



**CELEBRATE FLAG DAY ON JUNE 14, FATHER'S DAY ON JUNE 17,
AND HELP US CELEBRATE PRESIDENT TRUMP'S BIRTHDAY
AT OUR JUNE 13 MEETING**

JUNE MEETING, Wednesday, June 13, 2018.

Program: Open House for Candidates seeking election to Sarasota County Offices -- County Commissioner, Charter Review Board, School Board & Hospital Board. Come and speak one-on-one with those campaigning for these offices.

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

On this and every Memorial Day we are reminded to honor our gallant military personnel who gave all and those who survived, lived long lives, and have kept us free. Although we say "Happy Memorial Day," it is a somber date—a tradition of grieving and remembrance originated after the Civil War by the Widows and Daughters of the Confederacy and then the Grand Army of The Republic and their Sons. Originally called "Decoration Day," sadly, for many it is now just another day off to plan a barbeque, sun and fun, Indy 500, etc. Ironically, some 152 years later, the graves and monuments of the Americans who enlisted and fought for their homes, families, and neighbors are being desecrated by Anti-Americans. My Wife and I have a tradition of visiting the Sarasota National Cemetery and decorating the graves of Union Soldiers in Manatee County. At the National Cemetery, we leave a penny on random grave markers; some say this tradition dates back to the Roman Legion Veterans. Knowing our members, I believe each of you paid your respects in your own way.

RCSSC road warriors were out in force on Armed Forces Day picking up litter. Win Orben and his team make certain our Adopt-a-Road sign is decorated and Manasota Beach Road is properly cleaned. Win is asking if someone is willing to replace him as captain. Please let us know. Thanks to all who showed up to honor the troops and represent us.

How do we fight the current "war?" Bill O'Reilly foretold today's times in his book *Culture Wars*, and the war is now upon us—a real war for the hearts and minds of our young who have been systematically told how to feel and what should upset them (everything conservative). Thank goodness for our VHS Republican Club! All of us have had certain friends and acquaintances who have shunned us for being who we

June Birthdays

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are. Even if we don't discuss politics at the dinner table, they see who we are as we display the flag on our houses and our lapels, stand up for the pledge, salute our flag, go to church and pray, display a Trump 2020 bumper sticker or an NRA decal, and go to the polling booth every election. Even if you prefer to avoid conflict, they will try to goad you into it. Our nation and neighborhoods are evenly and sharply divided, and our opponents would have us apologize and ask for forgiveness for having "racist and deplorable principles." We are seeing a new era for the GOP. President Trump, while a Republican, is more of a Populist. We sent him to D.C. to be an agent of change, but the GOP Establishment (from the Bushes, McCain, Romney, McConnell, and Ryan) does not "have his back." But President Trump shows us how to fight—he is a counter puncher, an optimist, and he lays it all on the line. Perhaps our role models in this fight should be Sean Hannity, Laura Ingram, and Tucker Carlson. I encourage all of you that the time to be nice is over, but the best way to fight is to not respond to the media pollster questions and show up to vote on November 6. That should be enough to shock them all once again. Otherwise, if they win, they will impeach our president.

We will have a Venice Campaign HQ. We will have local, state, and federal candidate forums this summer. We hope to reschedule the E-Verify state amendment speaker. We will let you know when the county party calls for volunteers. We will be at Consumer Expo and the Sun Fiesta events in October. There are many ways to Volunteer. Tom

HAPPY BIRTHDAY PRESIDENT DONALD J. TRUMP JUNE 14, 2018



"We face many challenges, but this is truly an exciting time to be alive.

"The script is not yet written. We do not know what the page will read tomorrow, but for the first time in a long time, what we do know is that the pages will be authored by each of you.

"You, the American people, will be in charge. Your voice, your desires, your hopes and aspirations, will never again fall on deaf ears—the forgotten men and women will not be forgotten anymore." Donald J. Trump, President-Elect

Bylaws Role: Open

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Monthly RCSSC Executive Board Meeting

Will be held at the Frances T. Bourne Jacaranda Library Conference Room on Wed, June 6 from 11:00 to 12:30 PM..

