



FEBRUARY MEETING, Wednesday, February 14, 2018.

Program: Our speaker will be Eric Robinson who serves on the Sarasota County School Board.

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

After surviving a second week of cold Winter weather, grass sprouts are poking their heads up in my yard, so Spring is getting closer in sunny Florida.

Our newly elected officers will take over on February 7 at the executive board meeting. We welcome Chuck Ford, an experienced former VP, as Vice President; Debbie Rossi, who organized and led our Sun Fiesta events, as Secretary; and new member Michael Engerman as Treasurer.

This important mid- term election year will see races for the U.S. House of Representatives, Senator Nelson's seat, the governor's seat, and county commissioners' seats. Our candidates will need your support. The Republican Party of Sarasota is currently getting out the vote for James Buchanan in neighboring FL District 72; fundraising has begun with the sold-out Dick Cheney Statesman of the Year event; the Adorable Deplorables celebrated Trump's amazing first year of accomplishments in downtown Sarasota; and Win Orben and our Adopt-a- Road team are making Manasota Beach Road Great Again! Your active influence is needed and welcomed in these efforts.

Chuck Schumer's government shutdown is over for now with a continuing resolution. President Trump stuck to his guns for The Wall and immigration reform. Principled politics and common sense conservatism prevailed despite retiring Senator Flake's condemnation of his and our GOP standard bearer. The Swamp is the problem, not Trump. We never said Donald Trump was the "Perfect" candidate, as the democrats portrayed both Clintons and Obama. President Trump is working class (with a big asset account as Don Jr. said), a big ego, flawed, and unabashed. What voters wanted and like is that he gets things done. He is atypical of the usual candidates that run for higher office—no career politician, only a mere businessman who built an enviable business. So, let them complain, try to impeach, try to impugn, and to deny. Despite main stream media, Mueller, and the FBI colluders, we will keep draining the Swamp.

I dedicate this year to the hope that all of us will catch the Spirit of Volunteerism at our Club, our precinct, and the Republic Executive Committee levels. We need you! We must ensure that we are in harmony, speaking with one, united and strong voice on the issues and beliefs we hold in common. The risks are too

February Birthdays

Julie Brady
 Stephen Cosentino
 William Crocker
 Michael Engerman
 Douglas Graham
 Eugene Hatton
 Marie Houck
 William Lindquist
 Mary O'Nesky
 John Patterson
 Christine Popper
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great. The democrats, the George Soros Indivisible, the Antifa, the Women's Marchers, and the Venice City and Sarasota City democratic majorities are organized and will not give up.

How can you help? Consider offering your time and talent to one of our Club committees—Membership & Communication, Programs & Projects, Publicity & Public Affairs, Sergeant-at-Arms, Bylaws Revision, and Parliamentarian and Audit. Check your calendar availability to volunteer for the Jewish Food Festival, Chamber of Commerce Expo, and Women's Sertoma Sun Fiesta booth events. Step up to help man the local party campaign office, wave signs, walk door to door, become a precinct committeeman or committee woman, become a county poll watcher or paid county poll worker, early voting table aide, GOP HQ telephone bank worker, or a voter registration application helper.

Registered Voters as of 01/24/2018: Democrat: 93,185; Republican: 131,230; Other: 82,675 Totals: 307,090 Thank You! Tom

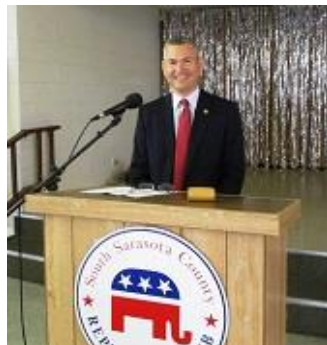
RCSSC OFFICERS FOR 2018



New officers being sworn in by Supervisor of Elections Ron Turner



L-R: President Tom Van Dyke, Vice President Chuck Ford, Treasurer Mike Engerman, and Secretary Debbie Rossi



Ron Turner speaking to club members after the swearing-in ceremony

Refreshments (Hospitality) Chair: See Gladys Green

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John Harrison (2013-2014)
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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)

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.

Of Crudeness and Truth, Politics and Law, by Andrew Klavan, January 12, 2018, Excerpts, Thoughts on President Trump's latest verbal tempest

Nothing scandalizes a leftist like the truth. Point out that women and men are different, that black Americans commit a disproportionate amount of violent crime, that most terrorist acts are committed by Muslims, and the left leaps to its collective feet in openmouthed shock. This is racism! This is sexism! This is some sort of phobia! I'm shocked, shocked to find facts being spoken in polite company!

No one is really shocked, of course. This is simply a form of bullying. The left has co-opted our good manners and our good will in order to silence our opposition to their bad policies. The idea is to make it seem impolite and immoral to mention the obvious.

