



**APRIL MEETING: CANCELLED DUE TO CORONAVIRUS! ALL OTHER APRIL ACTIVITIES HAVE ALSO BEEN CANCELLED. WE WILL KEEP YOU INFORMED ABOUT FUTURE CLUB ACTIVITIES.**

**President's Message, by Matt Soldano**

What a month!

At our March 11 meeting, Eric Robinson and Karen Rose spoke to a large crowd and explained why we have to put conservatives in charge of the Sarasota County School Board. They talked about how the current board has voted to reduce the parents' role in decision making over social issues involving their children. The number of non-teaching administrators who make over \$100,000 has greatly increased. Many teachers are afraid to speak out on controversial issues. When Eric and Karen are elected in August, the changes will begin.

On March 13, our monthly sign waving at 41 and Jacaranda was well attended and again the president won the "honk your horn" poll by at least 8 to 1. Then, as we all are experiencing, things changed. Closings, cancellations, shortages, shelter at home have changed our way of life. President Trump and his team have taken bold actions to end the crisis and while some democrats like Governor Cuomo have praised his efforts, others and the press continue to attack.

At this time, all of our April activities are suspended. We hope this is only a short-time disruption. Meanwhile, we must continue our efforts to elect the president and republicans in 2020. We are planning campaign programs and looking for a South County office. Our plans for a fundraiser are on hold because of the pandemic, so if you haven't paid your dues for 2020, please send a check to our mailbox or you can pay online on our website under the "Membership" tab. We would also welcome donations to support the 2020 efforts.

Again, if you have any questions, please give me a call at (401) 792-8132 or email me at [matt1934@yahoo.com](mailto:matt1934@yahoo.com).

**April Birthdays**

Jeff Baumeister  
Frank Curcillo  
Mike Demeo  
Edward Hunter  
Cathy Kostelansky  
Stephen Ladd  
Hugh Laubis  
Norman MacLellan  
Sandra Mazur  
Wade McLaren  
John O'Donnell  
Michael Pagani  
George Robertson  
Jeanne Rogers  
Matt Soldano  
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## RCSSC MARCH ACTIVITIES

Speakers at our March meeting were candidates for school board, Karen Rose and Eric Robinson



Speakers with Programs and Projects Chair Terry Angley



2020 candidates with RCSSC President Matt Soldano



RCSSC members Gladys Green and Peachie DeYoung at Four More Years Event in Venice



RCSSC members waving flags to support President Trump

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Monthly RCSSC Executive Board Meeting: **Cancelled**

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)

### 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](mailto:gladysg33@comcast.net); 330 W. Baffin Dr., Venice, FL34293. Deadline for articles to be submitted is the 20th of each month.

**EDITOR'S NOTE: President Trump took early actions to protect Americans from the Coronavirus. He appointed VP Pence to chair a group of excellent health care experts. If we follow the advice of our president and these experts—use protective measures, stay calm, do not panic—and vote to reelect President Trump in November, he will Keep America Great, and will keep his promise that “The Best Is Yet to Come.”**

## **PRESIDENT TRUMP IS KEEPING HIS PROMISE TO MAKE AMERICA SAFE**



**White House Press Secretary Stephanie Grisham announced on March 3 that President Trump made a commitment to donate his salary while in office. Honoring that promise and to further protect the American people, he donated his 2019 Q4 salary to HHS to support the efforts being undertaken to confront, contain, and combat Coronavirus.**

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**Trump Gets Huge Win at Supreme Court as ‘Remain in Mexico’ Policy Can Continue, By Rick Moran, PJMedia.com, March 11, 2020, Edited Excerpts.**

Conservative justices on the Supreme Court handed the Trump administration a win as a key immigration policy was given the OK to continue. The "Remain in Mexico" policy had taken a lot of pressure off the southern border, where those seeking asylum have to wait in Mexico for their cases to be adjudicated. The Ninth Circuit Court issued an injunction against the policy last week. The Trump administration sought immediate relief, citing "national security." Indeed, about 20,000 asylum-seekers had gathered at various crossing points on the border, looking to rush the guards and force their way through. The White House dispatched about 160 military personnel to protect Border Patrol agents.

The Supreme Court agreed with the administration and will allow the policy to continue. The high court action came a day before the lower court order was to have taken effect. Instead, the "Remain in Mexico" policy will remain in force while a lawsuit challenging it plays out in the courts. The Supreme Court did not give any legal opinion about the viability of the policy, only that the administration won the argument that it was a matter of national import. The administration had argued that thousands of immigrants would rush the border if the high court didn't step in. About 60,000 asylum seekers are waiting in Mexico for their cases to be heard.