Past Presidents:

Immediate Past President: Barbara Vaughn (2015-2016)

John Harrison (2013-2014)
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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

GOOD TIME HAD BY ALL AT THE 2018 REAGAN PATRIOT DAY DINNER



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 President Trump

"Your dreams are my dreams and your future is what I'm focused on."

"We are one American family. We hurt together, we struggle together, and believe me, we endure together."

"Before we ask what is fair to illegal immigrants, we must ask what is fair to American families, students, taxpayers, job seekers."

"The days of the United States being taken advantage of are over."

"No country can long lead the free world if it does not protect its industries and care for its people and protect its borders."

"We will show the whole world how proud we are to be Americans."

"We send our troops to foreign countries to defend their borders but our politicians refuse to defend our borders."

President Trump's historic jobs achievement, by Alfredo Ortiz, *The Hill*, May 5, 2018, Excerpts. (Alfredo Ortiz is the president and CEO of the Job Creators Network, a nonpartisan organization whose mission is to educate and protect the 85 million people who depend on the success of America's small businesses.)

President Trump is quietly shaping up to be one of the best economic presidents in modern U.S. history. Under his watch, the unemployment rate hit 3.9 percent in April, the lowest level this century. At this rate, essentially every American who wants a job could find one. Keep in mind, the unemployment rate was more than double this level as recently as President Obama's second term in office.

Unemployment has dipped below 4 percent only a few times in U.S. history. Yet the underlying figures may be even more remarkable. Unemployment among blacks and Latinos fell to 6.6 percent and 4.8 percent, respectively, their lowest levels in recorded history — and half the rates of five years ago.

This historically low unemployment isn't part of a natural pattern — like the weather — as some left-wing pundits imply. It's a result of the pro-business public policies created and implemented by President Trump and Republicans in Congress.

Exhibit A is the historic tax cuts passed late last year. The Tax Cuts and Jobs Act delivered the biggest tax relief for small businesses in American history, reduced the tax burden on the middle class, and brought the corporate rate in line with international standards.

Taken together, the tax cuts are putting more money in Americans' paychecks and on companies' balance sheets. This leads to more spending, more investment and more jobs. It also means employers will pay higher wages, which are growing at their fastest pace in a decade.

Prominent left-wing economists scoffed when President Trump predicted this level of growth a couple of years ago. You'd have to believe in "tooth fairies and ludicrous supply-side economics" to believe in his 3 percent growth prediction, is how Obama's former chief economic adviser, Larry Summers, put it.

While Americans should expect this labor market and economic vibrancy as their birthright, bad public policies such as over-taxation and over-regulation threaten it. **Still, leading Democrats have promised to raise taxes and increase regulations if they retake control of Congress this fall.**

This is the wedge issue that Republicans must take to voters during this election season. Pocketbook issues beat identity politics and divisive social issues every time. To paraphrase the James Carville cliché: Campaign on the economy and tax cuts, stupid.

President Ronald Reagan famously said, "The best possible social program is a job." Based on these criteria, President Trump is shaping up to be more than just one of the greatest economic presidents in modern history. Just don't expect these historic achievements to interrupt programming of the Stormy Daniels soap opera that dominates today's mainstream media.

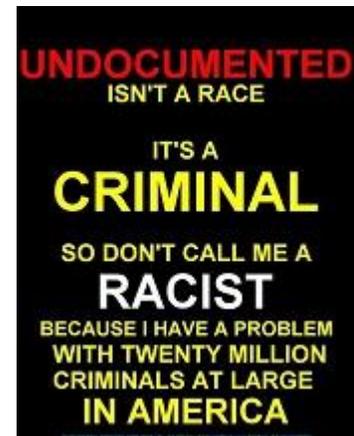


CNN just released an article that read

“Trump’s wall could cost an estimated \$120 – 150 per household

My Question:

Personal check or money order and Where do I send it?





