



**Make your reservation for our annual Christmas Party
see flyer on page 7.**

NOVEMBER MEETING, November 13, 2019

PROGRAM: Our speaker will be Mike Goss. He will give a power point presentation on the history of Islam and its effects on our Government and current legislation.

Join us for lunch at 11:30 at the Venice Gardens Civic Association, 406 Shamrock Blvd., Venice. Meeting will begin at 12:00 pm.

President's Message, by Matt Soldano

We had a great meeting in October. Col. Kurt Hoffman from the Sarasota County Sheriff's Department addressed a crowd of 125 people and described the impressive story of the department, which is a state leader in innovation and reducing crime rates. Our club has grown to 234 members, and we are approaching our goal of 250. Tell your friends that joining the club between now and December 31 will include the dues for 2020!!

Big News!!! The Republican Party of Sarasota County has announced that Senator Lindsey Graham will receive the 2019 Statesman of the Year Award on November 15 at the Hyatt Regency in Sarasota. The dinner begins at 7:00 pm. The RCSSC has reserved 20 tickets for two tables at a reduced price of \$100 per person. They must be purchased through the club. Details will follow.

We will have our first sign-waving event for President Trump on Friday, November 8 at the intersection of 41 and Jacaranda from 3:30 until 5:30. We will have signs available, but you can also make your own! With all the chaos in Washington, it is important that we demonstrate our support for President Trump!

At our November meeting the nomination committee will speak about the election of officers for 2020. Our annual Christmas Party will be held at Plantation Golf and Country Club on December 11 (see page 7 for Christmas flyer).

If you have any questions, feel free to email me at matt1934@yahoo.com or call me at 401-792-8132.

November Birthdays

Arthur Ayer
Joanne Bauman
Sonya Bregman
Dave Brown
Peggy Butler
John Drury
Linda Duquette
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RCSSC OCTOBER ACTIVITIES



President Matt Soldano and Gladys Green Manning
RCSSC Booth at Business Showcase, October 5, 2019



RCSSC Members Participated in Flag-waving for President Trump
in Osprey on October 4 and 11

**The Middle Class is Getting Richer Under Trump, *trumptrainnews.com*,
October 3, 2019, Submitted by Don O'Nesky.**

A new study indicates that the median family income for the middle-class in America is rising, substantially.

According to *The Daily Mail*: Economist and author Stephen Moore highlighted a new study that says the middle class is getting richer, faster for President Trump than it did for recent presidents.

Moore, who helped write the 2017 tax cuts, cited a report from the Census Bureau and said: "Since Donald Trump was elected and took office through July of 2019, median family incomes, middle-class incomes are up \$4,100."

For the 12 months ending in July, the real median household income --those in the very middle -- was \$65,084.

Moore contends with such economic prosperity for households, "If these numbers hold up, it's going to be difficult for any Democrat to beat Donald Trump because he's proven to be the blue-collar president," he told Fox News. Moore went on to state that the President has raised middle-class earnings while Democrat presidents have failed to do so.

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Monthly RCSSC Executive Board Meeting

Will be held at the Frances T. Bourne Jacaranda Library Conference Room on Wednesday, November 6 ---11:00 to 12:30 PM.

Past Presidents:
Immediate Past President:
Tom Van Dyke (2017-2018)

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)

Newt Gingrich: Don't Call it Impeachment — Call it a Witch Hunt, By Newt Gingrich, Fox News, September 30, 2019, Excerpts.

I want to talk about the importance of words and the context they create. And I want to urge everybody who's fair to never use the word "impeachment" for the current political process, because it has nothing to do with an impeachment. This is a legislative coup d'etat, an effort by the hard left, the news media, and the deep state to destroy the president chosen by the American people. This is a *project* they've been involved in since election night 2016.

So far, we have had two years of a totally false Russian narrative, which even the editor of The New York Times had to admit failed with the Mueller report because it revealed there was no collusion. In those two years, we had FBI agents who were leaking. We had all sorts of effort by people in the deep state to destroy the president. We had The New York Times, The Washington Post, and the networks doing everything they could to destroy Trump and they failed.

Now they've come back with a new effort based on a new supposed scandal — which will turn out to be as phony as the Russian project was. When did the intelligence community change the rules for whistleblowers? Up until recently, in order to be a whistleblower you had to have personal, firsthand knowledge of what you were blowing the whistle about. For some reason, this was changed. Was it changed to make it easier to smear Trump? Probably. But the truth is that we don't know who changed it. We don't know why it was changed, but what it produced was somebody who was not in the room, did not hear the phone call, had no personal knowledge, pulling together innuendo, gossip and rumor into a multi-page complaint — much of which is just plain, factually false.

