



HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY, MAY 13, 2018

MAY MEETING, Wednesday, May 9, 2018.

Program: Our speaker will be Jack Oliver who will explain the E-Verify program and discuss the fiscal burden of illegal immigration on the Florida Taxpayer, the effect it has on wages and employment and our school and health care systems. Also how to "Lock in" your SS # so it cannot be used by someone else when applying for work.

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

So long to our snowbird members. We hate to see you go, and we hope that you will find the mood of your neighbors in your home districts back home to be bright and positive. When you return in the fall, we will be busy with mid-term elections.

We hope you were able to attend at least one of our two April special events: our Spring Picnic where everyone enjoyed delicious BBQ from our friends at Gold Rush BBQ while busy politicking and socializing; or our annual Reagan Patriot's Day Dinner event. If you did not attend the dinner, you may have heard people talking about how successful it was! If you did attend, you know it was HUGE! Our guests included County Party officials, elected officials, and students from the Venice High School Republican Club (VHSRC). The RCSSC presented a donation check to the VHSRC advisor (also economics and government teacher) Tom Marshall who spoke about the current climate for our dedicated Young Republicans. State Senator Greg Steube offered some constructive and encouraging words to the students.

Jack Brill, Vice-Chairman of the Republican Executive Committee (REC) informed us of the plans and preparations for the fall elections. Keynote speaker, Dr. Julio Gonzalez, presented a motivational speech in which he demonstrated that even one individual has the power and ability to make a difference in our elections, and the value of a Club like ours to make things happen for our community and the party. This event could not have taken place without the leadership of Chuck Ford and Debbie Rossi who planned and organized the menu and program. Debbie also provided all the décor and raffle baskets. Robert Sprague provided the organ music. We also want to thank four of our member donors who anonymously sponsored several VIP guests and eight VHS students. Because we decided to keep the meal cost low for the benefit of our members, this was not a principle fundraising event; still we expect to be in the black once all receipts are turned in. Thanks are also in order to others who came forward to help in both of our April events: Gladys Green, Dale and Peachie DeYoung, Jo and Darryl Henry, Don and Mary O'Nesky, Cliff Dodge, and Robert Unsell. **Photos taken at the dinner will be in the June issue of The Patriot.**

May Birthdays

Doris Bartolucci
Constance Bruni
Marcia Drury
Lillian Eppes
Corodon Fuller
Richard Lindsley
Theresa Saus
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What a week this past one has been nationally: The Korean War is officially over and President Trump is being credited and suggested for the Nobel Peace Prize; the president has a new foreign relations team with John Bolden and Mike Pompeo executing his and our vision; the House Judiciary Committee has officially cleared Trump of Russian Collusion; fired FBI Director James Comey has retained a lawyer due to the jeopardy he has gotten himself into with his tell-all book tour revelations of leaking and accusations of lying fired by Deputy Director Andrew McCabe; proof that we need a Wall was shown with the arrival of the Illegals in the caravan; we said goodbye to a wonderful role model in Barbara Bush; and we saw First Lady Melania at her best in inviting White House staffers who worked with Barbara to the funeral and her charm and attention to details in the planning of our President's first State Dinner.

Coming Up! We will be opening the Venice RCSSC 2018 Campaign Headquarters office and registering for the Chamber of Commerce Consumer Expo and the Sertoma Sun Fiesta booths. Let's have a great summer! Tom

PHOTOS FROM OUR APRIL SPRING PICNIC



Club Specialty Roles

Webmaster Role:
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Monthly RCSSC Executive Board Meeting

Will be held at the Frances T. Bourne Jacaranda Library Conference Room on Wed, May 2 from 11:00 to 12:30 PM..

Past Presidents:

Immediate Past President: Barbara Vaughn (2015-2016)

- John Harrison (2013-2014)
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- Richard Brady (2003)
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- Russell Strange (1999-2000)
- Dave Brown (1998)
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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

Trump Is Cutting Old Gordian Knots, by Victor Davis Hanson, *Townhall.com*, April 5, 2018, Edited Excerpts

The proverbial knot of Gordian was impossible to untie. Anyone clever enough to untie it would supposedly become the king of Asia. Many princes tried; all failed. When Alexander the Great arrived, he was challenged to unravel the impossible knot. Instead, he pulled out his sword and cut through it. Problem solved.

Donald Trump inherited an array of perennial crises when he was sworn in as president in 2017. He certainly did not possess the traditional diplomatic skills and temperament to deal with any of them.