Check Out What Kanye's Support of Trump Has Done for Our Nation, by Steven Ahle, steadfastandloyal.com, May 4, 2018, Excerpts

If there was ever any doubt why the left was so upset with Kanye West's support for President Trump, it has now been officially erased. A Reuters poll taken after Kanye came out for Trump shows that 22% of blacks polled now support the president. The previous poll taken before Kanye's endorsement was at 11%. That is huge!

What's even bigger is that Democrats need to maintain at least 85% of the black vote or face disaster at the polls and they are already 7 points below that now. And remember, this is just beginning. Each time the rap star opens his mouth, more black voters rally to the president. That would make Kanye a kingmaker in the midterm elections and give him greater influence he can use to help in his many philanthropic causes.

Kanye could increase that influence should he decide to appear in campaign rallies for candidates who align themselves to the president and if he were to perform a couple of songs, he would draw huge numbers of black voters to those rallies. He could literally turn the tide in the midterm elections into a red tsunami, forget a wave.

With so many races being so close over the last few years, this could reverse that pattern. Remember, every vote Kanye would inspire would count as 2 votes since the Democrats would lose a vote and Republicans would gain one

Lunch with the Pope

President Trump invited the Pope for lunch on his mega yacht. The Pope accepted and during lunch a puff of wind blew the Pontiff's hat off, right into the water. It floated off about 50 feet, then the wind died down and it just floated in Place. The crew and the Secret Service were scrambling to launch a boat to go get it, when Trump waved them off, saying, "Never mind boys, I'll get it."

Then Donald climbed over the side of the yacht, walked on the water to the Hat, picked it up, walked back on the water, climbed into the yacht, and handed the Pope his hat. The crew was speechless. The security team and the Pope's entourage were speechless. No one knew what to say, not even the Pope.

But that afternoon, ABC, CBS, NBC, CNN, MSNBC reported: **"TRUMP CAN'T SWIM"**



We can stop the "blue wave, Submitted by Don O'Nesky

This November, our House majority faces a big test. Extreme liberals claim they are on the cusp of a "blue wave" that will sweep the left into power.

I don't believe that is true. To the contrary, I think conservatives can solidify their hold in Congress--as long as we are energized to work hard and we are unafraid to stand and fight.

Most Americans reject the left's agenda. As liberals grow more extreme in their ideals, Americans are feeling left behind and unheard by Democrats in office.

That's why the common sense policies of conservative leaders are appealing. Our optimistic faith in the American people is far preferable to the left's condescending, coercive program of big-government central planning.

But our vision cannot prevail without the hard work of dedicated activists like you.

You are an essential piece of the conservative movement. I can't get my message to the voters without the support of strong supporters like you, Fellow Conservative.

It's certainly not a fair fight when the mainstream media supports the other side with near unanimity, but that is the battle we have before us. Rest assured, things are not as dire as the commentators want you to believe.

Conservatives are standing up and supporting leaders who share their values all over the country. We are tired of the media villainizing us—and we are fighting back.

As for me, *I will stand strong in this fight for our country's future.* And I really hope you'll be there with me.

Thank you

Congressman Devin Nunes, (R-CA)



Submitted by Terry Angley



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 our past speakers included 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



Tom Marshall and Rep Julio Gonzalez at the Reagan Patriot Day Dinner

ANY QUESTIONS?, Submitted by Jo Henry

Trey Gowdy, South Carolina Congressman, recently responded to a biased reporter about the military in response to a stupid question from an equality-focused CNN reporter about the DoD ban of transgenders from joining the U.S. armed forces. He seems to have nailed it rather succinctly.

Question: How can President Trump claim to represent all U.S citizens, regardless of sexual orientation, when he banned transgenders from joining the military? Isn't that discrimination?

Trey Gowdy's Response: "Nobody has a 'right' to serve in the military. Nobody. What makes people think the military is an equal opportunity employer? It is very far from it -- and for good reasons -- let me cite a few.

"The military uses prejudice regularly and consistently to deny citizens from joining for being too old or too young, too fat or too skinny, too tall or too short. Citizens are denied for having flat feet, or for missing or additional fingers."