No person of importance on the right seeks to silence anyone on the left. The Left, on the other hand, is broadly committed to ostracizing, blacklisting, and even criminalizing right-wing speech.

Enter President Donald Trump. He is a rude and crude person. He speaks like a Queens real estate guy on a construction site. And because he does not have good manners, he thoughtlessly breaks the rules with which the left has sought to muzzle those who disagree with them.

I don't know exactly what Trump said in a closed-door meeting with senators at the White House this week. Unnamed sources say that he referred to some African countries and Haiti as "shitholes." Maybe so; sounds like him. In any case, when it comes to a chance to attack Trump, our journalists don't waste time with fact-gathering or source-identifying. (Personally, my first thought on hearing about the remark was: "What squirrely little tattle-tale of a weasel went running to the press with that?" But never mind. That's just me.)

Let's state the obvious. Some countries are shitholes. To claim that this is racist is racist. They are not shitholes because of the color of the populace but because of bad ideas, corrupt governance, false religion, and broken culture. Further, most of the problems in these countries are generated at the top. Plenty of rank-and-file immigrants from such ruined venues ultimately make good Americans—witness those who came from 1840s potato-famine Ireland, a shithole if ever there was one! It takes caution and skill to separate the good from the bad.

For all the bad language, for all the loose talk, I would rather hear a man speak as a man without fear of the press than have him neutered and gagged by a system of good manners that has been misused as a form of oppression. Better impoliteness than silence. Better crudeness than lies. We have seen the effect of uncontrolled immigration on Europe. It is very, very bad. The fact is: some countries are shitholes. I don't want this to become one of them.



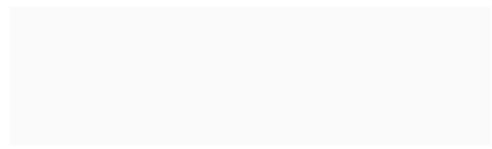
Sunshine Committee

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



**RAISE YOUR HAND IF YOU'RE UNDER
A CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION.**



**Think This Would have Happened under Hillary Clinton or any Democrat?
Submitted by Terry Angley**

The Trump administration released its annual report to Congress on White House Office Personnel. It includes the name, status, salary and position title of all 377 White House employees. The report said that Trump decided not to take a dime of his salary; instead he donated it to an amazing cause! (see below).

The report showed that President Trump is far better at saving money than Obama was. The total annual White House salaries under Trump are \$35.8 million vs. \$40.9 under Obama, a savings of \$5.1 million. Here are some other key findings:

There are 110 fewer employees on White House staff under Trump than under Obama at this point in their respective presidencies.

Nineteen fewer staffers are dedicated to the First Lady of the United States. Currently, there are five staffers dedicated to Melania Trump vs 24 staffers who served Michelle Obama (FY2009).

However, it's what the report said Trump did with this salary that has everyone talking. Instead of taking his salary, Trump donated all \$400,000 to the Department of the Interior where it will be used for construction and repair needs at military cemeteries! AMAZING! It's so great to have a president who loves our brave military men and women so much!

And where's the media coverage of this? Oh that's right, they don't cover anything good that the president does

Presidents' Day

Presidents' Day is an American holiday celebrated on the third Monday in February. Originally established in 1885 in recognition of President George Washington, it is still officially called "Washington's Birthday" by the federal government.



**President George Washington
Feb 22, 1732 – Dec 14, 1799 (age 67)**

Quotations by George Washington

"To be prepared for war is one of the most effective means of preserving peace."

"Few men have virtue to withstand the highest bidder."

"Associate with men of good quality if you esteem your own reputation; for it is better to be alone than in bad company."

"An army of asses led by a lion is better than an army of lions led by an ass"

"Be courteous to all, but intimate with few, and let those few be well tried before you give them your confidence."

"I am sure that never was a people, who had more reason to acknowledge a Divine interposition in their affairs, than those of the United States; and I should be pained to believe that they have forgotten that agency, which was so often manifested during our Revolution, or that they failed to consider the omnipotence of that God who is alone able to protect them."

"There is an option still left to the United States of America, that it is in their choice and depends upon their conduct, whether they will be respectable and prosperous or contemptible and miserable as a Nation"

No, Medicaid Work Requirements Aren't Racist or Cruel, *The American Spectator*, by David Catron, January 15, 2018, Excerpts

The usual suspects trot out the usual lies about a policy proven to work.

