



APRIL EVENT: REAGAN PATRIOTS' DAY DINNER. THERE WILL BE NO REGULAR MEMBERSHIP MEETING ON APRIL 11.

**Meet Florida District 74 State Representative
Julio Gonzalez**

WHEN: Wednesday, April 25, 2018
WHERE: Elks Lodge, 401 N. Indiana Ave., Englewood, FL 34223
TIME: 6:00 PM Cash Bar --- 7:00 PM Dinner
ATTIRE: Business

MENU: ½ Roast Chicken or Basa Supreme (whitefish)
with mashed potatoes, vegetable medley, dinner rolls,
cheesecake, tea, coffee, and lemonade

PRICE: \$30.00 per person RCSSC member
\$40.00 per person non-RCSSC member

Please RSVP by Friday, April 20 to

Debbie Rossi; 539-1138; dbyars3030@aol.com or
Chuck Ford, 228-0384; cford1620@verizon.net

Specify choice of meal when making reservation

**Make checks payable to RCSSC and mail to
RCSSC, PO Box 352, Venice, FL 34285-0352**

Club President's Soapbox

Each spring our Club holds a Reagan Patriots' Day Dinner. This year that event will be held in lieu of our regular luncheon meeting on the second Wednesday of the month--**there will be no meeting on April 11.**

A sure sign of spring in politics is the candidate announcements for new or reelection offices. Tom Rooney, District 17 U.S. House Representative, has decided not to run again, so hopefuls are stepping up.

At our March meeting, District 23 State Senator Greg Steube gave an informative legislative update, discussed the new Florida gun law, and gave his reasons for wanting to run for U.S. Congress—citing his experience, conservative values, and his unique perspective as a combat military veteran. He enjoyed having a full house of Club members in attendance to hear him speak.

April Birthdays

Sheila Brown
Kathy James
Hugh Laubis
Norman MacLellan
Joseph Mercier
Joseph Neunder
Matthew Soldano

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District 74 State Representative, Julio Gonzalez, has also announced his candidacy. He says he will bring his unique experience as a medical doctor, a veteran, and his passion for U.S. Constitutional law to Washington, D.C. Dr. Julio Gonzalez will be our keynote speaker for the event mentioned above—our Annual Reagan Patriots' Day Dinner. Florida law encourages people to celebrate Patriots' Day, though it is not treated as a public holiday. It celebrates the battles of Lexington and Concord which produced the "Shot Heard Around the World." Traditionally, we like to combine the Florida Proclamation of Ronald Reagan Day as February 6th with this event. There will be door prizes to raffle and other ways you may contribute to fundraising goals.

To lower costs so that more members may RSVP, we are changing the venue to the Elks Club of Englewood and using their affordable menu. Since this will be our only meeting for the month, we hope you choose to attend and RSVP early. Chuck Ford and Debbie Rossi volunteered to co-chair the event planning committee. We need your help too; if you can offer assistance, contact Chuck. Read more by joining our new Facebook group at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/rcsscqop/>.

Lastly, the RCSSC Adopt-a-Road crew planned March 24 for our cleanup. Three cheers to Win Orben and his team!
Tom

MARCH 14 MEMBERSHIP MEETING



Sergeant-at-Arms Role:
John Finnigan
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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, April 4 from 11:00 to 12:30 PM..

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)

The Patriot Newsletter

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

Hillary's Attempt to Steele the Election, by George Neumayr, *The American Spectator*, February 7, 2018, Excerpts

That remains the real scandal of 2016.

The media, in its frenzy to normalize left-wing political espionage, says simultaneously of the Nunes memo: there is nothing to see in it, but don't look.

The intensity of the media's attacks on a Republican is always in proportion to the degree to which he is impeding one of its causes. The doggedness of Nunes — his refusal to let a politicized FBI and Justice Department stonewall his committee — has thrown considerable light on the real scandal of 2016: not that Trump colluded with the Russians to win but that the Obama administration colluded with Hillary to defeat him.

One government most certainly did meddle in the election — ours. In desperate denial mode, the media will talk about everything but the fact that the United States government was spying on one campaign by using opposition research from the other, all while hoodwinking FISA court judges and leaking to the press about its politicized investigation.

