



MERRY CHRISTMAS

If you have not made your reservation for our Christmas Party, RSVP by December 5, 2018 to Chuck Ford, 228-0384 or Gladys Green, 497-7256

NOTICE: Please try to pay your 2019 dues by the end of the month.

CHRISTMAS PARTY, Wednesday, December 12, 2018

NOTE: There will be no regular club meeting in December.

Club President's Soapbox

Happy Holidays to All Club Members, Friends, and Future Members!

The election results were finally certified last week. Congratulations to our Club for doing its part to retain our U.S. congressional seat and, although by the slimmest margins, keep Florida's state government Red (except for the Secretary of Agriculture), and elect Rick Scott. For the first time in the many years since Reconstruction, we have two US Senators who are both Republican. South county delivered the necessary votes!

Our own Club election is next month. Come to our Christmas party on December 12 at 11:30 a.m. at the Plantation G & CC to hear the slate of candidates. If you wish to run for an office, please contact Rob Sprague, Barbara Vaughn, or Dale DeYoung. You can also ask someone to nominate you from the floor at the January meeting.

- **President:** Leads the monthly membership meetings, monthly executive board meeting, attends the bimonthly President's Council, is or becomes a member of the RPOS Republican Executive Committee, and writes a monthly column for this newsletter.
- **Vice President:** Assists the president and serves when the president is absent.
- **Secretary:** Takes minutes at both monthly meetings, maintains Club charter and records, and handles mail from our PO box.
- **Treasurer:** Writes checks and makes deposits, keeps a checking account register, and develops budgets and fundraising goals

Please volunteer to chair or be a member of one of the following committees:

- **Programs & Projects:** Selects speakers and leads planning committees for events.
- **Membership & Communication:** Keeps a roster of paid members and sends out Club emails as needed.

December Birthdays

Terry Angley
Vicky Brill
Annie Currier
Peachie DeYoung
Claudia DeGrazia
Lin Hall
Mark Kucharski
Stephen Ladd
Martha Mercier
Elizabeth Milliner
Joyce Ranalli
Karen Rose
Martha Rotert
Carol Sawyer
Robert Sprague
Robert Unsell

2018 Elected Officers

President

Thomas Van Dyke
president.republicanclubssc@gmail.com

Vice President

Chuck Ford
Cford1620@verizon.net

Secretary: Open

Treasurer: Open

Standing Committee Chairpersons

Editor of Club Newsletter/

Facebook Admin Role: Gladys Green
gladysg33@comcast.net

Programs and Projects Chair:
Open

Membership and Communications Chair: Open

Publicity and Public Relations Chair:

Matt Soldano
Matt1934@yahoo.com

Refreshments (Hospitality) Chair:
See Gladys Green

Sunshine Chair: Mary O'Nesky
ElephantPride@aol.com

- Publicity and Public Affairs: Matt Soldano gets the word out about our Club and its events.
- Newsletter: Gladys Green is the editor of our Patriot newsletter and Facebook page. She welcomes articles and news from our members.
- Hospitality: Gladys Green and her team provide refreshments for our monthly meetings.
- Sunshine: Mary O'Nesky sends a variety of cards (sympathy, get well, miss you) on our behalf.
- Webmaster: Chuck Ford keeps our website current.
- Sergeant at Arms: John Finnegan is there to help people at meetings.
- Parliamentarian: Helps us operate our business under our Club bylaws and Robert's Rules of Order.
- Bylaws: Chuck Ford will be leading a Bylaws Revision Committee next year.

Holiday Activities: We will decorate our Christmas tree in the center of Venice's West Blalock Park on Wednesday, December 5 at 3 p.m. Please come and join us!

Our Annual Christmas Party is Wednesday, December 12 at 11:30 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. at the Plantation G & CC (No meeting at the Venice Gardens Civic Association this month).

I must now begin my long "goodbye "this month. It truly has been a pleasure serving you these past two years. Merry Christmas to all! Tom



President Tom Van Dyke Thanks the Crowd of Volunteers Who Turned Out for Our Volunteer Appreciation Party

CONGRATULATIONS!



