



MARCH MEETING, Wednesday, March 14, 2018.

Program: Our speaker will be Senator Greg Steube, Republican member of the Florida State Senate representing District 23. He was first elected to the chamber in 2016. He is a 2018 Republican candidate seeking election to the U.S. House of Representatives to represent the 17th Congressional District of Florida. He served in the Florida House of Representatives, representing District 73 from 2010 to 2016.

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

As Spring arrives in Venice, so do those escaping the winter cold in the north, including our member Snowbirds, and we welcome them. Since the early 2,000's, an average of 1,000 people have moved to Florida every day. The City of Venice will grow from 20,000 to 30,000 in the next two decades. New developments will add 15,000 to 30,000 new homes in the areas running between North Port and Laurel. North Port is now Sarasota County's largest city. North of here, Palmer Ranch is also exploding.

Baby Boomer retirees are coming to join our community. The newly arrived have their own community value systems and experiences--they will be Republicans, Democrats, and Independents. It is vital that they hear about and will be attracted to our Club and our mission. We have two major goals: to attract new members and to retain existing members. We also want to encourage you to attend our informative and organizational monthly board meetings (and bring a friend). We are committed to exceeding the six-meeting minimum requirement per year for your benefit.

Cities are typically strong areas for active Democrats. Our member, Emilio Carlesimo, recently lost the election for Venice City Council Seat 1 to Mitzie Fielder by 18.9%. At the Jewish Food Festival, Democrats had three booths to our one (shared with our sister Club, NOVA). One was "Sarasota Democrats," one was "Environmental Green," and the third was "Single Member Districts. I want to thank Chuck Ford, Don O'Nesky, and Robert Unsell for manning our table at this event.

The George Soros activist group, "Indivisible" was there to picket U.S. Congressman Tom Rooney's scheduled speech at NOVA in Nokomis. Rooney canceled the day before, likely to avoid the protesters who succeeded in shutting down two of his public events in February of 2017.

March Birthdays

Thomas Altman
John Bartolucci
Kenneth Bauman
Valerie Cooper
Hilde Cross
Shirley Deibel
Cathy Grippi
Barbara Hackett
Dawn Jackson
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Programs and Projects Chair: Open

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They are active and fired up. They won last week's North County District 72 legislative election with Margaret Good defeating our candidate, James Buchanan by 7.4%. With the nation focused on the Parkland, FL news aftermath, reeling from the highly charged emotions and anguish of the 17 dead students, victims of a mentally ill teen using an AR-15 rifle, they are once again using a tragedy to force gun control on the nation.

Republicans are typically strong in suburban and rural areas, such as our base here in South County. We are also active and fired up. We dominate the Board of County Commissioners. We have a Republican Governor, State Legislature, U.S. Congress, Supreme Court, and White House. Trump is still fighting Democrats, Special Counsel Mueller, and the mainstream media about the tiring "fake news" Russian collusion story. We need more participation from the grassroots like You!

So, won't you be like Win Orben, who has organized our Adopt-a-Road cleanup crew activities, and his teammates Larry Gallick, Bill Crocker, Bill Lindquist, Mac Maclary, Dennis Dugan, and Chuck Ford, to say Yes to a Call for Volunteers. Or like our newer member, Clifford Dodge, who was willing to say Yes to any officer position in which the Club might ask him for his talent and time.

We Need You! Hope to see you at our next meeting and hear that you will participate in a committee. Tom

FEBRUARY MEETING OF THE SARASOTA REPUBLICAN EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE WAS HOSTED BY THE RCSSC



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Webmaster Role:
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Sergeant-at-Arms Role:
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Bylaws Role: Open

Parliamentarian Role: Open

Monthly RCSSC Executive Board Meeting

Will be held at the Frances T. Bourne Jacaranda Library Conference Room on Wed, March 7 from 11:00 to 12:30 PM..

Past Presidents:

Immediate Past President: Barbara Vaughn (2015-2016)

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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.

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 497-645

Speaking from the Heart, Trump's Speech Was All Democrats Feared It Would Be, *Investors' Business Daily*, by Staff, Excerpts, January 31, 2018

President Trump, defying expectations that he would give a speech filled with concessions to the bitterly angry Democrats, gave a full-throated, detailed defense of his first year in office and offered a vision for the future. It was a bravura performance, one of the best in recent history.

In one of the better State of the Union speeches in recent memory, the first-time politician Trump pushed all the right buttons, and probably reminded a lot of people why they voted for him instead of his supposedly invincible opponent. After hearing Trump demonized and vilified in the media for the better part of a year, average Americans were no doubt surprised to hear a confident president with an extensive resume of successes express his love, admiration and, yes, devotion to the country he plainly loves a great deal.

