



FEBRUARY MEETING, Wednesday, February 12, 2020

PROGRAM: Our speaker will be Christian Ziegler, Vice Chairman of the Republican Party of Florida and Sarasota County Commissioner.

Join us for lunch at 11:30 at the Venice Gardens Civic Association, 406 Shamrock Blvd., Venice. Meeting from 12:00 pm until 1:00 pm.

President's Message, by Matt Soldano

Ron Turner gave an excellent presentation at the January meeting when over 130 members attended. He and his staff are heavily involved in the 2020 election process working on redistricting, multi-language ballots, the March Presidential Primary, etc. The elections were held with the president, vice president, and secretary being reelected. Harrison Zeffert was unopposed and was elected as our treasurer. I want to thank Joe Mason for his service as treasurer in 2019. Due to his workload, he decided he couldn't run again.

Our club hosted the monthly Republican Party of Sarasota County meeting at the Venice Community Center. Thanks to all who helped!

I want to thank all of you who have attended our second-Friday-of-the-month signwavings at #41 and Jacaranda and our fourth-Friday luncheons at IHOP. We hope to expand these in 2020 as the elections approach.

The club is sponsoring a booth at the Jewish Food Festival from 10 until 4 on Sunday, February 16th at the Jewish Community Center of Venice. Sign up to volunteer. Enjoy some great food!

In 2019, club membership reached 275 members. We had the best attendance in years at our meetings. Bring a friend to our meetings. Our goal in 2020 is to have a record high membership to support President Trump and Republican candidates in this critical election year.

If you have any questions or suggestions for the club you can email me at matt1934@yahoo.com or call me at 401-792-8132.

February Birthdays

Julie Brady
Robert Carrano
Rhonda Christopher
William Crocker
Hilde Cross
Suzanne Dodge
David Gagnon
Richard Gorman
Doug Graham
Gene Hatton
Marie Houch
Sofia Iavaroni
Holly Johnson
Mary O'Nesky
Lourdes Ramirez
Jill Schaefer
Diane Skentzos
Jean Telep
Robert Unsell
Gale Wyman
Jill Bauman
Jery Zaris

2019 Elected Officers
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Chairpersons

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RCSSC ACTIVITIES IN JANUARY



At our January meeting, Supervisor of Elections Ron Turner installed 2020 officers, L-R: VP Rich Mazur, President Matt Soldano, Treasurer Harrison Zeffert, and Secretary Allyx Young



RCSSC members participated in flag-wavings to support President Trump.

JOIN US ON FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 14 AT JACARANDA AND #41 FROM 3:00 TO 5:00 PM FOR OUR NEXT RCSSC FLAG-WAVING. IT'S A GREAT WAY TO SHOW SUPPORT FOR OUR PRESIDENT AND HAVE A LOT OF FUN!

SIGN AND FLAG WAVINGS ARE ALSO HELD IN NOKOMIS AT LAUREL RD & #41 EVERY FRIDAY FROM 3:00-5:00 PM. EMAIL MAC MACLARY FOR INFORMATION: CDYVR523@COMCAST.NET

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Co-chair: Gerald Zaris
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Hospitality Chair: Gladys Green

Sunshine Chair: Mary O'Nesky
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Monthly RCSSC Executive Board Meeting

Will be held at the William H. Jervy, Jr. Library, 300 Nokomis Ave South on Wednesday, February 5 ---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)

PRESIDENT TRUMP STILL WINNING FOR AMERICA IN 2020

“As long as I’m president of the United States, Iran will never be allowed to have a nuclear weapon.” --Donald J. Trump, President of the United States.

“The civilized world must send a clear and unified message to the Iranian Regime: your campaign of terror, murder and mayhem will not be tolerated any longer.” --Donald J. Trump, President of the United States

The Democrats and Iran, West Wing Reads, *The White House* <info@mail.whitehouse.gov, January 6, 2020, Excerpts.

“President Trump’s order to take out Qasem Soleimani was morally, constitutionally and strategically correct. It deserves more bipartisan support than the begrudging or negative reactions it has received thus far from my fellow Democrats.” Former Sen. Joe Lieberman (D-CT) writes in *The Wall Street Journal*.

Lieberman says Democrats should leave partisan politics at “the water’s edge” and “stand together against Iran and dangerous leaders like Qasem Soleimani.”

“Soleimani had the blood of hundreds of Americans on his hands, and was in the Iraqi capital of Baghdad planning attacks on more Americans throughout the Middle East. Members of Congress make statements; presidents take action. And Trump’s action will make the world safer for Americans.” Security expert Christian Whiton writes in *Fox News*.

