



HAPPY NEW YEAR!

JANUARY MEETING, Wednesday, January 9, 2019

PROGRAM: Election and swearing in of 2019 officers. Our speaker will be Alex Coe, former candidate for Sarasota County Commission, District 2. Her topic will be: What is Liberty, and how much did we give up in the last election?

Club President's Soapbox

Happy New Year to all south county patriots! Let's ring in the New Year and make a resolution to help get every Republican elected official to stand by President Trump, in thick or thin, until 2020.

Our Plans for January 2019:

- We will conduct our own Club election at our meeting on January 9. The Nominating Committee has announced these candidates: Richard Mazur for vice president, Allyx Young for secretary, and Matt Soldano for treasurer. If you wish to run for an office, please contact Rob Sprague, Barbara Vaughn, or Dale DeYoung. You can also ask someone to nominate and second you from the floor at this meeting.
- Please pay your 2019 dues if you have not yet done so.
- We will take down our Christmas tree decorations in West Blalock Park on Wednesday, January 3 around 1 pm. Come join us
- Your board wishes to have a booth at the South Venice Beach Expo on Saturday, January 26. Please sign up to help out from 9 am – 1 pm.

Our Results from the Past Two Years—January 2017-January 2019. Thank you to all:

- Our treasury is sound with \$2,908 available on 12/5/18.
- Membership is up to 183 paid members
- We successfully elected Republicans to all offices except Commissioner of Agriculture and led the county for voter turnout. We staffed and funded the 2018 Venice Campaign HQ.
- We successfully held events or manned booths for two Reagan Patriot Day Dinners (twice honoring Venice High School Young Republicans), two Christmas parties, our Trump Inauguration party, two picnics, one Sun Fiesta, two Consumer Expo/Business Showcases, two Jewish Festivals, one South Venice Beach Expo, 20 membership meetings, and contributed to two Young Republican "Red" parties. We were first to create the Trump 2020 bumper sticker.
- Win Orben and our Roadside Crew cleaned up our Adopt-a-Road four times, honoring veterans.

January Birthdays

Eva Berrish
 Roberta Blair
 James Buchanan
 Dan Church
 Dale DeYoung
 Clifford Dodge
 Shirley Farr
 Chuck Ford
 Stephen Hubis
 Frances Landis
 Anne MacIntyre
 David MacIntyre
 Win Orben
 Vic Rohe
 Anthony Sawyer
 Jo Ann Stapleton
 Mike Torina

2018 Elected Officers

President

Thomas Van Dyke
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Vice President

Chuck Ford
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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

- We recognized Jo Henry and Chuck Ford for Lifetime Achievement Awards as outstanding volunteers; we learned much from two dozen speakers, had fun, and grew closer as a Club.

Thanks are given to Chuck Ford and Gladys Green, our Christmas Party co-chairs, all on the Hospitality Team who assisted, and Rob Sprague and his assistant for such lovely Christmas music.

When we met two years ago and you entrusted your vote to me for this elected position, I had five key goals: (1) to maintain continuity for our Club values and traditions; (2) to respond to membership wants and needs; (3) to support our elected officials, especially our newly elected President Trump and get out the vote; (4) to set a public example as to how to be true to our principles, be civil when voicing opinions, and be welcoming to those with whom we hope to attract, and (5) to help give a voice to the average Republican voter.

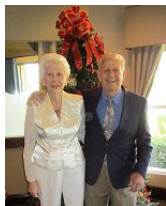
I hope I have met these goals. I could not have had better support from my fellow Club members, elected officers, and executive board teams. It is yours to judge. In the end, it has been my total pleasure to serve you, and I would not have missed this opportunity for the world.

Farewell with love and gratitude, Tom Van Dyke

CHRISTMAS PARTY FESTIVITIES



President Tom Van Dyke presents 2018 Lifetime Achievement Award to Vice President Chuck Ford



Club Specialty Roles

Webmaster 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 Wednesday, January 2 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.

Our Ignorance of Socialism is Dangerous, by Walter E. Williams, *The Daily Signal*, December 5, 2018, Excerpts (Walter E. Williams is a columnist for *The Daily Signal* and a professor of economics at George Mason University.)

A recent Victims of Communism Memorial Foundation [survey](#) found that 51 percent of American millennials would rather live in a socialist or communist country than in a capitalist country. Only 42 percent prefer the latter.