The more that the probe is put under the microscope, the more outrageous it appears, with Hillary partisans and Trump haters figuring into it at every crucial turn. Hillary didn't need a campaign headquarters in Brooklyn; she already had one in Washington, D.C. John Brennan, auditioning to be her CIA director, laid the groundwork for the Trump-Russia probe by hyping bogus intelligence; Trump hater Peter Strzok formally opened the probe at the FBI just weeks after whitewashing Hillary's mishandling of emails; the slop of Christopher Steele, Hillary's opposition researcher, served as the basis for spying on all of Carter Page's communications with the Trump campaign, while the spouse of a Justice Department official involved in the probe shoveled more of the slop to her husband.

The FBI, not wanting anyone to see a replay of its foul and botched partisan play, wants the media to blame the ref. And so we have an endless trashing of Nunes as "partisan" by partisans. We see denials of political espionage from participants in it. Take CNN's breathless coverage of John McCain's view of the propriety of the Steele dossier without ever mentioning his role in hawking it. Or NBC giving Brennan a platform to play dumb about the dossier without asking him about his meetings with Harry Reid.

Only a media biased enough to participate in such a farce would tell its viewers to avert their gaze from it.



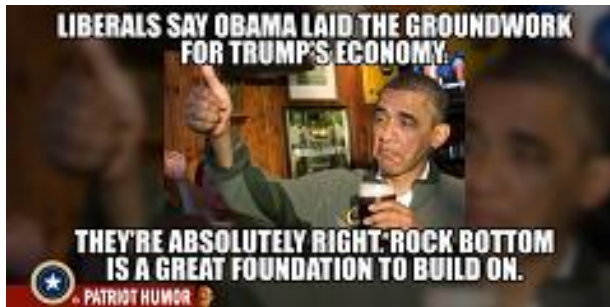
Help Us Grow Our Club

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

Quotations by Democrats





Here's Exactly What Trump Meant When He Said, "Make America Great Again, by Lawrence Cloverfield, March 10, 2018, Excerpts

BOOM! America is quickly becoming great again thanks to President Trump! Not only is he poised to become one of the GREATEST presidents in our history when he pulls off the North Korea talks but folks. . . we're back to work, we're making money!

- According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS), 155,215,000 Americans were employed as of February 2018—this is nearly 800,000 more than last month's record of 154,430,000.
- Black employment is at an all-time high, hitting 19,087,000 last month.
- Women working are at a record 72,530,000 employment rate.
- Overall unemployment is at the lowest it's been since the Bill Clinton Era.

Other findings, according to CNSNews:

- The economy added a whopping 313,000 jobs in February according to BLS and job gains have averaged 242,000 over the last 3 months.
- Wages continue to rise. Over the year, average hourly earnings have increased by 68 cents, or 2.6 percent.
- The underlying economic growth is quite strong, but there's no real pressures from a wages and inflation standpoint, said Greg Peters, senior investment officer at PGIM Fixed Income. "It's very good for risk assets."

Trump is keeping promise after promise, talking with other world leaders and paving the way to peace! The left want him to fail but thankfully we elected a man who doesn't know the meaning of the word.



60th High School Reunion

He was a widower and she a widow. They had known each other for a number of years, having been high school classmates and having attended class reunions in the past without fail.

This 60th reunion of their class, the widower and the widow made a foursome with two other singles. They had a wonderful evening, their spirits high, with the widower throwing admiring glances across the table and the widow smiling coyly back at him.

Finally, during one dance, he picked up courage to ask her, "Will you marry me?" After about 6 seconds of careful consideration, she answered, "Yes, I will!"

Needless to say, the evening ended on a happy note for the widower. However, the next morning he was troubled. Did she say "Yes" or did she say "No"? He couldn't remember. Try as he would, he just could not recall. He went over-and-over the conversation of the previous evening, but his mind was blank. He remembered asking the question, but for the life of him could not recall her response.

With fear and trepidation, he picked up the phone and called her. First, he explained that he couldn't remember as well as he used to. Then he reviewed the past evening. As he gained a little more courage, he then inquired of her, "When I asked if you would marry me, did you say "Yes" or did you say "No"?"

"Why, you silly man," she replied, "I said Yes. Yes, I will! And I meant it with all my heart!"

The widower was delighted. He felt his heart skip a beat.

Then she continued.. "And I'm so glad you called. I couldn't remember who asked me!"