Clearly annoyed by the reporter's attempt to trap him with the question -- he went on to explain: "By the way, poor eyesight will disqualify you, as well as bad teeth. Malnourished? Drug addiction? Bad back? Criminal history? Low IQ? Anxiety? Phobias? Hearing damage? Six arms? Hear voices in your head? Self-identification as a Unicorn? Need a special access ramp for your wheelchair?

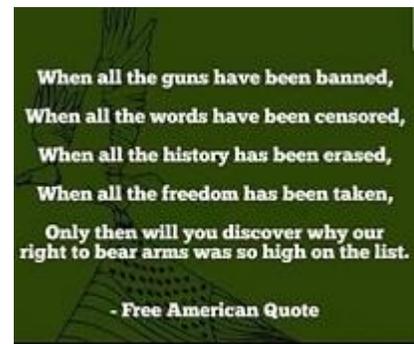
"Can't run the required course in the required time? Can't do the required number of push-ups? Not really a 'morning person' and refuse to get out of bed before noon? All can be legitimate reasons for denial.

"The military has one job: Winning Wars. Anything else is a distraction and a liability. Did someone just scream 'That isn't Fair'? War is VERY unfair, there are no exceptions made for being special or challenged or socially wonderful. You must change yourself to meet military standards -- not the other way around.

"I say again: You don't change the military -- you must change yourself. The military doesn't need to accommodate anyone with special issues. The military needs to Win Wars -- and keep our country safe -- PERIOD!

"If any of your personal issues are a liability that detract from readiness or lethality -- thank you for applying and good luck in future endeavors.

"Who's next in line? Any other questions?"



As we Silver Surfers know, sometimes we have trouble with our computers.

Yesterday, I had a problem, so I called Georgie, the 11-year-old boy next door, whose bedroom looks like Mission Control, and asked him to come over.

Georgie clicked a couple of buttons and solved the problem.

As he was walking away, I called after him, "So, what was wrong?" He replied, "It was an ID ten T error."

I didn't want to appear stupid, but nonetheless inquired, "An ID ten T error? What's that in case I need to fix it again?"

Georgie grinned, "Haven't you ever heard of an ID ten T error before?" "No," I replied.

"Write it down," he said, "and I think you'll figure it out."

So I wrote down: ID10T

And to think that I used to like Georgie.

Trump's revenge: US crude oil floods European markets in blow to OPEC and Russia, by Darius McQuaid, *Express.co.uk*, April 24, 2018, Excerpts.

The United States is flooding the European markets with record amounts of crude oil as US producers seize on Russia and the Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) pact to cut output resulting in soaring oil prices.

US crude oil is seen as the cheaper option as the OPEC and Russia pact begins to bite after agreeing jointly to oil output of 1.8 million barrels per day (bpd) to help rebalance the market and to help elevate the benchmark Brent prices. Now, the relatively high prices brought about by that pact, coupled with surging US output, are making it harder to sell Russian, Nigerian and other oil grades in Europe, traders said.

A trader with a Mediterranean refiner, who regularly buys Russian and Caspian Sea crude and has recently started purchasing US oil said: "US oil is on offer everywhere. It puts local grades under a lot of pressure."

In April, US supplies to Europe are set to reach an all-time high of roughly 550,000 bpd (around 2.2 million tonnes). In 2017, Europe received roughly seven percent; however, this year the number has nearly doubled to 12 percent according to Reuters data. Top destinations include Britain, Italy, and the Netherlands with traders pointing to large imports by BP, Exxon Mobil, and Valero.

President Donald Trump accused OPEC of "artificially" inflating their prices. He tweeted: "Looks like OPEC is at it again. With record amounts of oil all over the place, including the fully loaded ships at sea. Oil prices are artificially Very High! No good and will not be accepted!"

In lieu of this tweet, Brent crude fell to \$73.27 a drop of 0.69 percent and US WTI fell to \$67.85 a decrease of 0.70 percent. Before President Trump's tweet oil was enjoying its highest levels since November 2014 earlier this week with Brent at \$74.75 and WTI at \$69.56.

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In Honor of Father's Day June 17, 2018

