism as we prepare for what is ahead in 2018

It has been a privilege for me to serve you during 2017. With your help and trust, our entire team of Club officers, executive board, and board volunteers were able to do all that we did. Thank You! Tom

## CHRISTMAS PARTY FESTIVITIES



2017 Lifetime Achievement Award Winner Jo Henry Accepts Trophy



### Club Specialty Roles

Webmaster Role:  
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Bylaws Role: Vacant

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### Past Presidents:

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

**Trump Breaks CNN: Network Admits President Is 'Keeper of Promises,' Don Emmert/AFP/Getty Images, by Ryan Saavedra, December 7, 2017 , Excerpts**

President Donald Trump earned a rare moment of praise from CNN on Thursday for following through on his campaign promises — a rarity among politicians in Washington, D.C. CNN, who gave Trump 93% negative coverage during the beginning months of his presidency, argued that Trump’s “unbreakable bond” with those who voted for him comes from the fact that he worked hard to deliver on his promises.

An analysis by CNN, titled "Donald Trump -- keeper of promises," concluded:

A politician who actually does what he told voters he would do seems almost unfathomable in Washington, a town of broken promises. For Donald Trump, being a president who delivers is especially crucial, since it's one of the golden keys to his so far unbreakable bond with supporters.

It was just the latest instance of the President obstinately honoring the bumper-sticker vows he made to his ultra-loyal supporters -- even those that horrify the political and foreign policy establishment, media critics and allied leaders.

Highlights from CNN’s analysis on the promises that Trump has kept include:

- Has moved to renegotiate NAFTA
- Pulled out of the proposed Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP) trade deal
- Pulled out of the Paris climate accord
- Has targeted the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (JCPOA), also known as the Iran nuclear deal
- Implemented a travel ban targeting countries that are hotbeds of Islamic terrorism
- Pushed for harder immigration policies
- Strong economy and stock market



**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)







**RCSSC Members at the REC Red Party with Congressman Tom Rooney**  
**L-R: Dale DeYoung, Tom Van Dyke, Gladys Green, Peachie DeYoung,**  
**Congressman Rooney, Don O’Nesky, Mary O’Nesky, and Chuck Ford**

### **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>  
 b -- Tom Marshall



### **Game On, Mohammed!, by Paul R. Hollrah, December 21, 2017, Excerpt, Submitted by Don O’Nesky**

With no fanfare whatsoever, Donald Trump signed an Executive Order on December 20, 2017, effective at 12:01 AM, December 21, 2017, that gives the Attorney General of the United States, the Secretary of State, and the Secretary of the Treasury, the power and the authority to prohibit the forces of radical Islam from ever gaining a foothold on U.S. soil, as they have throughout the countries of western Europe. The Executive Order is titled, *“Executive Order Blocking the Property of Persons Involved in Serious Human Rights Abuse or Corruption.”*...

Unless we defeat radical Islam in the deserts of the Middle East and in the streets of Europe in the months and years ahead, they will surely confront us at the Statue of Liberty, the Washington Monument, and in the streets of America. If that comes to pass, western civilization will be lost forever. We cannot bequeath to our children and grandchildren the prospect of fighting, in their time, a bloody battle that should have been fought and won in our time. By reasserting his powers and duties in his new Executive Order, president Trump has essentially said, “Game on, Mohammed!” to the radicals of the Muslim world. Now all we need is an attorney general and an FBI director who are willing to enforce the law.



## US Engulfed in the Most Corrupt Event in History and All Roads Lead Back to Former President Obama, *Gateway Pundit*, by Joe Hoft, December 8, 2017, Excerpts

While the mainstream media (MSM) focuses on the fake news Trump-Russia collusion farce, the US is engulfed in the most corrupt event in its history and all roads lead back to former President Obama. As a matter of fact, the fake Trump investigation is a major piece in the attempted coup d'état currently in place and the MSM's fake news reporting is part of the Coup.