Pollster Frank Luntz, a frequent Trump critic who did not support him in 2016 even tweeted the following: "Tonight, I owe Donald Trump an apology. Tonight, I was moved and inspired. Tonight, I have hope and faith in America again. It may go away tomorrow... But tonight, America is great again."

This is probably not what Washington inside-the-beltway types and leftist media elites wanted to hear. It's definitely the last thing the far-left that has captured the Democratic Party wants to hear. As we noted, the media in recent weeks repeatedly called on Trump to "reach out" to angry Democrats. And, to a degree, Trump did just that.

"Tonight, I call upon all of us to set aside our differences, to seek out common ground, and to summon the unity we need to deliver for the people we were elected to serve," Trump said, reaching of his hand across the aisle to the Democrats.

But, based on the Democrats sour reaction even when Trump announced initiatives, such as infrastructure rebuilding, that are at the core of Democratic politics, it didn't really matter. The assembled Democratic politicians looked like they had just bitten into a lemon.

So, did President Trump win over Democrats on Tuesday? No. Contrary to the media's desires, he was really speaking to moderates and independents, not Democrats. But any Americans who were listening with an open heart and open mind no doubt heard much to like, and even more to deeply admire: A president who loves his country, is avidly fixing its problems, and wants the continued help and support of the American people to do so. It's been quite a while since we've had a president like that.



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





Our Radicalized Media: A Clear and Present Danger, *The American Thinker*, by Peggy Ryan, February 10, 2018, Excerpts

Most associate the term "radicalized" with ISIS. But radical movements aren't limited to a religion. A jihad is a crusade for a principle or belief involving struggle and "resistance." The Washington establishment, the Deep State, and special interests have launched their own jihad, built on a battle cry to "resist."

Today, calls to resist echo through Congress as half of the House and Senate stage a mutiny against a duly elected president. Resist is the call to arms from Democrat leaders (Hillary Clinton and Barack Obama) and radical activist groups (Black Lives Matter, Antifa). More than 50 organizations have formed to resist the Trump administration.

Just as ISIS leader Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi calls on his followers to resist infidels, so this Washington cabal calls on its warriors to resist our government, to obstruct the president. These machinations are not conducted in the shadows, not a secret plot carried out in the dead of night. It's all in our faces. Rush Limbaugh warns of a "silent coup," Sean Hannity a "soft coup," Ambassador Bolton the "first *coup d'état* in [U.S.] history."

The media, the left's super-soldiers, brought us to this point. This powerful propaganda tool is utilized to take the state message into every living room, bedroom, workplace, and gym, anywhere there's a TV or internet, omnipresent, Big Brother. The media are radicalized, wholly devoted to the progressive dogma of the left, but it's more than that. These faux journalists couldn't spew their poison, advocate the overthrow of a president, without their boss's permission, without government approval. Oh, I know: Time Warner, Comcast, and other private corporations, not government, own the media. Except corporate America and government are one and the same, partners in a corrupt merger.

The roots of this merger are in the *iron triangle*, a mutually beneficial three-way relationship among Congress, government bureaucrats (the Deep State), and special interests (corporate). Iron triangles get their name because they are incredibly hard to remove once they are set in. All three components need each other in order to survive. It is not in the interests of any component to break the triangle. This interdependence results in a shared agenda, the big money agenda. So corporate interests buy off Congress, at least enough to have an effective majority, then move to acquire media. Corporate giants control 90 percent of U.S. mass media.

The Church Gossip

Mildred, the church gossip and self-appointed keeper of the church's morals, kept sticking her nose into other people's business. Several members did not approve of her activities, but feared her enough to maintain their silence and distance.

She made a mistake, however, when she accused Frank, a new member, of being an alcoholic after she saw his old pickup parked in front of the town's only bar one afternoon. She emphatically told Frank, (and several others) that everyone seeing it there would know what he was doing!

Frank, a man of few words, stared at her for a moment and just turned and walked away. He didn't explain, defend, or deny. He simply said nothing.

Later that evening, Frank quietly parked his old pickup in front of Mildred's house, walked home...and left it there all night.

You gotta love Frank!



An attempt to usurp our president, to take control of our government in a bloodless coup, constitutes a "substantive evil that Congress has a right to prevent." Yet we continue to treat this sedition as protected speech – a dangerous abdication. If we attribute benign motives to the subversive media while we allow them to serve as a firewall to America's domestic enemies, as a propaganda arm of the state, we may, in the end, surrender our republic.