US China sign historic phase one trade deal, by Jonathan Garber, *Foxbusiness.com*, January 15, 2020, Excerpts.



President Trump signed a landmark trade agreement with China, heralding a period of détente in a trade war between the world’s two largest economies fueled by decades of complaints that Beijing was manipulating its currency and stealing trade secrets from American firms. “Together, we are righting the wrongs of the past,” Trump said in a pomp-filled signing ceremony.

The agreement will help grow the U.S. economy in 2020 and 2021 by “at least a half a point additional GDP” and “probably translate into another million jobs on top of what we’ve already done,” Larry Kudlow, director of the National Economic Council, told *FOX News*.”

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

What Would a Democratic Socialist America Look Like? I Can Tell You—I'm Venezuelan, By Daniel Di Martino, *Townhall.com*, January 6, 2020

The closer we get to the 2020 election, Democratic presidential candidates support more socialist proposals, and the more that we Venezuelan immigrants experience déjà vu. We're all-too-familiar with the rhetoric Democrats have delivered over the course of their campaigns. All candidates endorse a transition to Medicare-for-All in one form or another, higher taxes on Americans, and a fresh wave of regulations and government-guaranteed "rights." And just recently, Elizabeth Warren seemed to endorse government-provided housing. These are the kinds of measures they hope will bring about a paradise similar to the Left's beloved Nordic countries. Even so, for Americans used to a liberal government, it can be hard to envision what a democratic-socialist America would really look like. But I can. I've lived it. I saw my home country go from prosperity to starvation in less than two decades. All because the people were tricked into voting for a candidate who sought to punish the rich and give everything away for free. Sound familiar?

- Imagine: It's January 20, 2021. The Democratic base showed up in droves for the 2020 election, and Bernie Sanders, Elizabeth Warren, or one of their socialist cohorts has snagged the key to the Oval Office. Within the next four years, they pass their trademark proposals.
- Democrats kick everyone off their private insurance and cover them under Medicare. But Medicare-for-all turns out to be Medicare-for-none — older Americans suffer from increased wait times for surgeries and emergency room visits as more people flood the system. Medicare-for-All cuts payments to hospitals by about 40 percent, relative to private insurance. Like in Venezuela, price controls like these force businesses to close. In America's case, many hospitals in rural and low-income areas either go bankrupt or stop accepting Medicare.
- The Democrats have to pay for this program somehow, so they increase payroll and income taxes for all workers. And the millennial voters who were so eager to elect a socialist now suffer the most from this—they represent the bulk of the workforce, so they bear the brunt of additional taxation while using healthcare less than any other group.
- The corporate tax rate that Trump had cut is brought back to life, and there's a new wealth tax on millionaires and billionaires. China, Mexico, and the Europeans will rejoice as hundreds of thousands of American jobs disappear or move offshore to avoid the higher corporate tax.
- Under the new \$15 per hour minimum wage, small businesses close shop, and millions of jobs dissipate. Youth and minority unemployment, which reached record-lows during Trump's presidency, rise dramatically. High taxes, the minimum wage, and regulations hit the youth especially hard. Despite getting their student debt "forgiven" and going to college tuition-free, once they graduate, young people find out that their college degrees are worthless.
- America's economy predictably plunges into a recession. Democrats pass the Green New Deal and America boasts an unsustainable budget deficit of many trillions of dollars per year. Americans learn that "free" things come at a high price



Given full power, Democratic-Socialists would thrust America into an economic nightmare from which it might never escape — not into some Nordic paradise. Venezuelans learned this the hard way. In 2020, Americans can avoid our fate by remembering that free markets, not socialism, lead to prosperity.



Virginia Will NOT Comply & America is Watching, Posted Dec 13, 2019 by Ammoland.com, Opinion, Submitted by Allyx Young, Excerpts.

Virginia IS in turmoil, and there's no sugarcoating it any longer. I know it, you know it, they know it and they know it because they are at the root of it. You already know who "they" are. *They are everyone you can't stand, from gun prohibitionists and Socialists to the corrupt mainstream media, large social media outlets, Hollywood, and our institutions of higher education, to name but a few. They are anyone working against our freedoms, rights, constitution, etc.*

You know who they are. And they hate you.