Dems Throw Blacks, Hispanics Under Political Expediency Bus, by Clarence McKee, Black Republican Blog, January 29,, 2018, Excerpts.

Clarence V. McKee is president of McKee Communications, Inc., a government, political, and media relations consulting firm in Florida. He held several positions in the Reagan administration as well as in the Reagan presidential campaigns. He is a former co-owner of WTVT-TV in Tampa and former president of the Florida Association of Broadcasters.

If the words racism or racist were not in the Democrats' vocabulary they would not be able to talk.

A good example is a recent comment by U.S. House Minority Leader Rep. Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., calling the White House immigration proposal a "campaign to make America white again." And then there is Mayor Bill De Blasio, D-N.Y., who called the Justice Department's plans to crack down on sanctuary cities a "racist assault" on immigrant communities.

What is truly disgusting in these Democratic race baiting rants is the complicity of black Democratic members of Congress including the two black U.S. Senators Corey Booker, D-N.J., and Kamala Harris, D-Calif.

In bowing down to the Democratic strategy of calling people who want to protect our borders and restrict illegal immigration racists, these black politicians are showing the world that they care more about pleasing white liberal Democratic bosses and following the party line than about the impact of illegal immigration on their black constituents. Some would even call them sellouts!

After all of the outrage from black and white liberals in the U.S. over President Trump's alleged comments regarding "s*****e countries, which I am sure few members of the press and Congress — blacks included — would choose as family vacation spots, it was African leaders who came to Trump's defense.

President Paul Kagame of Rwanda, who is also head of the 55 country African Union, called him a friend and thanked him "for the support we have received from you, personal, and your administration . . . I thank you very much." He was joined by Uganda President Yoweri Museveni who said, "I love Trump because he tells Africans frankly . . . Africans need to solve their problems."

By playing the race card, Democrats show, as polls reflect, how much they are out of touch, disrespecting the common sense and intelligence of black, Hispanic, and white Americans on immigration issues.

The sad fact is that Democratic leaders have thrown black and legal Hispanic immigrants under a political expediency bus.



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

Kissinger: Trump's Foreign Policy Style Is 'Remarkable and New... People Need to Open Their Eyes,' by Dick Morris, *The Western Journal*, February 9, 2018, Excerpts

Former Secretary of State Henry Kissinger gives us a new understanding of President Donald Trump's foreign policy and predicts its success: "Liberals and all those who favor (Hillary) Clinton will never admit it. They will never admit that he is the one true leader. The man is doing changes like never before and does all of it for the sake of this nation's people. After eight years of tyranny, we finally see a difference."

Kissinger knows it and he continues with: "Every country now has to consider two things: One, their perception that the previous president, or the outgoing president, basically withdrew America from international politics, so that they had to make their own assessments of their necessities. And secondly, that there is a new president who's asking a lot of unfamiliar questions. And because of the combination of the partial vacuum and the new questions, one could imagine that something remarkable and new emerges out of it."

Then Kissinger puts it bluntly: "Trump puts America and its people first. This is why people love him and this is why he will remain in charge for so long. There is not a single thing wrong with him and people need to open their eyes."



Pence Reveals Truth behind N. Korea Meeting and Why it Didn't Happen Under Obama, by Cillian Zeal, March 10, 2108

The announcement on Thursday that Kim Jong Un was planning to meet, face to face, with President Trump was nothing short of a game-changer. What was even more amazing is that it does not appear the U.S. will have to make any major concessions in order for the meeting to happen.

Many wondered what had changed to bring Kim to the table. Some speculated it was an outgrowth of the "charm offensive" that the North Koreans recently engaged in at the Winter Olympics in Pyeongchang, South Korea. Some have said it's just another tactic by an unstable regime. Others have even said it's because the Trump administration has broken with American protocol by not treating North Korea as a pariah state, because there's nothing so monumental and promising that it can't be blamed on one Donald John Trump.



Clever Definitions

BEAUTY PARLOR

A place where women curl up and dye.

CHICKENS

The only animal you eat before they are born and after they are dead.

COMMITTEE

A body that keeps minutes and wastes hours.

EGOTIST

Someone who is usually me-deep in conversation.

INFLATION

Cutting money in half without damaging the paper.

POLITICAL CORRECTNESS

A doctrine fostered by a delusional, illogical minority.