Liberty demands a free press; it's the foundation of our republic, our gatekeeper to democracy. But this is not a free press. It's an enemy combatant attacking the American people in plain sight.

Ronald Reagan once said, "Don't be afraid to see what you see." What do we see? We see media that

- Are drunk on power and defend radicals who disrespect our flag, an anti-American, globalist media that promote all other countries over our own.
- Are co-conspirators working with the very traitors they're tasked to expose, a press that publishes fake news and outright lies and withholds the real news that would indict its comrades.
- Are a state-run media posing as free press to avoid detection, a media that launch coordinated attacks on the president of the United States.
- Act as an attack dog for the left, fomenting hate for the president and publicly labeling him a pathological liar, unstable, dangerous, Hitler, a white supremacist. Their hatred is palpable, their attacks unrelenting.
- Conduct an orchestrated defense of seditious Democrats, the Deep State, and Washington's ruling elite, that act as a Praetorian Guard for the insurgents in the palace coup.

This is not a free press. It's a bastardized cabal dressed up as media that is working to defeat the American people and effect a *coup d'état*. Our free press is gone, eradicated by big money and government charlatans. This counterfeit media are an enemy of the state, a threat to liberty and democracy, a clear and present danger. . . "Don't be afraid to see what you see."



Saint Nancy, Submitted by Chuck Ford

Last Saturday afternoon in Washington, D.C. an aide to Nancy Pelosi visited the Bishop of the Catholic Cathedral in D.C. He told the Cardinal that Nancy Pelosi would be attending the next day's Mass, and asked if the Cardinal would kindly point out Pelosi to the congregation and say a few words that would include calling Pelosi a saint.

The Cardinal replied, "No. I don't really like the woman, and there are issues of conflict with the Catholic Church over some of Pelosi's views." Pelosi's aide then said, "Look, I'll write a check here and now for a donation of \$100,000 to you if you'll just tell the congregation you see Pelosi as a saint."

The Cardinal thought about it and said, "Well, the Church can use the money, so I'll work your request into tomorrow's sermon." As Pelosi's aide promised, Nancy Pelosi appeared for the Sunday worship and seated herself prominently at the forward left side of the center aisle. As promised, at the start of his sermon, the Cardinal pointed out that Ms. Pelosi was present.

The Cardinal went on to explain to the congregation, "While Ms. Pelosi's presence is probably an honor to some, the woman is not numbered among my personal favorite personages. Some of her most egregious views are contrary to tenets of the Church, and she tends to flip-flop on many other issues. Nancy Pelosi is a petty, self-absorbed hypocrite, a thumb sucker, and a nit-wit. Nancy Pelosi is also a serial liar, a cheat, and a thief. I must say, Nancy Pelosi is the worst example of a Catholic I have ever personally witnessed. She married for money and is using her wealth to lie to the American people. She also has a reputation for shirking her Representative obligations both in Washington and in California. The woman is simply not to be trusted."

The Cardinal concluded. "But, when compared with Hillary Clinton, Ms. Pelosi is a saint."

Dennis Prager: 'My Opposition to Donald Trump was Wrong,' He Is a 'Great President,' by Robert Kraychik, 27 January 2018, Excerpts

"My opposition to Donald Trump was wrong," said Dennis Prager, describing Donald Trump as a "great president" whose political successes are connected to a disregard for the left-wing and partisan Democrat news media narratives.

"The only way to govern [while advancing] the principles of conservatism," said Prager, was to disregard left-wing and partisan Democrat agitation pushed across the news media landscape. Prager said: "I was wrong. My opposition to Donald Trump was wrong, in retrospect. I had friends who supported him, and I didn't understand them. I said, 'Are you not aware of what he said about John McCain? Isn't that enough to disqualify the guy?' They perceived in him what I did not perceive in him, and what they perceived was accurate: a man who doesn't give a damn about what the press says about him. That is the only way to govern. It is the only way to advance the principles of conservatism in the United States is to not give a damn.

"A president's actions are a more important metric of presidential success than a president's demeanor," said Prager and "concerns with a president's demeanor should be secondary to broader analyses of a president's impact."

In April of 2017, Prager invited ostensibly conservative Never-Trump news media figures to celebrate Trump's presidency. "Do conservatives — or non-leftists, for that matter — appreciate just how terrific Donald Trump has been as president?" he asked. "And how lucky we are that he won the presidency?"