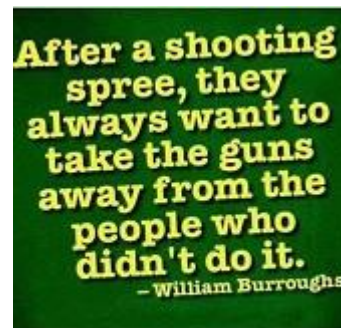
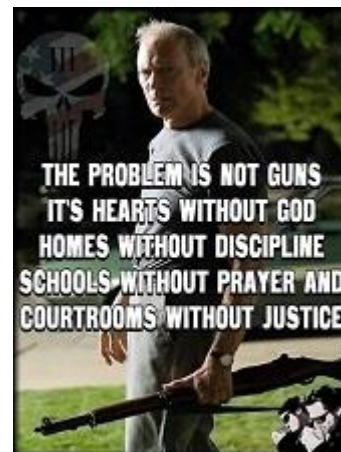
Nowhere is this more evident than in the great state of Virginia, a place I hold dear. I know Virginia and Virginians well. I lived in Richmond and Virginia Beach. I attended and graduated college in the beautiful southwestern part of the state. I worked there and played there for years. I love Virginia and the great people of the Commonwealth, but today there is trouble. How much trouble? Only *they* know.

Rich in history, Virginia has played a significant role in the development of our nation and today, it is doing so again. As you read this, eighty-five counties have declared themselves Second Amendment Sanctuaries in response to what *they* are threatening, and the threats are real. You see, what's happening in Virginia is what happens when *they* take power and come January 9th, 2020, *they* will take control for the first time in over two decades. From that date until February 23rd, America will be witness to precisely what it is *they* have in store for the rest of us if *they* are ever handed the reigns of power in Washington.

It wasn't always like this, but today *they* are much different than even 20 years ago. Today *they* are filled with rage and hatred of anyone who dares to disagree with them or worse yet supports the Constitution as written. As we are witnessing in the halls of the Socialist controlled House of Representatives, *they* will stoop to whatever level necessary to take power when it isn't granted to them by the voters. How did they get this way? Enough time has gone by that an entire generation has been born into knowing nothing other than what *they* want them to know.

They hate you and everything you stand for.

The good old days of Ronnie and Nancy Reagan having a cozy dinner with the Tip O'Neill family after politically sparring all day are over, and they aren't coming back.



Every single time.



They have made sure of that and many Virginians seem to have figured this out. That's why what's happening in Virginia right before our eyes is so dangerous. Now that *they* have absolute power, *they* are going to do whatever *they* want to do, and the rest of us be damned. They have made it clear that their first order of business isn't to clean up roads, reduce poverty, fix bridges, fix broken education systems. Nope. *They* are hell-bent on infringing on the rights of millions of their citizens with a wave of gun-grabbing bills that will punish those whom they hate—on day one. Unfortunately for them, those 85 counties have decided their citizens weren't interested.

So what happens now? How does this turn out? What I can tell you with utmost certainty is that there must be a victor. One side must win, and the other must lose. Eighty-five counties (and more to come) have made it clear there will be no more compromising our rights. The ball has been handed off and they must make a decision.

America is watching and we can only be hopeful that in the face of this remarkable uprising, that they make the right one.



IN MEMORIUM: FRANCIS KENDRICK, Oct 1926—Dec 2019

By Gladys Green

Our club mourns the loss of one of its founding members and former president Francis Kendrick who passed away on December 23, 2019 in California. Born in the Florida Keys, Francis was a lifelong Floridian, proud Republican, and retired dentist. He was a true southern gentleman, respected and admired by all who knew him. After its beginning as a "Coffee and Politics" group in 1995, the RCSSC received its charter as an official Republican Club and part of the Republican Party of Florida in 1997; so the club was very new when Francis Kendrick became its fourth president in 2001. After serving two terms as president, Francis was always active in club activities. He served many years as a board member, senior advisor, and Bylaws Chairman. Following our meetings, he enjoyed going to lunch and discussing politics with other members. When our meetings were over, Francis would always say, "Where are we going to eat?"

I first met Francis at the South County campaign office about 18 years ago. He was president of the club at the time and began chatting with me and my husband. He showed his expertise at recruiting new members by getting our names and address. We soon began receiving *The Patriot* newsletter in the mail, and after reading a few issues, we joined the RCSSC—two new members recruited by Francis! Several years ago, Francis left his native Florida and his RCSSC friends to live with his daughter in California. He has lived a happy life there with his family until his passing on December 23. For those who would like to send a sympathy card, the address is Jane Higgins, 2724 Brentwood Place, Davis, CA 95618. May you rest in peace Francis. We miss you.