### **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](mailto:elephantpride@aol.com)



**Amid Coronavirus Pandemic, a Model of Bipartisanship, The White House, [info@mail.whitehouse.gov](mailto:info@mail.whitehouse.gov), March 17, 2020.**

"This week, one of President Trump's most outspoken critics, Gov. Gavin Newsom of California, said this about the president and his team's response to the cruise ship in Oakland: 'Every single thing [Trump] said, they followed through on. Every single thing. His administration—and it starts at the top, including the vice president—has been consistent,'" Reps. Roger Marshall (R-KS) and Brian Babin (R-TX) write.

"What a fantastic report and an example of true public service. Both conservatives and liberals should look at that situation objectively and realize that in an era of total polarization in politics, two opposing executives put their differences aside to solve a crisis and save lives."

**Trump Launches Major Operation Against Notorious Mexican Drug Cartel, By TNN Staff, Source: TNN, March 12, 2020, Edited Excerpts.**

President Donald Trump's Executive Order 13773 instructed federal officials to identify, interdict, disrupt, and dismantle drug cartels, which has been a top priority of Trump's.

President Trump unleashed law enforcement on a notorious Mexican drug cartel and it resulted in over 600 arrests. According to The Daily Wire: The Trump administration announced on Wednesday the results from a massive federal operation targeting the *Cártel de Jalisco Nueva Generación* (CJNG), one of the most notorious drug cartels in Mexico.

The Justice Department (DOJ) and the Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA) revealed that over 600 arrests had been made as a result of Project Python, which started late last year. "Project Python marks the most comprehensive action to date in the Department of Justice's campaign to disrupt, dismantle, and ultimately destroy CJNG," Assistant Attorney General Brian A. Benczkowski of the Criminal Division said during a press conference. "When President Trump signed an Executive Order prioritizing the dismantlement of transnational criminal organizations, the Department of Justice answered the call and took direct aim at CJNG. We deemed CJNG one of the highest-priority transnational organized crime threats we face. And with Project Python, we are delivering results in the face of that threat for the American people." Acting DEA Administrator Uttam Dhillon said this was the largest strike against the cartel and that this is just the beginning of the operation against them and others.

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**Melania Trump honored by Palm Beach Atlantic University with "Woman of Distinction" Award, By Morgan Phillips, Fox News, Feb 19, 2020, Excerpts.**



First Lady Melania Trump received a standing ovation as she took the stage to accept the award as Palm Beach Atlantic University's (PBAU) 2020 "Woman of Distinction." The private Christian university, located in West Palm Beach, Fla., usually honors two women per year who "cherish community and family and want to preserve these ideals for others." This year, Trump was the sole recipient.

The first lady highlighted her #BeBest public awareness campaign, which she said focuses on children's well-being, online safety, and opioid abuse. "It's our job as adults to pass along wisdom and build children's confidence so they have the best opportunity to succeed in life. Technology has become a daily part of children's lives. We live in an age where too many people allow the number of retweets and 'likes' to define their self-worth." The first lady added, "When we teach our children to cherish our values and care for each other, they are better prepared to carry on Americans' legacy of compassion, service, and patriotism." Trump said she had met with tech companies such as Microsoft to discuss their work in creating safer online experiences for children, and that 48 states had recently signed online safety laws into action.

Switching to the opioid abuse pillar of her Be Best campaign, Trump told the crowd she was "proud to announce" that for the first time in 29 years, drug overdose deaths have dropped by more than 4 percent, after her campaign had committed \$6 billion to fight opioid abuse.



Americans are growing tired of our ancestors being compared to the immigrants of today. Settling in a new undeveloped land and building a civilization is not comparable to moving to a post-industrial nation and signing up for welfare.

**APPARENTLY WALLS DON'T WORK UNLESS THEY'RE AT:**



**Pollak: Democrats Pushed Impeachment While Coronavirus Spread, By Joel B. Pollak, Breitbart, 13 March 2020, Edited Excerpts.** [We now know the cost of impeachment.]



While Democrats were diverting the attention and energy of the entire country into a pointless trial that could not possibly have ended in anything other than President Donald Trump's acquittal, the coronavirus pandemic was beginning in China and arriving in the United States.

The timeline of the two developments — impeachment and coronavirus — is shocking, and reveals the true cost of hyper-partisanship.