In the last year of the Barack Obama administration, a lunatic North Korean regime purportedly had gained the ability to send nuclear-tipped missiles to the U.S. West Coast; China had been violating trade agreements and forcing U.S. companies to hand over their technological expertise; the U.S. was paying an increasingly greater percentage of its budget to maintain NATO than were its direct beneficiaries; and Mexico was sending its impoverished citizens to the U.S., usually illegally, to relieve its own social tensions and gain an estimated \$30 billion a year from remittances that undocumented immigrants sent back home, often because American social services freed up cash for them to do so.

In the past, traditional and accepted methods had failed to deal with all of these challenges. American diplomats whined to China about its unfair trade practices, nagged about delinquent NATO contributions, and complained that our neighbor to the south was cynically undermining U.S. immigration law.

Before Trump arrived, the niceties of American diplomacy and statecraft had untied none of these knots. But like Alexander, the outsider Trump was not invested in any of the accustomed protocols about untying them. Instead, he pulled out his proverbial sword and began slashing.

If Kim Jong Un kept threatening the U.S., Trump would threaten him back and ridicule him in the process as "Rocket Man." Meanwhile, the U.S. would beef up its own nuclear arsenal, press ahead with missile defense, warn China that its neighbors might have to nuclearize, and generally seem as threatening to Kim as he traditionally has been to others.

Trump was no more patient with China. If it continues to cheat and demand technology transfers as the price of doing business in China, then it will face tariffs on its exports and a trade war. Trump's position is that Chinese trade duplicity is so complex and layered that it can never be untied, only cut apart.

Trump seemingly had no patience with endless rounds of negotiations about NATO defense contributions. If frontline European nations wished to spend little to defend their own borders, why should America have to spend so much to protect such distant nations?

If Mexico was critical of the U.S., despite effectively open borders and billions of dollars in remittances, then he might as well give Mexico something real to be angry about, such as a border wall, enforcement of existing U.S. immigration laws, and deportations of many of those residing illegally on U.S. soil.

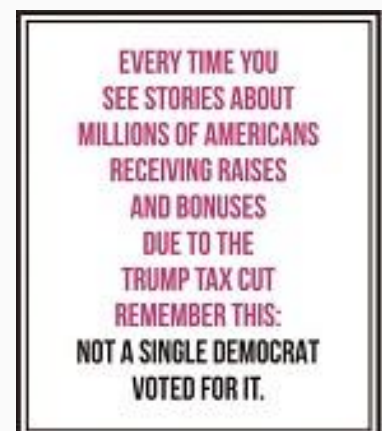
American presidents and their diplomatic teams have solved little. The central theme has been that the U.S. is so rich and powerful, its duty is to take repeated hits for the global order.

Sometimes knots can only be cut -- even as we recoil at the brash Alexanders who won't play by traditional rules and instead dare to pull out their swords.

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



**Can America Survive the Latest Plague? *American Thinker*,
by Rick Hayes, April 5, 2018, Excerpts**

A mob of foreigners planning to march across the United States border knowing in advance that numerous sanctuary cities will break federal law and welcome them in. Unidentified individuals being allowed to vote in U.S. elections, riots at universities with the intention of preventing any discussion that does not agree with theirs. These realities are all happening now and are all symptoms of a political plague that has been visited upon America and most of Europe.

In 430 B.C., Greece was hit by smallpox. In 1347, Europe contended with the "Black Death." And today, America and much of Western civilization are facing leftism. Not the traditional pathogen seen in earlier plagues, but nevertheless all contagious and deadly.

The primary vehicles used to spread this insidious cognitive disorder at alarming rates consist of a leftist propaganda network known as the mainstream media, and indoctrination to leftist ideals via an overpriced monopolized leftist education system. And like many infections that use the resources of the host to destroy the host, leftism perverts America's justice system, corrupting weak elected officials and brainwashing tens of thousands of young adults, all in an effort to decimate the freedoms of the Republic.

Even with its distorted knowledge of human nature, a defective version of history, and a prolific case of massive immaturity, leftism continues to thrive and push ahead, with its suicidal progressive agenda relying on ignorance and gullibility.

Once infected with leftist ideas, an individual's perception of reality becomes similar to that of a five-year-old. His worldview is filtered through projection and hypocrisy. The left preaches free speech, inclusiveness, and tolerance but omits the part about those qualities applying to those who agree with the leftist agenda. The left calls conservatives violent when it is leftists themselves who are seen throwing stones, breaking windows, and setting cars on fire. And the left says it cares about those wanting to leave a lawless country by crossing into a law-abiding America, but they conveniently forget the fact that such action ignores American laws, is unfair to immigrants who followed the rules, and lays the foundation of participation in American society with the crime of illegal entry.