Twenty-five percent of millennials who know who Vladimir Lenin was view him favorably--Lenin was the first premier of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics. Half of millennials have never heard of communist Mao Zedong, who ruled China from 1949 to 1959 and was responsible for the deaths of 45 million Chinese people. The number of people who died at the hands of Josef Stalin may be as high as 62 million. However, almost [one-third](#) of millennials think former President George W. Bush is responsible for more killings than Stalin. Adolf Hitler, head of the National Socialist German Workers' Party and responsible for the deaths of about 20 million people, came in as a poor third in terms of history's most prolific mass murderers.

Young people who weren't alive during World War II and its Cold War aftermath might be forgiven for not knowing the horrors of socialism. Some of their beliefs represent their having been indoctrinated by their K-12 teachers and college professors. There was such leftist hate for Bush that it's not out of the question that those 32 percent of millennials were taught by their teachers and professors that Bush murdered more people than Stalin.

America's communists, socialists, and Marxists have little knowledge of socialist history. Bradley Birzer, a professor of history at Hillsdale College, explains this in an article for *The American Conservative* titled "[Socialists and Fascists Have Always Been Kissing Cousins.](#)"

When the tragedies of socialist regimes—such as those in Venezuela, the USSR, China, Cuba, and many others—are pointed out to America's leftists, they hold up Sweden as their socialist role model. But they are absolutely wrong about Sweden.

Johan Norberg points this out in his documentary "[Sweden: Lessons for America?](#)" Americans might be surprised to learn that Sweden's experiment with socialism was a relatively brief flirtation, lasting about 20 years and ending in disillusionment and reform. Sweden began rolling back government in the early 1990s, recapturing the entrepreneurial spirit that made it a wealthy country to begin with. High taxation and a generous array of government benefits are still around. But now it's also a nation of school vouchers, free trade, open immigration, light business regulation, and no minimum wage laws—all practices deeply offensive to America's leftists.

Our young people are not the first Americans to admire tyrants and cutthroats:

- Du Bois said in the *National Guardian* 1953, "Stalin was a great man."
- When Hitler came to power in January 1933, George Bernard Shaw described him as "a very remarkable man, a very able man."
- President Franklin Roosevelt called Mussolini "admirable," and he was "deeply impressed by what he [had] accomplished."

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



In Memoriam: Zenobia Davis, former active member of the RCSSC, passed away peacefully at her home in early December.

- In 1972, John Kenneth Galbraith visited communist China and praised Mao and the Chinese economic system and his Harvard University colleague John K. Fairbank believed that America could learn much from the Cultural Revolution.

Are Americans who admire the world's most brutal regimes miseducated or stupid? Or do they have some kind of devious agenda?



Census confirms: 63 percent of 'non-citizens' on welfare, 4.6 million households, by [Paul Bedard](#), *Washington Examiner*, December 03, 2018 , Submitted by Don O'Nesky, Excerpts.

A majority of "non-citizens," including those with legal green card rights, are tapping into welfare programs set up to help poor and ailing Americans, a Census Bureau finding that bolsters President Trump's concern about immigrants costing the nation.

In a new analysis of the latest numbers, from 2014, 63 percent of non-citizens are using a welfare program, and it grows to 70 percent for those here 10 years or more, confirming another concern that once immigrants tap into welfare, they don't get off it.

The [Center for Immigration Studies](#) said in its report that the numbers give support for Trump's plan to cut non-citizens off welfare from the "public charge" if they want a green card that allows them to legally work in the United States.

"The Trump administration has proposed new 'public charge' rules making it harder for prospective immigrants to qualify for lawful permanent residence -- green cards -- if they use or are likely to use U.S. welfare programs," said CIS.

"Concern over immigrant welfare use is justified, as households headed by non-citizens use means-tested welfare at high rates. Non-citizens include illegal immigrants, long-term temporary visitors like guest workers, and permanent residents who have not naturalized. While barriers to welfare use exist for these groups, it has not prevented them from making extensive use of the welfare system, often receiving benefits on behalf of U.S.-born children."