But the minute there was a supposed whistleblower report, the Times, Post, network news channels and Democrats in the House were all horrified to such a degree that House Speaker Nancy Pelosi announced they were pursuing impeachment. She did this before she met the whistleblower and before anybody had read the transcript of the phone conversation between the president of Ukraine and the president of the United States.

No person who has any serious concern about the Constitution should use the word "impeachment" to describe what is closer to a Salem witchcraft trial than an orderly process of seeking justice. An investigation should include looking into when and who changed the rules for whistleblowing — and who were the sources for the whistleblower? How many of them are in fact liberal Democrats buried deep in the federal bureaucracy who hate Trump? Who leaked it to the news media? I hope that people would just recognize this as a coup d'etat.

It is a deliberate effort by the left, both in the news media and in the Congress, to destroy the sitting president of the United States. It should be dealt with as such and we should be prepared to demand that they have to be open and engaged. It is a denial of the American Constitution, a repudiation of the American people's choice of president, and an effort to impose on the country what the left wants — whether the rest of us want it or not



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 497-6454

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

Do You Want to Purchase an RCSSC Shirt?

You have probably seen some of our members wearing shirts with our club logo. These shirts can be purchased in Venice: The Embroidery Patch, 208 Warfield Ave, Suite D, Venice; FL 34283 488-0001; lisa@embpat.com



Teacher Fails Entire Class: Wise Move. (A great example of how socialism affects us personally), Submitted by Allyx Young.

An economics professor at a local college made a statement that he had never failed a single student before, but had recently failed an entire class. That class had insisted that socialism worked and that no one would be poor and no one would be rich, a great equalizer. The professor said, "OK, we will have an experiment in this class on this plan." All grades will be averaged and everyone will receive the same grade so no one will fail and no one will receive an A... (substituting grades for dollars - something closer to home and more readily understood by all).

After the first test, the grades were averaged and everyone got a B. The students who studied hard were upset and the students who studied little were happy. As the second test rolled around, the students who studied little had studied even less and the ones who studied hard decided they wanted a free ride too so they studied little. The second test average was a D! No one was happy. When the 3rd test rolled around, the average was an F.

As the tests proceeded, the scores never increased as bickering, blame and name-calling all resulted in hard feelings and no one would study for the benefit of anyone else. To their great surprise, ALL FAILED and the professor told them that socialism would also ultimately fail because when the reward is great, the effort to succeed is great, but when government takes all the reward away, no one will try or want to succeed.

These are possibly the five best sentences you'll ever read and all applicable to this experiment:

1. You cannot legislate the poor into prosperity by legislating the wealthy out of prosperity.
2. What one person receives without working for, another person must work for without receiving.
3. The government cannot give to anybody anything that the government does not first take from somebody else.
4. You cannot multiply wealth by dividing it!
5. When half of the people get the idea that they do not have to work because the other half is going to take care of them, and when the other half gets the idea that it does no good to work because somebody else is going to get what they work for, that is the beginning of the end of any nation.

**IN HONOR OF VETERANS DAY
NOVEMBER 11, 2019**

**That Black Granite Wall
Written by a Vietnam Marine Veteran**

Ultimate gloom on this brief, painful
walk,
There is no laughter...just reverent
talk.

A very slight drizzle is starting to
fall,

On thousands of names carved
in that *BLACK GRANITE WALL*.

How much blood...and how many
fears?

God knows the number of painful
tears.

The number of brave men; I saw
them fall,

Just to have their names carved
in that *BLACK GRANITE WALL*.

Precious lives, as precious as mine,
No more do they laugh or sip
vintage wine.

Duty said "come"; they answered
the call,

Now their names are carved
in that *BLACK GRANITE WALL*.

Though it happened to them...and
not to me,

It could have been me just as
easily.

They served as proudly and stood
as tall,

Yet their names are carved
in that *BLACK GRANITE WALL*.

Sorrow and scars and much
restlessness,
Bittersweet memories and great
emptiness.

For us left behind, it's a painful
recall,

Of the names carved in blood
in that *BLACK GRANITE WALL*.

Not much of a tribute, just stark
memories,
Of my buddies, dear friends, their
families.

Each loved by someone; each gave
it his all,

Just to join the names carved
in that *BLACK GRANITE WALL*.

Can We Keep Our Republic? By Bruce Thornton, *frontpagemag.com*, October 10, 2019, Excerpts.