Ignoring this new plague is like neglecting cholera; not the answer and only invites a global pandemic that will be much harder if not impossible to stop. Cures such as revamping the high school and college curricula to incorporate American history and conservative ideas, the establishment of conservative mainstream media outlets, and efforts to promote traditional values within the entertainment industry are available, but the sooner, the better.

While conservatives are busy with raising families and working hard to create and maintain a functioning society, leftists are busy exploiting entitlements that give them the financial resources which allow them the time needed to plan against, protest, and fight conservative values. Getting the country back into a healthy state is not a certainty, and the process will be a long uphill battle. The first steps must be taken soon.





Trump and the Great Unmasking of the Left, by Thomas Lifson, *The American Thinker*, March 28, 2108, Excerpts

Driven to desperation by their fury at President Trump’s election, his presidency, and Robert Mueller’s failure to substantiate the bogus Russia conspiracy fantasy, progressives are escalating their rhetoric, and in the process, unmasking their true beliefs. For decades, they have obscured their real goals, and pretended to be interested in moderate, incremental measures that they believe would be acceptable to mainstream Americans.

But in reaction to President Trump’s in-your-face persona and use of the mechanisms of state power for goals they oppose, they have escalated their rhetoric, and in the process exposed their real beliefs that long have been kept hidden from the broader public. Consider the events of the past few days:

- Former Justice John Paul Stevens, once a Republican but now a long term beltway establishmentarian, openly called for repeal of the Second Amendment. Not “common sense gun control measures” anymore, the mask that gun grabbers formerly wore.
- Planned Parenthood of Pennsylvania tweeted – and then deleted – its wish list for using Disney’s princesses to propagandize little girls:
- California’s attorney general, Xavier Becerra, announced his intention to sue – on unspecified grounds – to prevent the federal government from inquiring about citizenship status in the 2020 census. Citizenship is being declared irrelevant, which has been a long term goal of the Left, but one that they have been hesitant to publicly embrace.
- Celebrity and Hollywood insider Felicity Huffman openly declared a double standard when it comes to the sin of emitting tons of carbon dioxide. It doesn’t matter how many air miles eco-crusader Leonardo DiCaprio racks up in his private jet on his mission to save the planet. All that matters is that his intentions are good. .

These four examples are drawn from today’s headlines. They illustrate the broader process of unmasking, driven by frustration. I think that long before he even dreamed of entering politics, Donald Trump realized that by outraging his opponents, he could provoke them into saying and doing things that would prove harmful to their goals by exposing their motives, assumptions, and real intentions. Trump Derangement Syndrome is turning out to be very useful for conservatives.

Democratic Dialog

(Copied from an old, old book but still true today.)

“Father, must I go to work?”
 “No, my lucky son,
 “We’re living now on Easy Street
 “On dough from Washington.

“We’ve left it up to Uncle Sam.
 “So don’t get exercised.
 “Nobody has to give a damn—
 “We’ve all been subsidized.”

“But if Uncle Sam treats us all so well
 “And feeds us milk and honey,
 “Please, daddy, tell me what the hell
 “He’s going to use for money.”

“Don’t worry son, there’s not a hitch
 “In this here noble plan—
 “He simply soaks the filthy rich
 “And helps the common man.”

“But father, won’t there come a time
 “When they run out of cash
 “And we have left them not a dime
 “When things will go to smash?”

“My faith in you is shrinking son,
 “You nosy little brat;
 “You do too damn much thinking son
 “To be a Democrat.”





How do Civil Wars Happen? by Bonnie Parsley, *Political Pistachio*, March 20, 2018, Edited Excerpts.

Two or more sides disagree on who runs the country and they don't even agree that elections are how you decide who's in charge.

The basic issue is who decides who runs the country? When you hate each other but accept the election results, you have a country. When you stop accepting election results, you have a countdown to a civil war.

The Mueller investigation is about removing President Trump from office and overturning the results of an election, and the first time a Republican president was elected this century, Democrats said he didn't really win. The Supreme Court gave him the election. There's a pattern here.

The sure odds of the Democrats rejecting the next Republican president will mean they don't accept the results of any election that they don't win and they don't believe that transfers of power in this country are determined by elections.

That's a civil war. There's no shooting. But the Democrats have rejected our system of government.

This isn't dissent. It's not disagreement. If you hate the other party and think they're the worst thing that ever happened to the country, then you work harder to win the next election. When you consistently reject the results of elections that you don't win, what you want is a dictatorship.