- **Jan 11:** Chinese state media report the first known death from an illness originating in the Wuhan market.
- **Jan 15:** Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi (D-CA) holds a vote to send articles of impeachment to the Senate, celebrating with a signing ceremony using commemorative pens.
- **Jan 21:** First person with coronavirus arrives in the United States from Wuhan China.
- **Jan 23:** House impeachment managers make their opening arguments for removing President Trump—**Jan 23:** China closes off the city of Wuhan to slow the spread of coronavirus to the rest of China.
- **Jan 30:** Senators begin two days of questioning in the president's impeachment trial—**Jan 30:** World Health Organization (WHO) declares a global health emergency as coronavirus continues to spread.
- **Jan 31:** Senate holds a vote on allowing further witnesses and documents in the impeachment trial—**Jan 31:** President Trump declares a national health emergency and imposes a ban on travel to and from China. Former VP Joe Biden calls Trump's decision "hysterical xenophobia ... and fear-mongering."
- **Feb 2:** First death from coronavirus outside China is reported in the Philippines.
- **Feb 3:** House impeachment managers begin closing arguments, calling Trump a threat to national security.
- **Feb 4:** President Trump talks about coronavirus in his State of the Union address; Pelosi rips up every page.
- **Feb 5:** The Senate votes to acquit President Trump on both articles of impeachment, 52-48 and 53-47—**Feb 5:** House Democrats finally take up coronavirus in the House Foreign Affairs Subcommittee on Asia.

For 20 days, from the day the first death from coronavirus was known, Democrats did nothing about it. They were too busy with the president's impeachment trial — a trial Pelosi had delayed unnecessarily for several weeks.

To the extent that they commented on coronavirus at all, it was only to tear up the president's remarks or to call him a racist. They told the nation that he, not coronavirus, was a threat to the national security of the United States.

In the midst of that all-consuming trial, it is remarkable Trump was able to do anything else at all. But he did, and one of the things he did was impose the China travel ban, just one day after the World Health Organization declared coronavirus a global health emergency, and the day before the first victim of the pandemic died outside China. For his trouble, he was criticized by the WHO and called "hysterical" by his future 2020 rival



#### DONATIONS TO OUR CLUB

Donations are always welcomed for our club treasury, especially in important election years like this when our club experiences additional expenses. Some members who are unable to volunteer choose to make monetary donations. Recently two such members made donations: Frank Curcillo (pictured below with Gladys Green, Hospitality Chair), donated \$50 for our luncheons. Another member, Hilde Cross, recently donated \$100. We thank both for their generosity. Photo of Hilde was not available.



When Republicans warned Democrats that impeachment was a waste of time, a divisive partisan exercise, and a distraction from the real issues facing the country, Democrats ignored them. Just a few weeks later, our divided leaders were taken by surprise by the pandemic, and bickered on cable news, asking why nothing was done sooner. But we know why.

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**California Is a Cruel Medieval State, By Victor Davis Hanson, Amgreatness.com, March 8, 2020, Edited Excerpts.**



A paradox ensues that Californians both have a high, indeed smug, view of themselves and yet do a lot of damage to their fellow human beings. Their haughtiness is based largely on the reality that Silicon Valley, sandwiched between Stanford University and University of California, Berkeley, became the birthplace of the global computer, internet, social media, and a high-tech revolution. For progressives who deprecate the capitalist lifestyle, having a lot of money still allows one to say one thing and live out the opposite. The state's multi-trillion-dollar companies have hired tens of thousands of seven-figure, mid-level executives and computer experts who assume that life in the California coastal corridor is a birthright paradise.

The bigger and wealthier California became, the more the rich sought to privatize their lives and to give up on public services, the more the middle classes left the state, the more the poor from Mexico and Latin America crossed the southern border illegally, the more its schools deteriorated, and the more its infrastructure ossified and became decrepit, from century-old power transmission towers to pot-holed and jammed highways.

The resulting medieval society is now one of a few thousand millionaires and millions of lower-middle-class wage earners as well as millions of abject peasants and poor serfs. Over a quarter of the state's population was not born in the United States. A fifth lives below the poverty line. One-third of welfare recipients in the United States live in California. California would have to become much more impoverished than it is now to seem a far worse abode than the birthplace of most of its current immigrants from southern Mexico, Central America, China, and Southeast Asia.

**Out of Sight, Out of Mind:** The coastal rich and professional classes make so much that they are willing to put up with the state's high taxes and poor services on three assumed premises.

First, state redistribution of some of their vast incomes doesn't hurt all that much, while offering atheists, agnostics, and secularists generous medieval penance and *fides* as true-blue progressives. As long as the coastal tech economy, financial services, entertainment, tourism, and blue-chip research universities keep booming, the state within a state doesn't worry about the funding-to-benefit relationship between soaring California taxes and commensurately declining public services.

Second: the coastal enclaves have enough money to navigate around the ramifications of their own ideology, whether by avoiding much of the state's interior,



**.Former RCSSC President Barbara Vaughn Attended CPAC 2020, *The Washington Times*, February 28, 2020, Excerpts.**

**Our former president Barbara Vaughn was interviewed by a reporter from the *Washington Times* while attending CPAC 2020**

Barbara Vaughn, who is retired military from Florida, said Mr. Pence's "monster truck" analogy was clever but she was keeping an eye on former New York Mayor Michael R. Bloomberg and his vast financial resources. "My fear is that Michael Bloomberg will spend whatever it takes to do just what he almost said the other night in the debate when he talked about the fact that he bought those people into Congress," Ms. Vaughn said. "Bloomberg's money gives me a lot of pause."