Governor-elect Ron DeSantis



Senator-elect Rick Scott

Club Specialty Roles

Webmaster Role:

Chuck Ford
Cford1620@verizon.net

Sergeant-at-Arms Role:

John Finnigan
finney1933@gmail.com

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, December 5 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 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.

When Laws Aren't Enforced, Anarchy Follows, by Victor Davis Hanson, *National Review*, November 1, 2018, Excerpts.

What makes citizens obey the law is not always their sterling character. Instead, fear of punishment -- the shame of arrest, fines or imprisonment -- more often makes us comply with laws. Law enforcement is not just a way to deal with individual violators, but also a way to remind society at large that there can be no civilization without legality.

We call prompt, uniform and guaranteed law enforcement "deterrence," from the Latin verb meaning "to frighten away." One protester who disrupts a speech is not the problem. But if unpunished, he green-lights hundreds more like him. Worse still, when one law is left unenforced, then all sorts of other laws are weakened.

The result of hundreds of "sanctuary cities" is not just to forbid full immigration enforcement in particular jurisdictions. It also signals that U.S. immigration law, and by extension other laws, can be ignored.

An estimated 12 million or more foreign nationals unlawfully living in the U.S. without legal consequence sends a similar message. The logical result is the current caravan of thousands of Central Americans now inching its way northward to enter the U.S. illegally. If the border was secure, immigration laws enforced and illegal residence phased out, deterrence would be reestablished and there would likely be no caravan.

Campus protests often turn violent. Agitators shout down and sometimes try to physically intimidate speakers with whom they disagree. Most of the disruptors are upper-middle-class students. Many have invested up to \$200,000 in their higher education, often to ensure well-paying careers upon graduation. Protesters assume that ignoring laws about peaceful assembly poses no consequences. Usually student disruptors are right. College administrators will typically shrug at even violent protests rather than call police to make arrests. Yet, if a few bold disruptors were actually charged with misdemeanors or felonies and had arrests tarnishing their otherwise sterling resumes, there would likely be far fewer illegal and violent protests.

In the last two years, a number of celebrities have openly fantasized about doing physical harm to the president of the United States. Their shared premise is that they are too famous, influential or wealthy to expect consequences that ordinary citizens might face for making threats to the safety of the president. If the next time a Hollywood icon tweeted or voiced a threat to the president he or she was put on a no-fly list, the current assassination chic would quickly stop.

Every person assumes the freedom to eat safely in a restaurant, to walk to work without disturbance, and to relax without fear of violence. Now, that is not always the case, at least not if one is deemed politically influential and conservative. White House Press Secretary Sarah Huckabee Sanders, Sens. Ted Cruz and Mitch McConnell, and Rep. Devin Nunes must worry that when they venture out in public, protesters will scream in their face, attempt to bar their passage, or disrupt their meal -- and do so without legal ramifications.

There are many causes of the current legal laxity. Trump is a polarizing president, and his critics have decided that extraordinary and sometimes extralegal measures are morally justified to stop him.

The problem with ignoring laws is that it is contagious -- and can boomerang.

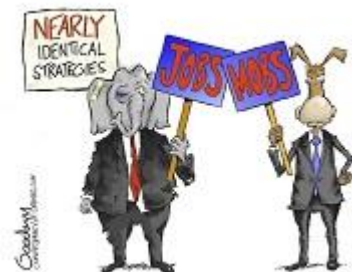
Sunshine Committee

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

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



Sanctuary cities could in theory birth conservative sanctuary zones. Would today's protesters wish for other jurisdictions to nullify federal laws and court rulings concerning abortion, gun registration, and gay marriage?

If thousands of Hondurans in a caravan are deemed above the law, then why not exempt future mass arrivals of Chinese or South African immigrants?

If Cruz and other Republican politicians can't eat in peace, will Barack Obama, Dianne Feinstein, and Nancy Pelosi soon face the same disruptions -- the illegality justified by higher moral concerns?

If students can block a right-wing speaker or storm a diner, will they also object when anti-abortion protesters bar the passage of a pro-choice campus guest?