"What I do know is that they ought to be deeply appreciative of him, and deeply grateful for luck or providence, and certainly for Trump himself, that he was elected president," continued Prager. "First, it is unlikely that any other Republican would have defeated Hillary Clinton. Second, he has not only surpassed many of our expectations but also thus far governed in a manner more consistent with conservative principles than any president since Ronald Reagan, and arguably Calvin Coolidge."



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

Dick Morris: Obama was in it Up to His Eyeballs, by Dick Morris, Westernjournal.com, February 7, 2018, Submitted by Don O'Nesky, Excerpts

Now that the dimensions of the political corruption, bias and injustice that characterized the FBI in recent years is becoming public, it is time to reconsider the legacy of President Barack Obama. And, as the FBI corruption spread to the State Department and the NSA, Obama's role becomes apparent.

The newly released texts between star-crossed lovers Peter Strzok and Lisa Page are uncovering how deeply Obama himself was involved. Today, Wisconsin Republican Sen. Ron Johnson released a text in which Lisa Page, preparing to prep FBI Director James Comey for his meeting with Obama wrote Strzok that "POTUS wants to know everything that we are doing." Obama, apparently ran roughshod over the "need to know" principle and discarded the protection of "plausible deniability." He was pulling the strings and wanted to be sure his orders were received, obeyed and executed. Can you impeach an ex-president?

Now, an entirely new dimension of the FBI/State Department/NSA scandal has emerged with a familiar question: What did Obama know and when did he know it?

Obama has avoided being tarred with the Hillary Clinton email scandal even though he obviously knew she was using a private server, in direct violation of his orders (she emailed him on it). But now, he may be on the spot for encouraging the likes of Rod Rosenstein and Andrew McCabe to slow walk the investigation of Clinton's emails, especially those found on Huma Abedin/Anthony Weiner's computer in the closing weeks of the election campaign.

While we have the former president's attention, we should ask some other questions:

1. Did you know about the illegal unmasking of those caught on NSA metadata surveillance? Did you order it?
2. Did you know that your State Department was working to prepare a negative dossier on Trump in the middle of the election?
3. Did you know that Russia had targeted Secretary of State Hillary Clinton in order to persuade her to approve the sale of our uranium capacity to Moscow? Did you approve or know of the efforts to suppress publicity about their efforts during the election?
4. Did you know of the overtly political involvement of the top leadership of the FBI in the 2016 election and why did you do nothing to stop it?

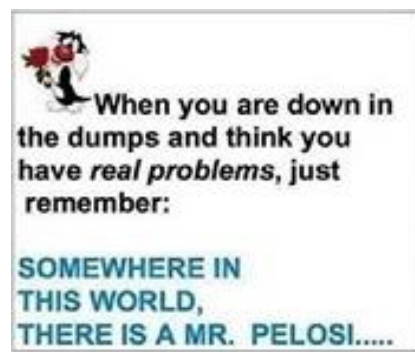
The soaring economy that started as soon as he moved out of the White House demonstrates, as nothing else can, how his policies were holding things back.

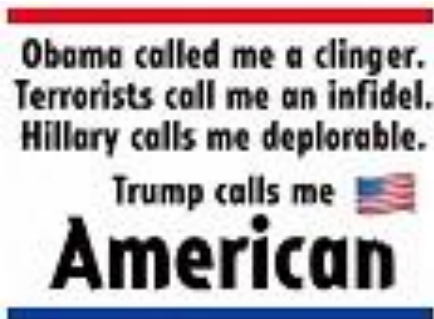
Obamacare is shredded and fading fast. And President Trump's ability to defeat the Islamic State group and hold North Korea at bay attests both to his strength and Obama's weakness.

Now, the one thing he had going for him—the perception of honesty and integrity and respect for law and order—is about to leave him.



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Old People

Have you ever been guilty of looking at others your own age and thinking, surely I can't look that old?

Well . . . you'll love this one!

My name is Mary, and I was sitting in the waiting room for my first appointment with a new dentist.

I noticed his DDS diploma on the wall, which bore his full name. Suddenly, I remembered a tall, handsome, dark-haired boy with the same name had been in my high school class some 30-odd years ago. Could he be the same guy that I had a secret crush on way back then?

Upon seeing him, however, I quickly discarded any such thought. This balding, gray-haired man with the deeply lined face was way too old to have been my classmate.

After he examined my teeth, I asked him if he had attended Morgan Park High School.

"Yes, I did. I'm a mustang," he gleamed with pride.

"When did you graduate?" I asked.

He answered, "In 1975. Why do you ask?"

"You were in my class," I exclaimed.

He looked at me closely. Then, that ugly, old, balding, wrinkled-faced, fat-assed, gray-haired, decrepit, SOB, asked,

"What did you teach?"