The numbers are huge. The report said that there are 4,684,784 million non-citizen households receiving welfare. And nearly all, 4,370,385, have at least one worker in the house. In their report, Steven A. Camarota, the director of research, and Karen Zeigler, a demographer at the Center, said that in census data, about half of those

Politics, Submitted by Don O'Nesky

"If God wanted us to vote, he would have given us candidates." ~Jay Leno~

"The problem with political jokes is they get elected." ~Henry Cate, VII~

"We hang the petty thieves and appoint the great ones to public office." ~Aesop~

"If we got one-tenth of what was promised to us in these State of the Union speeches, there wouldn't be any inducement to go to heaven." ~Will Rogers~

"Politicians are the same all over. They promise to build a bridge even where there is no river." ~Nikita Khrushchev~

"Why pay money to have your family tree traced; go into politics and your opponents will do it for you." ~Author unknown~

"Politicians are people who, when they see light at the end of the tunnel, go out and buy some more tunnel." ~John Quinton~

"Politics is the gentle art of getting votes from the poor and campaign funds from the rich, by promising to protect each from the other." ~Oscar Ameringer~

"I offer my opponents a bargain: if they will stop telling lies about us, I will stop telling the truth about them." ~Adlai Stevenson, campaign speech, 1952.

"A politician is a fellow who will lay down your life for his country." ~Tex Guinan~

"Instead of giving a politician the keys to the city, it might be better to change the locks." ~Doug Larson~

"There ought to be one day -- just one --when there is open season on Congressmen." ~Will Rogers~

"If you want a real friend that you can trust in Washington, get a dog." ~Harry Truman -

are in the United States illegally.

Goodbye to California, posted on *Free Republic* by Dr. Ron Martinelli, December 2, 2018, Excerpts. (Dr. Martinelli is a renowned forensic criminologist and retired police detective with the San Jose Police Department).

As I sit in the LAX terminal after concluding business in downtown Los Angeles for the past two days, I cannot help but reflect upon my journey from a once California native to a new resident of the Great State of Texas and why. You see, in my personal and professional opinion, the once great State of California has in essence become a third world country.

While the reasons for California's ever-spiraling downwards status from 1st World economic prominence and prosperity to near 3rd World malaise are many, I will assert that when you combine uber-liberal politicians, with rich elitist Hollywood Celebrities, dotcom CEO billionaires, disengaged millennials and illegal aliens, you in effect create the circumstances where your city or state becomes a 3rd World environment.

The process of California's demise from the "Golden State" to 3rd World status has been slow but steady; supported and enabled by the aforementioned actors. While much of the legislated changes for the worse have been designed and voted in by politicians in Sacramento, municipal politicians and a complicit uninformed, naive and entitled voting public must also share blame. After all, when 51% of those on some type of government subsidy out-vote the 49% of the money earning and tax paying citizenry, any state is doomed to failure. With California now a "Sanctuary State" and their libtard Democratic state legislature pushing for voting rights for illegal aliens, the state will never recover.

Literally nothing substantive is good about L.A. anymore. An ever-growing homeless subculture populates the downtown area. The intoxicated, drug influenced, mentally impaired and criminals are everywhere. They literally surround Civic Center, federal buildings and courts—the so-called foundations and protectors of the Rule of Law and society. How ironic to be surrounded by the failures these very systems, liberal politicians and judges have created. Isn't karma interesting to watch in real time?

The homeless, numbering in the thousands, sleep in the shadows of immense, gleaming edifices owned by multi-billion dollar international conglomerates and dotcom corporations. Business executives in Brioni suits and workers quickly pass by the unwashed masses, while holding their noses to screen out the stench of urine and feces. The obvious health and safety hazards to the public are too many to count.

Interconnecting Los Angeles city roadways and state highways designed to transport the commuting, tax paying public to their job sites are a debacle. The ribbons of roadways are a mess of potholed, weed infested, trash laden, graffiti vandalized passages filled with vehicles lined up bumper-to-bumper going nowhere fast.

Since I frequently travel throughout California on business, I will tell you that Los Angeles is a mirror image of all of the other large urban cities in the state. I have observed similar and even worse depressed and dysfunctional urban environments in the San Francisco Bay Area, Orange County, San Diego and a number of other cities

California is rapidly becoming a two-tiered society of the very rich and the very poor, similar to the 2nd and 3rd World countries I regularly visit. The middle class, small business owners and the retired are either being pushed out of state and/or escaping in droves to such tax free, business friendly and less crime ridden states such as



Thomas Sowell
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"One of the bittersweet things about growing old is realizing how mistaken you were when you were young. As a young political leftist, I saw the left as the voice of the common man. Nothing could be further from the truth."



Nevada, Arizona, Texas and Florida.

In recent years Californians have turned their state into a 3rd World mess by passing Proposition 47 which has freed tens of thousands of felons from state prisons and county jails back into communities and created a system where police on the streets can't even enforce outstanding felony and misdemeanor warrants anymore. Police no longer arrest people for being under the influence of dangerous drugs. What would be the point; it's just a misdemeanor. They have reduced the crime of auto theft to a citable misdemeanor. Steal a car; get caught and get a ticket. Commit non-violent crimes, get arrested and you are out the same day with a promise to appear in court that will not ever be enforced. No warrant enforcement, remember? Amazing!