UN Ambassador John Bolton stated that this is the "First Attempted Coup D'état in US History" – **Bolton is right. This is the biggest challenge to the survival of the country since the Civil War.**

Democrats in the 1860's would rather break up the Union than accept the election of the first Republican President, Abraham Lincoln. Today's Democrats would rather remove another Republican President, Donald Trump, from office than accept the results of the 2016 election.

Democrats in the 1860's broke up the Union because they didn't want to give up their power over the executive branch of government and they didn't want to end slavery. Democrats today are partaking in their Coup D'état because they don't want to give up their power over the federal government and don't want to be put in jail for their crimes committed in the years before the election.

The Obama Administration and the deep state, those individuals in government that have created crimes and continue to commit crimes to support their cause, don't want President Trump to change the destructive direction in the US. The Obama Administration did all it could to destroy this great nation and hand it over to the world of global elites. President Trump and the Americans that voted for him want to save America and the world by standing for freedom, life, human rights and the pursuit of happiness for all Americans. The US is at a crossing point.

Now, however, the deep state's initiative to take over the country is beginning to fail. They like so many corrupt entities before them went for too much. Thanks to entities like Judicial Watch that are uncovering documents that show the corrupt and criminal actions of deep state and due to diligent reporting from entities like Hannity, Breitbart, FOX Business and others, and the efforts of a few honest congressmen, the deep state is being shown for what it is

President Trump is doing all he can to move ahead with measures that end the Obama Administration's destruction of America. The President also is well aware of the deep state and reassured Americans that the corrupt leaders of the FBI, DOJ and deep state will be addressed.

Former Speaker Newt Gingrich said, "This is a real fight for whether America is going to remain a republic that is ruled by law or whether it's going to degenerate into being a purely corrupt system of power where if you're on the right team you can rip everybody off and be protected or if you're on the wrong team you can be innocent and go to jail."

Americans are now becoming more aware that the corrupt deep state has burrowed into the federal government in a manner never seen before. But the deep state will ultimately be destroyed because of one major thing they underestimated. The deep state never counted on the massive silent majority of Americans who have not and will not ever give up on Trump or America!



Passing the Torch



### Getting a Permit to Carry

On Monday I got my permit to carry a concealed weapon. So, today I went over to the local Bass Pro Shop to get a 9mm handgun for home/personal protection.

When I was ready to pay for the pistol and ammo, the cashier said, "Strip down, facing me."

Making a mental note to complain to the NRA about the gun control wackos running amok, I did just as she had instructed.

When the hysterical shrieking and alarms finally subsided, I found out she was actually referring to how I should place my credit card in the card reader! As a senior citizen, I do not get flustered often, but this time it took me a while to get my pants back on. I've been asked to shop elsewhere in the future.

They need to make their instructions to seniors much clearer. I don't think I look that bad! Just need to wear underwear more often



**Some Never Trump Conservatives No Longer Deny the President's Achievements, by Gladys Green, Source: 'Never Trump' Conservatives Soften to President Trump, Hail His Achievements, by Adam Shaw, 19 December 2017**

Almost a year into the Trump administration, some conservatives who formed part of the "Never Trump" movement during the campaign are softening — even praising the president for his successes in office. Some former critics in the news media are rethinking their criticism of the president:

**New York Times Conservative Ross Douthat** — a frequent critic of Trump: "[I]f you had told me in late 2016 that almost a year into the Trump era the caliphate would be all-but-beaten without something far worse happening in the Middle East, I would have been surprised and gratified. So very provisionally, credit belongs where it's due — to our soldiers and diplomats, yes, but to our president as well.

"In particular, Trump has avoided the temptation often afflicting Republican uber-hawks, in which we're supposed to fight all bad actors on 16 fronts at once. Instead he's slow-walked his hawkish instincts on Iran, tolerated Assad and avoided dialing up tensions with Russia."