### **An Obituary for Common Sense**

Today we mourn the passing of a beloved old friend, Common Sense, who has been with us for many years.

No one knows for sure how old he was, since his birth records were long ago lost in bureaucratic red tape.

He will be remembered as having cultivated such valuable lessons as:

- Knowing when to come in out of the rain;
- Why the early bird gets the worm;
- Life isn't always fair;
- and maybe it was my fault.

Common Sense lived by simple, sound financial policies (don't spend more than you can earn) and reliable strategies (adults, not children, are in charge).

putting their kids in private schools, living in tony gated communities, buying concierge private healthcare, and ensuring that the Other, who daily ventures into their neighborhoods to do domestic and outdoor chores, leaves by nightfall.

Third, our blessed lords and earls envision California not as a single state. Indeed, most coastal dwellers have never visited the small towns of the Central Valley or the Sierra foothills or the northern third of the state. Instead, they see these areas the way Manhattanites look at Rochester, or Chicago looks at southern Illinois. In their view, freakish 19th-century mapping created California, and so they have no concern what Outer Californians think of the way they govern the state.

**Truth and Consequences:** In California's upside-down morality, what is ethical is allowing thousands to live in fetid filth and to endanger their own health and that of an entire city, or waving in millions of foreign nationals without health audits, background checks, or legal permission. The Silicon Valley moralist at coffee seethes that Trump "put people in cages," while in private is relieved that there are not caravans of tens of thousands headed his way from Central America—in the age of the coronavirus.

What is now considered unethical would be either to provide planned suburban or rural homeless campuses with sanitation, clean food, and dormitory shelters, or to ask illegal immigrants in their home countries first to apply for U.S. residence through legal channels, to undergo legal, health, and job audits, and in the interval to learn English and the customs and laws of their desired new home.

Instead, opening the southern border to millions of destitute Central Americans and southern Mexican nationals is proof of one's morality among the wealthy. Few of them venture to a Merced, Sanger, Madera, or Firebaugh school to see the impact of tens of thousands of immigrant youths, without English, money, or skills suddenly overwhelming local school districts.

Fewer experience the effects on driving and law enforcement when millions of foreign immigrants navigate without prior experience of U.S. traffic laws, and without licenses, insurance, and registration.

Those legislators and executives who dreamed up decriminalizing thefts under \$950 never worried about how the lost inventory of a family-owned store destroys middle-class aspirations. They certainly are careful about where not to shop, especially not where hordes of teens swarm and walk out each with mysteriously less than \$950 in loot. California has become a cruel and unusual state because callousness and narcissism were redefined as caring and compassion.



**The Democrats tried to impeach a president for trying to expose a crime and then elect the person who committed the crime.**

His health began to deteriorate rapidly when well-intentioned but overbearing regulations were set in place.

Reports of a 6-year-old boy charged with sexual harassment for kissing a classmate; teens suspended from school for using mouthwash after lunch; and a teacher fired for reprimanding an unruly student, only worsened his condition.

Common Sense lost ground when parents attacked teachers for doing the job that they themselves had failed to do in disciplining their unruly children.

It declined even further when schools were required to get parental consent to administer sun lotion or an aspirin to a student; but could not inform parents when a student became pregnant and wanted to have an abortion.

Common Sense lost the will to live as the churches became businesses; and criminals received better treatment than their victims.

Common Sense took a beating when you couldn't defend yourself from a burglar in your own home and the burglar could sue you for assault.

Common Sense finally gave up the will to live, after a woman failed to realize that a steaming cup of coffee was hot. She spilled a little in her lap, and was promptly awarded a huge settlement.

Common Sense was preceded in death by his parents, Truth and Trust; by his wife, Discretion; by his daughter, Responsibility; and by his son, Reason.

He is survived by his four stepbrothers; I Know My Rights.  
I Want It Now.  
Someone Else Is to Blame.  
I'm A Victim.

Not many attended his funeral because so few realized he was gone.



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Mike Bloomberg said that when he was in college and 19, he wasn't responsible enough to have a gun and doesn't know anyone at 19 who is.

That's funny, I know a lot of guys who remember 19 differently. Submitted by Lin Hall



Vote Responsibly!

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO COUNTER INDIVISIBLES**, Submitted by Allyx Young

Volunteers are needed to counter the Indivisibles at the libraries. Sign up again or sign up for the first time for this valiant effort to make non-political affiliates and non-member republicans aware that our club exists. For further information contact:

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