When asked the type of government the Constitutional Convention had created, Benjamin Franklin famously replied, "A Republic, if you can keep it." Franklin and the Founders understood that given a flawed human nature and its passion for power, no form of political order can survive if it is not continually maintained and defended against attempts to dismantle it in order to empower one faction at the expense of others, thus diminishing their freedom.

Since the election of Donald Trump, we have been watching one of the most serious assaults on the Constitutional Republic in our history. With the current efforts of the Democrat-controlled House to engineer public support for impeachment, this three-year attack is intensifying. The climactic battle will be fought on November 3, 2020 when America goes to the polls to select the president. On that day will be decided not just which party will take the White House, but which vision of government will rule us: The Constitutional order of popular sovereignty, federalism, and divided powers; or a technocratic oligarchy of centralized and concentrated power. Or to put it more starkly: Can we keep our nation of free citizens, or will we become one of managed clients?

Starting with Woodrow Wilson, and continuing through FDR's New Deal, LBJ's Great Society programs, and Barack Obama's further expansion of entitlement programs and take-over of the health care industry, the country has been moving relentlessly toward more and more centralization of federal power, expansion of the federal regulatory regime, and encroachment on the freedom of states, civil society, families, and individuals.

And don't forget, along the way Republican elites have supported and abetted this weakening of the Republic. They have created or expanded intrusive regulatory agencies like the EPA and the Department of Education, illiberal programs like race-conscious set-asides, and increased the number and scope of redistributionist programs like Medicaid and Social Security. More recently they have joined forces with the identity-politics left to support amnesty for illegal aliens and laxer immigration protocols. Worse yet, they have frequently endorsed and legitimized the politicized, illiberal ideology of race, "gender," ethnicity, and sexual identity that provides Democrats with tools for leveraging political power and influence in order to achieve "social justice."

The corruption of the Constitution and federal agencies of the past three years is exactly what follows when power is concentrated and citizen autonomy is surrendered to unaccountable, unelected technocrats. In the end the primary job of our national government is to defend us from foreign enemies and protect our freedoms from internal ones, not intrude into elections for their own political and careerist aggrandizement.

If the Dems win, and they succeed in abolishing the Electoral College, making the Senate proportionately representative, eviscerating the First and Second Amendments, and transforming the United States from the exceptional Republic and indispensable champion of unalienable rights and freedom it is, to just another client of a supranational, technocratic empire like the EU—then Obama's aim of "fundamentally transforming" America will have been achieved.

And that will be the moment, after more than two centuries, we failed to keep our Republic.

What victory is ours? And what did we win?
Could we call back the time, would we do it again?
Would commitments be large...or just small?
How many names would be carved in that *BLACK GRANITE WALL*?

God certainly has willed it for us who survive,
To keep their honor and memories alive.
While we're living it up...just having a ball,
Remember the names carved in that *BLACK GRANITE WALL*.

To you who departed, I'll act as your host,
I lift up my glass and propose you a toast.
I promise you honor...Jeff...Dean... Paul,
You're more than names carved in that *BLACK GRANITE WALL*.

So here's to you though you're gone from this scene,
Your sacrifices made, each one supreme.
Someday we all must answer HIS call,
Though our names are not carved in that *BLACK GRANITE WALL*.

Ultimate gloom on this brief, painful walk,
There is no laughter...just reverent talk.
That very slight drizzle continues to fall,
On thousands of names carved in that *BLACK GRANITE WALL*.



Gruters: Beware 'Open Primary' Amendment, By Joe Gruters, Sarasota Herald Tribune, September 30, 2019., Excerpts.

The open primary amendment proposed to the Florida Constitution is a bad idea and is counter to what is currently working well in Florida's diverse political environment. It's a bad idea because it destroys the ability of 9.2 million grassroots members of political parties in Florida to determine the candidates they want to represent their party and its values. Today, this is done through a party primary, where the members of a political party decide who represents their party in the general election. But this specific proposal—labeled as "All voters in primary elections for state Legislature, Governor and Cabinet"---deceives Florida voters as to what it will actually do. The amendment is widely characterized as a change that simply opens up party primaries to No Party Affiliation (NPA) voters. But it actually abolishes party primaries for governor, cabinet, and the state legislature in favor of a jungle primary that can be more easily manipulated by special interests and political consultants.

The proposed amendment would require all candidates in Florida elections to appear on a single ballot, regardless of party. This is the so-called "open primary" aspect. The top two vote-getters would then move on to the general election—regardless of party. As is obvious in this arrangement, this is not an open primary; this is an abolishment of primaries. There is simply a winnowing election and a general election with two and only two candidates.