All our high-minded talk about the Bill of Rights means absolutely nothing without the cop on the beat and the local district attorney.



The Enemy of the People, by Sally Zelikovsky, *American Thinker*, November 15, 2018, Excerpts

I have yet to hear anyone explain what Donald Trump means by the “fake news” being the “enemy of the people.”

I have this dream that Trump will punch back at the media by explaining -- maybe in a fireside chat or directly from the Oval Office -- that freedom of the press is fundamental to American culture and spirit. It has allowed this country to overcome political and cultural blemishes and rise above and beyond the Founder's expectations. With the rest of the Bill of Rights, freedom of the press has played a significant role in this nation's maturation into the beacon of hope, liberty, and commercial success it has become.

The press is an unofficial check on all three political branches of government at the local, state, and federal levels. At its core, it is freedom from Congress making laws abridging freedom of the press. However, it is not unfettered; it has limits just like our freedoms of speech, religion, and assembly.

Long before Trump, the American people have been manipulated by “fake news” -- intentionally misleading reportage -- and have complained about press bias. When news output was dominated by three networks and a handful of newspapers, people had little choice. But as more Americans resented being force-fed “fake news,” they



turned away from it. Eventually, talk radio and the internet filled the gap, sprouting nontraditional news delivery systems and giving voice to journalists who refused to toe the Democratic party line. But for these developments, America would still be a one-horse media town with the news colored by the Democratic-Media Complex.

Members of the Democratic-Media Complex relentlessly malign Republicans and conservatives as haters, bigots, idiots, uneducated dolts, cowboys, bible clingers, racists, homophobes, xenophobes, misogynists, white supremacists, and Nazis.

Compared to the enlightened, evolved class of ivory tower, self-righteous, paternalistic, feel-gooders, conservatives must be silenced.

Half of this country knows this is wrong, but won't stand up against this blatant misuse of the press because they benefit from it. The other half is disgusted.

Again, press freedom is not unfettered but curtailed by honesty regarding the reported facts. Opinion must be identified as such. Today, opinion masks as real news. The press has a duty to truthfully report the facts. Failure to do so is a breach of the press's duty to the people. When the press advocates for a political party, candidates or elected officials, or promotes the agenda of a particular political party, it becomes an arm of the government or that political party. It then loses any objectivity and no longer complies with its constitutional duty to the American people, effectively becoming the enemy of the people.

With over 85% of journalists supporting and identifying as Democrats, there is very little one can do to combat the cancer of fake and biased news. The only treatment is sunlight. In the past, presidents would take the high road and ignore the sins of the press, believing that Americans would see through the charade, reject traditional news outlets and this decrease in consumption would stop the bias.

With the election of Trump, this bias has reached hysterical heights. The press no longer feigns objectivity, but has openly declared war on the Trump administration, contorting the news to suit a narrative.

President Trump provides much needed sunlight. This is the right place to take a stand -- it is why he was elected, and it involves his duty to protect the Constitution and to work on behalf of the American people. Like it or not, as long as the press assaults the truth, it is the enemy of the people. They are free to challenge the president and criticize his administration, but not to pick and choose which facts to omit in order to promote a particular political agenda or party.

This is a fight for the essence, the soul of this country by restoring one of our fundamental freedoms to its purest form -- the truth. And none of us should rest until the American people can have faith that when the press speaks, it speaks as a legitimate fourth check on the three branches of government and not as an arm of the Democratic Party or its elected officials.



Subject: The New Me, by Anonymous. (This would be really funny if it weren't so sad!)

I used to think I was just a regular guy, but I was born white, which now, whether I like it or not, makes me a racist and responsible for slavery.

I am a fiscal and moral conservative, which by today's standards, makes me a fascist because I plan and support myself.

I went to high school, worked through college, got a degree, and have held a job, but I am here not because I earned it but because I was advantaged.

I am heterosexual, which according to gay folks, now makes me a homophobe.

I am non-union, which makes me a traitor to the working class and ally of big business.

I am not a Muslim, which now labels me as an infidel.

I believe in the 2nd Amendment, which makes me a member of the vast NRA gun lobby.