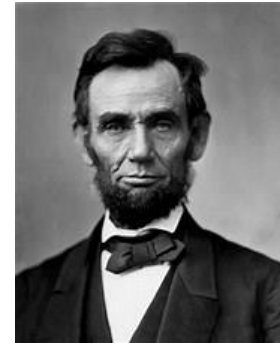
When the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) announced that states could experiment with work requirements and volunteer community service as prerequisites for Medicaid eligibility, the melodramatic response from the Democrats and their media allies was as predictable as it was mendacious. House Democratic Leader Nancy Pelosi summed up the position of her congressional accomplices by vehemently denouncing the new CMS policy as “mean-spirited,” “cynical,” and “spiteful.” And *USA Today* captured the gist of the “news” coverage with a work of fiction titled, “Medicaid work requirements are a throwback to rejected racial stereotypes.”

The *USA Today* op-ed constitutes a classic example of the smug ignorance for which progressives are so notorious. Its authors obviously assume that white people would somehow escape the imagined negative effects of the new CMS policy. If these “journalists” had bothered to do their homework, they would realize that the single largest ethnic cohort of non-elderly Medicaid enrollees consists of white people

What seems to have been forgotten is that work requirements for government benefits is not an untested idea. In August of 1996, under considerable bipartisan pressure from Congress, President Clinton signed a welfare reform bill, a conspicuous provision of which was a work requirement not unlike that which CMS has authorized the states to use with Medicaid enrollees. At the time, the work requirement was denounced by the left as was Clinton himself. Critics of welfare reform, like today's critics of CMS, portentously predicted wrack and ruin. But, as those notorious right-wingers at the Brookings Institution reported, “Welfare Reform Worked.”

So, based on the apparent success of consumer-driven Medicaid reform in Indiana and positive results of the work requirements associated with welfare reform on a national scale, the decision by the Trump administration to “support state efforts to test incentives that make participation in work or other community engagement a requirement for continued Medicaid eligibility” seems pretty sound. That impression is evidently shared by the officials of a number of states. Kentucky was the first state to take advantage of the new CMS policy, and, according to Reuters, Arizona, Arkansas, Indiana, Kansas, Maine, New Hampshire, North Carolina, Utah, and Wisconsin may soon follow suit.

Democrat/MSM propaganda notwithstanding, the CMS decision to support states that wish to use a work requirement as a prerequisite for continued Medicaid eligibility for able-bodied adults seems eminently reasonable. Medicaid reform is one of the nation's most pressing domestic issues and the Trump administration is simply allowing the states to bring their creative energy to bear on the problem. This is not racist. This is not mean-spirited. It is an all-too-rare commodity called “leadership.”



President Abraham Lincoln
Feb 12, 1809 – Apr 15, 1865 (age 56)

Quotations by Abraham Lincoln

“The people -- the people -- are the rightful masters of both congresses, and courts -- not to overthrow the constitution, but to overthrow the *men* who pervert it.”

“Don't interfere with anything in the Constitution. That must be maintained, for it is the only safeguard of our liberties. And not to Democrats alone do I make this appeal, but to all who love these great and true principles.”

“At what point then is the approach of danger to be expected? I answer, if it ever reach us, it must spring up amongst us. It cannot come from abroad. If destruction be our lot, we must ourselves be its author and finisher. As a nation of freemen, we must live through all time, or die by suicide.”

“And having thus chosen our course, without guile, and with pure purpose, let us renew our trust in God, and go forward without fear, and with manly hearts.”

“Nearly all men can stand adversity, but if you want to test a man's character, give him power.”

“If you once forfeit the confidence of your fellow citizens, you can never regain their respect and esteem. You may fool all of the people some of the time, you can even fool some of the people all the time, but you can't fool all of the people all of the time.”

“Better to remain silent and be thought a fool than to speak out and remove all doubt.”



Vowing to 'rip' Trump 'a new one,' Obama in his ex-presidency devolves into third-world coup-plotting, *American Thinker*, by Monica Showalter, January 19, 2018, Excerpts

Far from content living his golden years on the \$400,000 speech and lecture circuit of other former presidents, President Obama has been busy with clawing back his old power. He's actually covertly plotting to oust his democratically elected successor, President Trump, vowing to his associates to "rip him a new one" in the 2018 midterm elections.

That's the word from *DCWhispers*, which reports that Obama's Kalorama mansion, in the heart of the capital's toniest district, is the center of significant comings and goings among the Obamatons, who, led by his consigliere, Valerie Jarrett, are busily raising funds for the project as Obama eggs them on.

The Obama Machine has in recent months been raking in tens of millions in preparation for a significant 2018 midterm war effort – primarily through an LLC called Citizen 44, run by Paulette Aniskoff, a longtime Obama staffer who answers directly to Jarrett. Citizen 44's primary purpose is to keep the 2008 and 2012 Obama campaign machine intact. Any Democrat of importance who hopes to rise in rank will have to kiss the ring of Citizen 44 first. It's a disgusting picture for any ex-presidency.