SECRET

A story you tell to one person at a time.

TOOTHACHE

The pain that drives you to extraction.

YAWN

An honest opinion openly expressed.

OLD

I very quietly confided to my friend that I was having an affair. She turned to me and asked, "Are you having it catered?" . . . and that, my friend, is the definition of 'OLD'!

As for Vice President Mike Pence, he has an answer of his own. The left, predictably, isn't going to like it—partially because it makes them look bad, and partially because it gets a lot closer to the truth than any of the other theories. “North Korea’s desire to meet to discuss denuclearization—while suspending all ballistic missile and nuclear testing—is evidence that President Trump’s strategy to isolate the Kim regime is working,” Pence said in a White House statement Friday.

“The North Koreans are coming to the table despite the United States making zero concessions and, in close coordination with our allies, because we have consistently increased the pressure on the Kim regime,” he continued.

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.

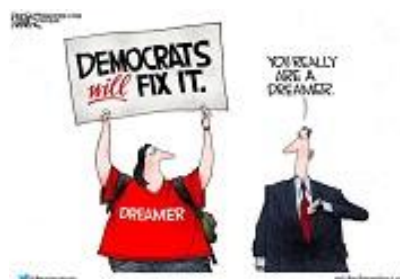


What Oath, by Russell Turner, *The Conservative View*, March 16, 2018, Submitted by Don O’Nesky, Excerpts

I find it strange that we Americans ask all of our elected officials to take an oath to uphold the Constitution and the laws of our nation before they begin their term of office, but we tolerate the ones who refuse to honor that oath. The latest example is the mayor of Oakland California, Libby Schaaf. The U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement [ICE] is charged with the task of arresting people who are in this country illegally. The mayor of Oakland took it upon herself to tweet out a message warning the community that ICE would be conducting an operation in her town within 24 hours. This whole idea of sanctuary cities and sanctuary states has gotten out of hand.

I have said it on several occasions, what part of illegal do they not understand? Anytime someone comes into our country without permission they are violating our laws. It is no different than someone coming into our home and making themselves comfortable without your permission. I wonder if Mayor Schaaf would warn carjackers and thieves when the police would be patrolling certain areas of her city. It is a sad day when we have people who promised to enforce the law of the land then start deciding which ones they don't want to enforce. There is a word for this kind of behavior, it is called anarchy.

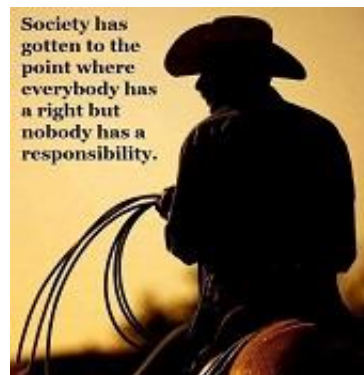
We keep hearing the phrase of Comprehensive Immigration Reform, but we need to remember that we currently have laws on the books that define the legal and illegal way to come into this country. Until those laws are repealed they are the law. It was just like the penalty that was imposed upon those of us who refused to take part in Obamacare.



The actions of the mayor have some serious consequences. She is putting the safety of the public at risk, and according to a recent article the illegal workers in California have taken over the blue collar trades in that state. The construction industry in California once offered a starting wage of about \$45 an hour in the late 1980s. Fast-forward to 2018 — nearly two decades into when illegal aliens began flooding the industry — now those wages have fallen by more than half, standing at just \$11 an hour.

We in the small business sector are under increasing regulations that do nothing but increase the cost to stay in business and heaven forbid if we don't adhere to the letter of the law. Now we have elected officials playing selective enforcement with our laws and often they are not held accountable. It is time for our elected officials to play by the same rules the rest of us have to do on a daily basis. It is time to put Americans first and honor the oath they took.

And suddenly I've stopped wondering where the Broward County Sheriff's Department learned to stand down while Americans get slaughtered



Life before the Computer

Memory was something t you lost with age.
 An application was for employment.
 A program was a TV show.
 A cursor used profanity.
 A keyboard was a piano.
 A web was a spider's home.
 A virus was the flu.
 A CD was a bank account.
 A hard drive was a long road trip.
 A mouse pad was where a mouse lived.

RCSSC MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM -- PLEASE PRINT

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