**Second Patriots' Day Dinner
February 2011**



**With Vern Buchanan
2012**



**Enjoying his 90th Birthday
Oct 2016**

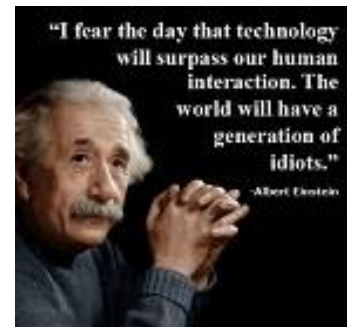
A Stunning Senior Moment, Submitted by Lin Hall.

A very self-important college freshman attending a recent football game took it upon himself to explain to a senior citizen sitting next to him why it was impossible for the older generation to understand his generation.

"You grew up in a different world, actually an almost primitive one," the student said, loud enough for many of those nearby to hear; "The young people of today are much more advanced than people your age. We grew up with television, jet planes, space travel, man walking on the moon and the internet. We have cell phones, nuclear energy, electric and hydrogen cars, computers, automated manufacturing, amazing technologies, ...and," pausing to take another drink of beer.

The senior took advantage of the break in the student's litany and said, "You're right, son. We didn't have those things when we were young... so we invented them. Now, you arrogant little shit, what are YOU doing for the next generation?"

The applause was resounding... I love senior citizens.



HOSPITALITY MESSAGE, By Gladys Green

Our club is proud of its reputation as the only Republican Club among the many in Sarasota County that provides a free lunch at its meetings. Other Republican clubs have a sit-down lunch or dinner for a price. Members of our Hospitality Committee—Peachie DeYoung, Mary O’Nesky, and Jo Henry—not only prepare the hospitality table, make the coffee, refill food dishes during the meeting, and clean up after the meeting, each donates a food item each month. Peachie donates lemonade, Mary donates the cream puffs that everyone loves, and Jo donates potato chips. Our VP Rich Mazur donates soft drinks, water, and ice. I want to thank each of them for their volunteer services and donations during 2019. We also have a few loyal members who donate items regularly: Terry Angley, Dot Scheeres, Barbara Vaughn, Sue Haines and a few others whose names I don’t know—and I also want to thank each of them. To borrow a quote from President Trump, “We don’t do this for us, we do this for YOU!”



Hospitality Committee Members, L-R: Peachie, Mary, and Jo

This year our club has been very successful in its goal of recruiting new members, and our membership is larger than it has been in several years. That is good news for our club and for President Trump in this election year because south county usually has the largest Republican voter turnout in Sarasota County in every election. Because our club meetings have had a significant increase in attendees, however, it is becoming difficult for four of us in the Hospitality Committee to supply enough food for our meetings. In fact, we ran out of food at our January meeting. That is why we ask that you take only one sandwich until everyone has gone through the food line and has been seated. After that, you are welcome to return to the table. If any of our newer members would like to help out by donating a favorite homemade recipe—as you would at a potluck lunch—or stop at a store for finger food on your way to the meeting, it would be greatly appreciated. Or if you wish to volunteer to help with setup or cleanup, call me at 941-497-7256.



In case you missed **Donald J. Trump's** Tweet
Breaking News: The Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals just reversed a lower court decision & gave us the go ahead to build one of the largest sections of the desperately needed Southern Border Wall, Four Billion Dollars. Entire Wall is under construction or getting ready to start!



Two Visions for America, Posted on Facebook by Anonymous

While the Democrats were voting to send articles of Impeachment to the Senate today, our GREAT PRESIDENT TRUMP just finished signing an historic trade agreement with China. What a huge contrast in the two visions for America! Obstruction versus “promises made promises kept.” I’m not sick of winning, winning, winning. Our President is constantly putting you and America First.

Keep America and President Trump in your prayers.



	
JOB APPROVAL 50%	JOB APPROVAL 45%
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE 3.9%	UNEMPLOYMENT RATE 9.4%
JOBS ADDED 3.2 MILLION	JOBS ADDED -2.9 MILLION
1ST YR DEFICIT \$665 BILLION	1ST YR DEFICIT \$1.4 TRILLION
GDP GROWTH 4.1%	GDP GROWTH 1.6%



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 34285-0352

DO WE HAVE YOUR PERMISSION TO LIST THIS INFORMATION IN OUR ROSTER SENT TO ALL MEMBERS OF THE RCSSC? YES _____ NO _____



CONGRESSMAN STEUBE HAS AN OFFICE IN VENICE

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Monday through Friday
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**Key Dates in First Quarter 2020
Florida Presidential Preference
Primary**

**Feb 18: Voter Registration Deadline
for the Presidential Primary**

**Mar 7-14: Presidential Primary Early
Voting (subject to change)**

**Mar 17: Presidential Primary
Election Day**



**PRESIDENT TRUMP IS BASICALLY A
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