The only legitimate exercise of power in this country, according to Democrats, is its own. Whenever Republicans exercise power, it's inherently illegitimate. The Democrats lost Congress. They lost the White House. So they began trying to run the country through federal judges and bureaucrats.

Our system of government is based on the constitution, but that's not the system that runs this country. The Democrat's system is that any part of government that it runs gets total and unlimited power over the country. A Democrat president can do anything. He can have his own amnesty for illegal aliens. He can fine you for not having health insurance. His power is unlimited. He's a dictator.

But a Republican president can't do anything. He isn't even allowed to undo the illegal alien amnesty that his predecessor illegally invented. A Democrat in the White House has "discretion" to completely decide every aspect of immigration policy, but a Republican president doesn't even have the discretion to reverse him.



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



That's how the game is played. That's how our country is run. Sad but true, although the left hasn't yet won that particular fight.

Whether it's federal or state, executive, legislative or judiciary, the left moves power around to run the country. If it controls an institution, then that institution is suddenly the supreme power in the land. This is what I call a moving dictatorship.

Donald Trump has caused the Shadow Government to come out of hiding: Professional government is a club. And Trump isn't in the club. He brought in with him a bunch of people who aren't in the club. We're seeing what the pros do when amateurs try to walk in on them. They spy on them, they investigate them, and they send them to jail. They use the tools of power to bring them down. That's not a free country.

It's not a free country when FBI agents who support Hillary take out an "insurance policy" against Trump winning the election. It's not a free country when Obama officials engage in massive unmasking of the opposition. It's not a free country when the media responds to the other guy winning by trying to ban the conservative media that supported him from social media. It's not a free country when all of the above collude together to overturn an election because the guy wasn't supposed to win.

Have no doubt, we're in a civil war between conservative volunteer government and a leftist Democrat professional government.



Being Offended

I think it's adorable that people are offended by President Trump saying shithole.

I'm offended by

- Men going into women's bathrooms.
- People who disrespect our flag.
- Illegal aliens getting my tax money.
- Corrupt politicians.
- Hollywood ignorance.
- Racist groups like BLM and KKK.
- Illegal immigrants who live here and don't work.
- Universities that are run by socialist fascists.
- Hillary getting away with being a cheat, liar, and corrupt felon.
- Ghettos built and managed by democrats for votes.

I'm just getting started, but you get the idea. ---Author . . . ?



Road Crew, March 24, 2018

Next road cleanup—Saturday, May 19 at 0900 (Armed Forces Day). Contact Win Orben at ww-orben@webtv.net or 474-4453

Anti-Trump Pelosi Proves Just How Hypocritical She Is, *Trump Train News*, April 12, 2018, <http://trumptrainnews.com>, Submitted by Don O'Nesky

House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi channeled the words of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Thursday to attack the Balanced Budget amendment recently proposed by Republican members.

"I'm reminded in the course of the tax bill, the budget, and now the so-called Balanced Budget amendment of Reverend King's words," Pelosi stated at her weekly press conference. "God never intended for any group of people to live in superfluous, inordinate wealth while others live in abject, deadening poverty."

Pelosi's words are particularly odd when you consider her own "superfluous, inordinate wealth."

The richest woman in Congress and her husband have a combined net worth exceeding \$100 million.



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**In Honor of Mother's Day
May 13, 2018**

Why God Made Moms, Answers given by 2nd grade school children to the following questions:

Why did God make Mothers?

1. She's the only one who knows where the scotch tape is.
2. Mostly to clean the house.
3. To help us out of there when we were getting born.

Why did God give you your mother and not some other mom?

1. We're related.
2. God knew she likes me a lot more than other people's moms like me.

What kind of a little girl was your mom?

1. My mom has always been my mom and none of that other stuff.
2. I don't know because I wasn't there, but my guess would be pretty bossy.
3. They say she used to be nice.

What did mom need to know about dad before she married him?

1. His last name.
2. She had to know his background. Like is he a crook? Does he get drunk on beer?
3. Does he make at least \$800 a year? Did he say NO to drugs and YES to chores?

Who's the boss at your house?

1. Mom doesn't want to be boss; she has to because dad's such a goof ball.
2. Mom. You can tell by room inspection. She sees the stuff under the bed.
3. I guess mom is, but only because she has a lot more to do than dad.

What's the difference between moms and dads?

1. Moms work at work and work at home and dads just go to work at work.
2. Moms know how to talk to teachers without scaring them.
3. Dads are taller and stronger, but moms have all the real power 'cause that's who you got to ask if you want to sleep over at your friends.
4. Moms have magic; they make you feel better without medicine.