**National Review's David French** — prominent Never Trump conservative on the defeat of ISIS: "This is one of the best stories of the young Trump administration. While many of the battles were fought under Obama, Trump pursued the enemy relentlessly. He delegated decision-making to commanders in the field, they fought within the laws of war, and they prevailed. Trump promised to defeat ISIS, and he has delivered a tremendous victory."

**National Review Editor Rich Lowry** — the organization that formed the brain of the Never Trump movement among conservatives: "It's hard to see how a conventional Republican president would have done much better . . . if any Republican would have done much of what Trump has, three acts stand out — pulling out of the Paris accords, decertifying the Iran deal, and declaring Jerusalem the capital of Israel, all three demonstrated an imperviousness to polite opinion that is one of Trump's signature qualities."

**The Washington Examiner editorial** — a conservative outlet that has published countless opinion pieces criticizing Trump: "Trump is on a roll. One of the narratives of 2017 has been that Trump and Republicans on Capitol Hill have failed to achieve anything substantive. This has always been untrue, but in recent weeks it has become a ridiculous fiction. Amid drama, protest, miscues, and unprecedented political vitriol, real conservative victories are being achieved for America."

**60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

Their three kids, all successful, agreed to a Sunday dinner in honor of their 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

"Happy anniversary Mom and Dad," gushed Son No. 1. "Sorry I'm running late. I had an emergency at the hospital with a patient, you know how it is, and I didn't have time to get you a gift." "Not to worry," said the father. "Important thing is we're all together today."

Son No. 2 arrived. "You and Mom look great, Dad. I just flew in from Montreal between depositions and didn't have time to shop for you. "It's nothing," said the father. "We're glad you were able to come."

Just then the daughter arrived. "Hello and happy anniversary! Sorry, but my boss is sending me out of town and I was really busy packing so I didn't have time to get you anything."

After they had finished dessert, the father said, "There's something your mother and I have wanted to tell you for a long time.

You see, we were really poor, but we managed to send each of you to college. Through the years your mother and I knew we loved each other very much, but we just never found the time to get married."

The three children gasped and said, "WHAT? You mean we're bastards?"

"Yep," said the father. "Cheap ones, too . . ."





**Toxic Hatred of Trump a Sign of Non Compos Mentis, *Jewishworldreview.com*,  
by Alicia Colon, Dec. 12, 2017, Excerpts**

When Barack Obama was first elected in 2008, I felt as disappointed as I did when Bill Clinton was elected in 1992. When Illinois senator Barack Obama entered the 2008 presidential race, his sole memorable vote in the state was to vote against the born alive bill which pegged him to me as a pro-choice advocate. His main appeal to voters was the fact that he was a black candidate.

Oh the joy that bespoke of a post-racial America was resonant throughout the country and while I didn't share that joy I certainly wasn't going to deny the legality of the election. I had hoped that my suspicions about his ideology were unfounded and waited to see how the man we knew nothing about and whose education records were sealed tight would govern. It didn't take long for President Obama to prove my concerns were valid when he immediately appointed 'czars' to his administration.

Unlike the millennials today who haven't a clue about history, I grew up in the Cold War and knew all about communism and all forms of socialism. The nuns in my school taught about the dangers of Marxism and assigned us to read *Animal Farm* and 1984. It became clear that both Barack and Michelle Obama were no fans of American exceptionalism or the achievements of white Americans. In fact during the 8 year Obama reign, racial discord accelerated with the DOJ led by Eric Holder refusing to investigate black groups like the New Black Panthers and Black Lives Matter which were fomenting riots and violence against all whites and the police.

At no point, however, did the majority dissolve into today's hate-spewing, violent and militant Deep State bent on removing our sitting president. Ever since Donald Trump was elected, his adversaries have lost their collective minds especially those in the Republican Party. The fact is there should be no 'Never Trumpers' since his election. Those seeking to remove him via impeachment are nothing less than treasonous, self-serving, petulant, and just plain stupid.