According to *Florida Politics*: "The effort is similar to legislation filed by Democrat Sen. Kevin Rader of Delray Beach. In January, Rader put forth a bill to adopt a 'jungle primary' similar to the system in California." But today, California's state government is the most radically polarized in the nation. The last thing Florida needs to do is steal ideas from California's hopelessly corrupted election system!

If the so-called 'open primary' had been in place in Florida in 2018, the top two primary vote-getters for governor would have been Republicans Adam Putnam and Ron DeSantis. Under the proposed amendment, that means only those two would have met in the general election. This means that the more than 4 million Floridians who voted for Gillum would have had to choose between two Republicans.

The ballot title and summary for the open primary amendment are now being reviewed by the Florida Supreme Court, which has the responsibility of ensuring that ballot amendments meet certain requirements, including clarity. Because of the misleading nature of the amendment's description, the Republican Party of Florida is filing a brief with the Supreme Court in opposition.

When Floridians consider voting on an amendment to our state Constitution, they need to be adequately informed as to what the amendment actually does. This amendment title and summary might sound good—who could be opposed to "All voters vote"? But the reality is far different and deceptive. That alone should keep it off the ballot.



President Donald J. Trump poses for a photo with Little League Baseball World Championship Team Louisiana's Eastbank Little League Friday, Oct. 11, 2019, in the Oval Office of the White House



Then the president flies the team home to Louisiana on Air Force One

Poll: Trump's Support Rises Dramatically with Key Group, americanactionnews.com, Oct 16, 2019. Excerpts., Submitted by Don O'Nesky

A Hill-HarrisX poll found that 32% of African American males would choose Donald Trump over a generic Democrat in next fall's presidential election.

Although *The Hill* spun the poll by saying an overwhelming majority of black voters oppose Trump, **the 32% figure represents near historic highs for GOP presidential candidates in the modern political era.**



CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON



*Join us for the Republican Club of South Sarasota County
Annual Christmas Party*

WHEN: Wednesday, December 11, 2019 at 11:30 a.m.

WHERE: Plantation Golf & Country Club
500 Rockley Blvd., Venice

ATTIRE: Christmas Casual

Luncheon will include your choice of
Chicken Marsala

Mashed Potatoes & Green Beans with Red Pepper
or

Mahi Mahi with Lemon Butter

Wild Rice Pilaf & Green Beans with Red Pepper

Entrees include rolls & butter, coffee, tea, lemonade and
Raspberry Ice Cream Truffle with Raspberry Coulis & Whipped Cream

Price per person is \$30.00

CASH BAR IS AVAILABLE

Please RSVP by December 4, 2019 to Terry Angley at 412-9121 or
by email at rcsscchristmasparty@gmail.com

or use the form below accompanied by your payment.

Make checks payable to RCSSC.

Your completed RSVP form will automatically enter you into the drawing for
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Mail this form to the RCSSC, PO Box 352, Venice, FL 34285-0352



I will attend the RCSSC Christmas Party on December 11, 2019
My name and meal preference(s) are

Name _____ Chicken ____ Fish ____

Name _____ Chicken ____ Fish ____

Contact Number _____ Amount Enclosed _____



Trump Makes the Most Memorable Statement of His Life, *conservativeandfree.com*, October 9, 2019, Excerpts.

Recently, Trump took to Twitter to talk about a part of his job that he absolutely hates. While he's generally seen as a happy guy, there are things that he says that people stop and think. He rarely complains about the job he has to do. While he may complain about the press or the Dems, he never complains about the job itself. When he follows up a statement with, "I hate it. I hate it." people want to know just what he hates so much. Trump's memorable statement was made on October 7. He talks about having to sign letters to parents of young soldiers who were killed in action. He follows it up by saying that it's the "hardest thing I have to do" on the job.

Countless military veterans took to Twitter, tagging @RealDonaldTrump and @POTUS to say that he is "100% correct" and that they agree with him. Many also identify how the government is constantly working to keep troops in "forever conflicts." Many Dems want to portray Trump as someone who doesn't feel. They want to show that he's incapable of taking care of the country or feeling sympathetic to America. Trump makes sure that people see another side of him: the one who understands the value of human life. He doesn't want to send troops to various parts of the globe where they might not come home. While it's important to have troops fighting for various causes, he's not going to send them into a battlefield where he knows they're going to lose. A number of Dems could learn a great deal from Trump. Before being Democratic or Republican, our president is human – and that is what makes his tweet such a memorable statement



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