What we are looking at right now is a third-world coup-plotting effort, done under legal pretenses (just as Hugo Chávez did everything under legal pretenses), to oust a sitting president. It's unprecedented. What we have here is the creepy specter of an embittered ex-president trying to restore his legacy after angry voters elected someone else who would dismantle the unpopular doings of his administration

It's happening because Obama doesn't think he should be out of power – repeatedly during his administration, he would make little references to his willingness to serve a third term. It's a leftist thing, a belief that "history is on our side" and "history will absolve me," and progress in the direction the left decrees is "inevitable" that likely makes him think he's entitled to rule forever.

It's tinhorn dictator stuff, and it needs to be called out.

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



Wolf Blitzer in 2038 waiting for evidence of Trump-Russia Collusion



To Deregulate America, Dump DC Bureaucrats, by Betsey McCaughey,
December 20, 2017, Excerpts, Submitted by Don O'Nesky; *Betsy McCaughey is a senior fellow at the London Center for Policy Research and a former lieutenant governor of New York State.*

Flanked by a towering 185,000 pages representing the federal regulatory code now and a short pile of 20,000 pages—the code's length a half-century ago—President Trump pledged last week to return us to the days of fewer regulations. Pointing to the colossal pile, which would take some three years to read, the president reiterated what Americans know firsthand, that “every unnecessary page” means “projects never get off the ground.”

Trump claims he's already eliminated 22 rules for every new one imposed this past year. His critics dispute how many he's actually scrapped, but no one denies he's brought the steady stream of new rules nearly to a halt. This regulatory pause is buoying business optimism and the stock market.

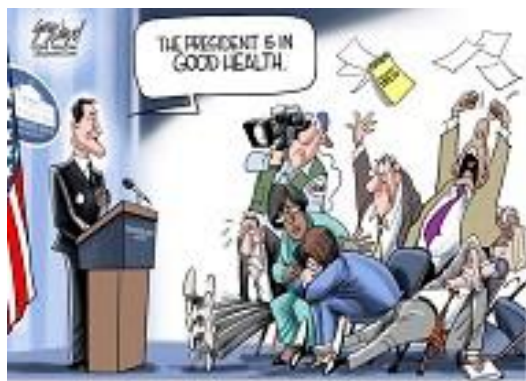
What's coming next? Rolling back rules on mining, manufacturing, oil exploration, banking, you name it. Even better, both the Trump administration and some Democrats in Congress want to relocate federal agencies from inside the D.C. beltway to cities in the nation's heartland. Getting Washington out of Washington.

Imagine regulators having to rub elbows with the people being regulated. There's a lot of wisdom outside the Washington bubble. Why should federal management be concentrated so far from the industries and people affected?

Earlier this year, the House Oversight and Government Reform Committee voted to “Divest D.C.” and identify agencies easiest to move. The idea has bipartisan support. Rep. Tim Ryan, D-Ohio, sees it as a way to repopulate economically depressed cities that offer cheaper office space and housing, less traffic and a lower cost of living for federal workers.

Of course, not all federal workers residing in D.C. will move willingly, and opponents of the idea claim it's a covert way to shrink the federal workforce. All the better, says Philip Howard, chairman of Common Good. “Agencies should be moved out of D.C. and repopulated with people looking to help Americans, not stifle them.”

And not deliberately thwart the policies of the president. One of Trump's biggest challenges is taming the “deep state”—and now two million federal bureaucrats strong—burrowed deep in agencies across the capitol region. Dispersing it is one way.



An Old Farmer's Prayer, Submitted by Jean West-Walker

A visiting Minister who was attending a men's breakfast in Farm County asked one of the impressive older farmers in attendance to say grace that morning.

After all were seated, the older farmer began, “Lord, I hate buttermilk.” The Minister opened one eye and wondered to himself where this was going. Then the farmer loudly proclaimed, “Lord, I hate lard.” Now the Minister was overly worried. However without missing a beat, the farmer prayed on, “And Lord, you know I don't care much for raw white flour.”

Just as the Minister was ready to stand and stop everything, the farmer continued, “But Lord, when you mix 'em all together and bake 'em up, I do “love fresh biscuits.

“So Lord, when things come up we don't like, when life gets hard, when we just don't understand what you are sayin' to us, we just need to relax and wait 'till you are done mixin', and probably it will be somethin' even better than biscuits.

“Amen.”



EVERY TIME YOU SEE A STORY ABOUT MILLIONS OF AMERICANS RECEIVING RAISES AND BONUSES DUE TO THE TRUMP TAX CUT, REMEMBER THIS: NOT A SINGLE DEMOCRAT VOTED FOR IT.

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Traffic Stop

Cop to Motorist: "You were speeding."
 Motorist: "I was keeping up with the traffic."
 Cop: "There isn't any traffic."
 Motorist: "I know, that's how far behind I am."

Good News and Bad News