One can almost understand why the Democrats are devastated by his ascent to the presidency but the outcry among the GOP elite is not only inexplicable but downright destructive to progress. They appear to be terrified that they are targets of Trump's threat to drain the swamp. Their comfortable status as RINO's is in jeopardy and so is their future as lobbyists after retirement.

Hatred of President Trump has become self-toxic to the haters who are losing whatever credibility they ever had. The mainstream media is a joke with a slavish mission to remove a president they despise who has actually performed quite well yet is unacceptable to the minions of the left. They twist reports to suit their narrative and end up with egg on their faces.

It was ironic and delicious to read that the Washington Post, another rabid Trump enemy, outed CNN's false report about Donald Trump Jr's receiving hacked emails from Wikileaks when it gave the wrong date of the transactions. There have been at least seven incidents of bad reporting which had to be retracted by CNN now known as the faux news network.

If journalism has died, it has been killed by its wrongheaded allegiance to a very flawed ideological partner, Barack Obama, who demonstrated his hollow character and ignorance while on a trip abroad by comparing the Trump administration to



### Irony

The Food Stamp Program, administered by the U.S. Department of Agriculture, is proud to be distributing the greatest amount of free meals and food stamps ever... 46 million people now receive food stamps.

Meanwhile, the National Park Service, administered by the U.S. Department of the Interior, asks us "Please Do Not Feed the Animals." Their stated reason for the policy is because... "The animals will grow dependent on handouts and will not learn to take care of themselves."

**Thus ends today's lesson in irony!**

Hitler's. This at a time when Donald Trump did what no president has had the cojones to do by recognizing Jerusalem as the capital of Israel. As Bugs Bunny would say---"what a maroon."

If the New York Times, Washington Post, LA Times, CNN, MSNBC and the major networks ever want to regain their sanity and integrity, they need to take a deep breath, look in the mirror and say, "Donald Trump is president of the United States and we accept him for the good of our country."

We deplorables did it in 2008 and 2012 and survived with our sanity intact. Here's hoping the mainstream media will do the same.



### Election of Officers for 2018

The nominating committee has selected the following nominees for RCSSC officers in 2017:

President: Thomas Van Dyke  
Vice President: Chuck Ford  
Secretary: Irene Sessa  
Treasurer: Mike Engerman

Additional nominations may be made from the floor. The election will be held at our regular meeting on January 3, 2018. Only paid members are eligible to seek office and to vote in the election, so please ensure that your membership is current. If you have not paid your membership dues for 2018 and wish to seek office or vote, fill out the membership form below and bring it along with your payment to the January 3 meeting.

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#### RCSSC MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM -- PLEASE PRINT

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY, STATE, ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

HOME PHONE \_\_\_\_\_ CELLPHONE \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

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**ANNUAL DUES ARE \$25.00 PER PERSON AND \$15.00 FOR EACH ADDITIONAL FAMILY MEMBER.**

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### Only in a Stupid World, Source, Email from a friend

We do we drive on a parkway and park in a driveway?

Why do drugstores make the sick walk to the back of the store for prescriptions while the healthy can buy cigarettes at the front of the store?

Why do people order double cheeseburgers, large fries, and a diet Coke?

Why do banks leave vault doors open and chain the pens to the counters?

Why do we leave cars worth thousands of dollars in the driveway and put our useless junk in the garage?

Why do drive-up ATM machines have braille lettering?

Why does the sun lighten our hair and darken our skin?

Why don't we ever see the headline, "Psychic Wins Lottery"?

Why do doctors call what they do a "practice"?

Why is lemon juice made with artificial flavor and dishwashing liquid made with real lemons?

Why is the man who invests all your money called a broker?

Why is the time of day with the slowest traffic called rush hour?

Why didn't Noah swat those two mosquitoes?

Why do they sterilize the needle for lethal injections?

Why don't they make the whole plane out of the same material as the indestructible black box?

Why don't sheep shrink when it rains?

Hope at least one of these made you smile!