I am older than 65 and retired, making me a useless old man who doesn't understand Facebook.

I think and I reason, so I doubt what main stream media tells me, which must make me a reactionary.

I am proud of my heritage and our inclusive American culture, making me a xenophobe.

I value my safety and that of my family, and appreciate the police and the legal system, making me a right-wing, cop-loving extremist.

I believe in hard work, fair play, and fair compensation according to each individual's merits, which today makes me an anti-socialist.

I believe our system guarantees freedom of effort—not freedom of outcome or subsidies, which must make me a borderline sociopath.

Email Circulated on the Internet, by Anonymous

*(TruthOrFiction.com says: This eRumor is true and was taken from an editorial written by Republican State Rep. Nita Jane Ayres. It was published by the Ozarks Sentinel on May 13, 2009. **The eRumor's claim that there are no illegal immigrants in Missouri is false, but the state does have one of the lowest populations of illegal immigrants in the country.** According to 2010 U.S. Census data, there were about 55,000 illegal immigrants in Missouri, which was less than 1 percent of the state's population.)*

Missouri has no illegals. Missouri's approach to the problem of illegal immigration appears to be more advanced, sophisticated, strict and effective than anything to date in Arizona. Does the White House appreciate what Missouri has done? So, why doesn't Missouri receive attention? Answer: There are no illegals in Missouri to demonstrate. (And the Media doesn't want to publicize that fact!)

The "Show Me" state has again shown us how it should be done. There needs to be more publicity and exposure regarding what Missouri has done.

1. In 2007, Missouri placed on the ballot a proposed constitutional amendment designating English as the official language of Missouri. In November 2008, nearly 90% voted in favor! Thus, English became the official language for ALL governmental activity in Missouri. No individual has the right to demand government services in a language OTHER than English.
2. In 2008, a measure was passed that required the Missouri Highway Patrol and other law enforcement officials to verify the immigration status of any person arrested, and inform federal authorities if the person is found to be in Missouri illegally. Missouri law enforcement officers receive specific training with respect to enforcement of federal immigration laws.
3. In Missouri, illegal immigrants do NOT have access to taxpayer benefits such as food stamps or health care through Missouri Health NET.
4. In 2009, a measure was passed that ensures Missouri's public institutions of higher education do NOT award financial aid to individuals who are illegally in the United States.
5. In Missouri all post-secondary institutions of higher education are required to annually certify to the Missouri Dept. of Higher Education that they have NOT knowingly awarded financial aid to students who are unlawfully present in the United States.

It is important to remember, Missouri has been far more proactive in addressing this horrific problem. Missouri has made it clear that illegal immigrants are NOT WELCOME in the state and they will NOT receive public benefits at the expense of Missouri taxpayers.



I believe in the defense and protection of America for and by all citizens, now making me a militant.

I am proud of our flag, what it stands for, and the many who died to let it fly so I stand and salute during our National Anthem, taking me back where I started—I must be a racist.

I thank my friends for sticking with me through these abrupt, new found changes to my thinking!

I just can't imagine or understand what's happened to me so quickly! Funny—it all took place over the last 7 or 8 years!

If all this nonsense wasn't enough to deal with, I don't know which restroom to use, and I gotta go!!!



The Democrats' favorite sport: Ruining people, by Patricia McCarthy, *The American Thinker*, May 3, 2018, Excerpts

Vince Foster, Hillary's lawyer friend from Arkansas who died by his own hand in 1993, once said of Washington, D.C., "Here, ruining people is considered sport." He had learned the hard way how brutal is the game of politics, especially if one works for the Clintons. What Ted Kennedy did to Judge Robert Bork to keep him off the Supreme Court in 1986 was a disgusting and vicious perversion of the Constitution. What they did to Clarence Thomas in 1991, with Joe Biden in the Kennedy role, was beyond the pale and certainly racist; as we still see today, the left cannot allow black Americans to be conservative, especially one as brilliant as Thomas. As the Clintons came to dominate and control the Democratic Party from 1992 on, the game became more sinister and more dangerous.