With California over a trillion dollars in debt and 30% of their budget going to subsidizing illegal aliens at the expense of hard-working, taxpayers who have little to no voice on how their state is run, the state and the majority of its citizens are doomed That's what a two-tiered society eventually creates. One heck of a THIRD WORLD COUNTRY!

The truth is blatantly obvious... and yet the left STILL turns a blind eye. I say let this Titanic sink.

NOTE: Study: More than 7-in-10 households headed by immigrants in the State of California are on taxpayer-funded welfare. Breitbart, December 4, 2018.



Phyllis Diller Jokes

Whatever you may look like, marry a man your own age. As your beauty fades, so will his eyesight.

Housework can't kill you, but why take a chance?

Cleaning your house while your kids are still growing up is like shoveling the sidewalk before it stops snowing.

The reason women don't play football is because 11 of them would never wear the same outfit in public.

Best way to get rid of kitchen odors: Eat out.

A bachelor is a guy who never made the same mistake once.

I want my children to have all the things I couldn't afford. Then I want to move in with them.

Most children threaten at times to run away from home. This is the only thing that keeps some parents going.

Any time three New Yorkers get into a cab without an argument, a bank has just been robbed.

We spend the first 12 months of our children's lives teaching them to walk and talk and the next 12 years telling them to sit down and shut up.

What I don't like about office Christmas parties is looking for a job the next day.

Old age is when the liver spots show through your gloves.

Tranquillizers work only if you follow the advice on the bottle - keep away from children.

I asked the waiter, 'Is this milk fresh?' He said, 'Lady, three hours ago it was grass.'

The reason the golf pro tells you to keep your head down is so you can't see him laughing.

You know you're old if they have discontinued your blood type.

I'm 73+ and I'm Tired, by Robert A. Hall, *ArtVoice*, June 8, 2018, Submitted by Jean West-Walker. (Robert A. Hall is a Marine Vietnam veteran who served five terms in the Massachusetts State Senate.)

I'm 73. Except for one semester in college when jobs were scarce and a six-month period when I was between jobs, but job-hunting every day, I've worked, hard, since I was 18. Despite some health challenges, I still put in 50-hour weeks, and haven't called in sick in seven or eight years. I make a good salary, but I didn't inherit my job or my income, and I worked to get where I am. Given the economy, there's no retirement in sight, and I'm tired. Very tired.

I'm tired of being told that

- I have to "spread the wealth" to people who don't have my work ethic, that the government will take the money I earned, by force if necessary, and give it to people too lazy to earn it.
- that Islam is a "Religion of Peace," when every day I read dozens of stories of Muslim men killing their sisters, wives and daughters for their family "honor"; of Muslims rioting over some slight offense; of Muslims murdering Christians and Jews because they aren't "believers;" of Muslims burning schools for girls; of Muslims stoning teenage rape victims to death for "adultery;" of Muslims mutilating the genitals of little girls; all in the name of Allah, because the Qur'an and Sharia law tells them to.
- out of "tolerance for other cultures," we must let Saudi Arabia use our oil money to fund mosques and mandrassa Islamic schools to preach hate in America and Canada, while no American nor Canadian group is allowed to fund a church, synagogue or religious school in Saudi Arabia to teach love and tolerance.
- I must lower my living standard to fight global warming, which no one is allowed to debate.
- drug addicts have a disease, and I must help support and treat them, and pay for the damage they do. Did a giant germ rush out of a dark alley, grab them, and stuff white powder up their noses while they tried to fight it off?
- wealthy athletes, entertainers and politicians of both parties make innocent mistakes, stupid mistakes or youthful mistakes, when we all know they think their only mistake was getting caught. I'm tired of people with a sense of entitlement, rich or poor.
- people don't take responsibility for their lives and actions and then blame the government, or discrimination, or big-whatever for their problems.

Yes, I'm damn tired. But I'm also glad to be 73. Because, mostly, I'm not going to have to see the world these people are making. I'm just sorry for my granddaughters and grandson.



"Those who enter our country illegally, and those who employ them, disrespect the rule of law. And because we live in an age where terrorists are challenging our borders, we simply cannot allow people to pour into the United States undetected, undocumented, and unchecked. Americans are right to demand better border security and better enforcement of the immigration laws."

- Obama in 2006



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