Over the past twenty-six years, the virus that is the Clintons on the American body politic has metastasized into a virulent auto-immune disease. They are a virus that seeks to utterly destroy what it sees as an enemy but may well end up demolishing itself, with devastating results. With Trump's win, this virus amped up its attack on all things Trump: his supporters, his agenda, his family, his friends, and his Cabinet and staff. So intent on getting and keeping power and massive amounts of ill-gotten riches were they that the American people chose, once and for all, to reject Hillary and to inoculate themselves from further damage at the hands of the Clintons and their sycophants.

Those who do not stand up and yell "foul" but stay silent and go along to get along are as guilty of these crimes against the country as was the Ted Kennedy left and the Chuck Schumer-Nancy Pelosi left are today. Of these people and their fellow leftists, not one has spoken out about the crimes of the Clintons and the pay-to-play scheme of their "foundation." Not one.

The Democratic Party of today, as Dennis Prager has so often pointed out, is no longer liberal, no longer the party of JFK. It is now the party of Saul Alinsky, the man who instructed, "Pick the target, freeze it, personalize it, and polarize it" and "If the ends don't justify the means, what does?"

This is who the left is today. Leftists' mission in life is to destroy anyone who gets in their way. Vince Foster knew of what he spoke.

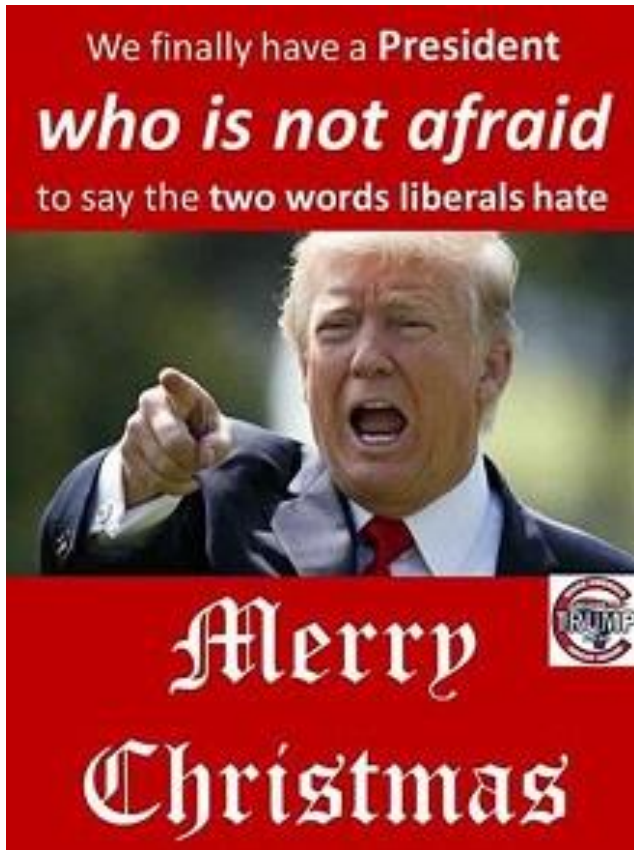


Call to 911



Response from 911





RCSSC MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM -- PLEASE PRINT

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY, STATE, ZIP _____

HOME PHONE _____ CELLPHONE _____

EMAIL ADDRESS _____

SPOUSE NAME _____

NEW _____ RENEWAL _____

ANNUAL DUES ARE \$25.00 PER PERSON AND \$15.00 FOR EACH ADDITIONAL FAMILY MEMBER. MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO RCSSC. SEND TO: RCSSC, P.O. BOX 352, VENICE, FL 34285-035



True Christian Christmas

Christmas isn't showy gifts
Or glittering decoration;
It's honoring our Savior, Jesus
Christ
In humble adoration.

It's serving those less fortunate,
Meeting their needs before our own;
It's making sure at Christmas time
That no one is alone.

It's taking what we would have spent
On things that no one needs,
And using it to help someone
With service and good deeds.

Our Savior showed us how to live
With charity, faith and service.
It makes the holidays a joy,
More peaceful, and less nervous.

So let's remember Christmas is
About our Savior's birth;
That's the way to happiness,
The way to peace on earth.

By Joanna Fuchs

