



## ***HONOR MEMORIAL DAY ON MAY 25, 2020***

**NOTICE: ALL REPUBLICAN ACTIVITIES HAVE BEEN CANCELLED BY THE REPUBLICAN PARTY OF FLORIDA THROUGH MAY 15 DUE TO THE CORONAVIRUS! WE WILL KEEP YOU INFORMED ABOUT FUTURE CLUB ACTIVITIES TO BE HELD AFTER THAT DATE.**

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

I hope all of us stay safe and healthy as we work through the Corona virus pandemic. We ask everyone to follow the guidelines issued by the Task Force and Governor DeSantis—stay home and keep our distance when we have to go out.

The Republican Party of Florida has cancelled all meetings and events through May 15 so we will not hold our May 13 meeting. We will send out information about the IHOP luncheon scheduled for May 27 as soon as possible.

Hopefully, our June 10 meeting will be held as scheduled. We are planning to invite candidates to speak at all of our meeting before the August primary. Several races have more than one Republican candidate, and we want to give our members the opportunity to meet and hear from all of them.

A number of "virtual" Republican meetings will be held during May; we will keep you informed as plans are developed.

Stay safe. If you have any questions, you can reach me at [matt1934@yahoo.com](mailto:matt1934@yahoo.com) or call me at 401-792-8132,

### **May Birthdays**

Richard Angley  
Connie Bruni  
James Clements  
Alison Cutsinger  
Louise Gavlick  
Robert Kostelansky  
Susan MacNevin  
Robert McElrath  
Kari Reed  
Jack Robertson  
Theresa Saus  
Frances Valencic  
Thomas Van Dyke  
Roy Wells  
Allyz Young

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**OUR DEEPEST THANKS TO PRESIDENT TRUMP, VICE PRESIDENT PENCE, AND ALL OF THOSE WHO ARE WORKING SO HARD TO KEEP AMERICA SAFE**



President Trump met with former Coronavirus patients who have fully recuperated from the illness. He invited them to the White House to share their recovery stories with the American people, April 14, 2020.



Some of our dedicated first responders who have been working around the clock to protect American citizens.

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**Monthly RCSSC Executive Board Meeting:** **Cancelled**

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

Barbara Vaughn (2015-2016)  
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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.

**OUR PRESIDENT, Submitted by Dot Scheeres [I think many of us could have written this.]**

I saw this on another page today. I have never read a post so worth the time. I'm reminded to be praying for our president this morning. "I want you to stop for just a minute and look at this picture. This is NOT a political post. This is simply a post that I hope you can find in your heart to think about. Put aside your opinions just for a minute.

It was overwhelming today just thinking about the weight that he must be carrying. I have my little family and they are the only ones who truly depend on me day in and day out. Even with so few, my anxiety level at times is through the roof and I feel like the weight of the world is on me. I know when he signed up for this role, he was willing to take on whatever, but the magnitude of what we're experiencing has got to be paralyzing. Maybe it is—maybe it isn't—but can you imagine? I sat and wondered how he must be dealing with it all. When it's quiet and his head finally hits a pillow after he's been on his feet all day, press conference after briefing after press conference... Does he cry? Is he even able to sleep? Is he scared? Can he shut his mind off?

When I look at our President, I want to see him the way God sees him and I want the Lord to use him for His glory! Whether he's making you proud or not, I'm urging you to look at this photo and ask the Lord to soften your heart to him, lift him up in prayer. He needs them. He's carrying the weight of the world!

Once again... not a political post just want to share what's been heavy on my heart today. I have been forced to rise above my best capabilities many many times... yet nothing like this man is being challenged to do. I am personally pulling for him to do an AMAZING JOB for all of us."

**ISAIAH 41:10**

So do not fear, for I am with you  
Do not be dismayed, for I am your God

I will strengthen you and help you  
I will uphold you with  
My righteous right hand.

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**News about Our Governor**



Governor Ron DeSantis and his wife Casey announced the arrival of their third child, a girl named Mamie. And then the governor crossed the state to update Floridians on the coronavirus. First Lady Casey DeSantis tweeted a picture of the baby and wrote: "Ron and I are beyond blessed to welcome our new baby girl, Mamie to the world. At 7 lb 4 oz she was the smallest of the bunch, but she is already holding her own. Madison and Mason are so excited for their new baby sister!"

**CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR GOVERNOR AND HIS BEAUTIFUL FAMILY!**

**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)

**OUR MEMBERS THOUGHT WE NEEDED SOME LAUGHS AFTER BEING BORED AT HOME FOR SO LONG.**

**Jokes from Our Members**

**Global Recession Submitted by Dot Scheeres**

The recession has hit everybody really hard.

My neighbor got a pre-declined credit card in the mail.

CEO's are now playing miniature golf.

Exxon-Mobil laid off 25 Congressmen.

A stripper was killed when her audience showered her with rolls of pennies while she danced.

I saw a Mormon with only one wife.

If the bank returns your check marked "Insufficient Funds," you call them and ask if they meant you or them.

Angelina Jolie adopted a child from America.

Parents in Beverly Hills fired their nannies and learned their children's names.

My cousin had an exorcism but couldn't afford to pay for it, and they re-possessed her!



**Florida Governor Orders Incoming New Yorkers to Self-Quarantine, By Brian Freeman, *Newsmax.com*, March 24,2020, Submitted by Don O’Nesky.**

Anyone arriving in Florida from airports in New York, New Jersey and Connecticut during the coronavirus outbreak will have to self-quarantine for two weeks or risk facing criminal charges, Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis has declared in an executive order, CNN has reported.

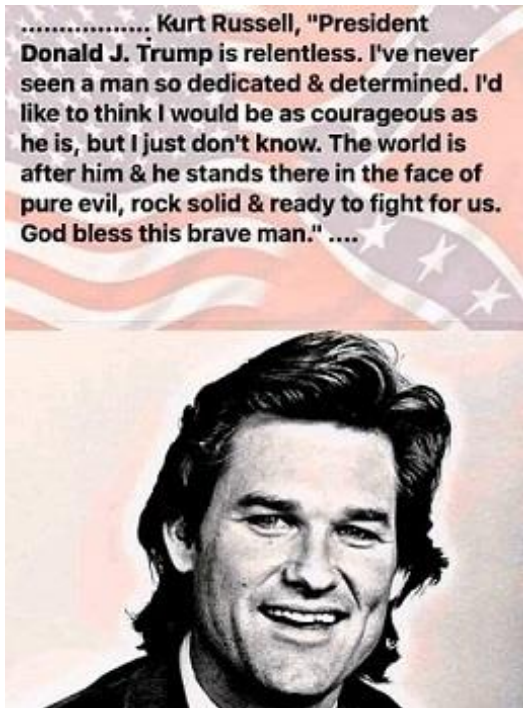
DeSantis, in explaining the directive at a press conference, said “there’s over 190 direct flights from the New York City area to the state of Florida, and I would reckon, given the outbreak there, that every single flight has somebody on it who’s positive for Covid-19.”

The Republican governor added that health and law enforcement officials will take information from every passenger arriving on flights from those states, including people who are intending to stay with family in Florida.

The executive order, issued on Monday, states that any violation would be a second degree misdemeanor that could include jail time, a fine or both. "The Coronavirus is turning the US population into Democrats. We're staying home, not working, complaining about everything, and waiting for a check from the government.

DeSantis said he spoke with President Donald Trump about New York-area residents fleeing to his state, which has a much lower rate of the coronavirus, but has not yet received any federal help in dealing with the problem, according to the New York Post.

New York City Mayor Bill de Blasio criticized the decision by DeSantis, saying “I’m not sure it’s the most enlightened approach.”



A truckload of Americans was caught sneaking into Mexico.

A picture is now only worth 200 words.

When Bill and Hillary travel together, they now have to share a room.

The Treasure Island casino in Las Vegas is now managed by Somali pirates.

And, finally...

I was so depressed last night thinking about the economy, wars, jobs, my savings, Social Security, retirement funds, etc., I called the Suicide Hotline. I got a call center in Pakistan, and when I told them I was suicidal, they got all excited, and asked if I could drive a truck.

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"The Coronavirus is turning the US population into Democrats. We're staying home, not working, complaining about everything, and waiting for a check from the government. HEAVEN HELP US!"  
**Submitted by Lin Hall**

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I grew up with Bob Hope, Steve Jobs, and Johnny Cash. Now there’s no jobs, no cash, and no hope!

Please don't let anything happen to Kevin Bacon! **Submitted by Don O’Nesky**

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**Democrats Might Find It Better to Concede 2020 to Trump, I & I Editorial Board, By Thomas McArdle, March 26, 2020, Excerpts.**



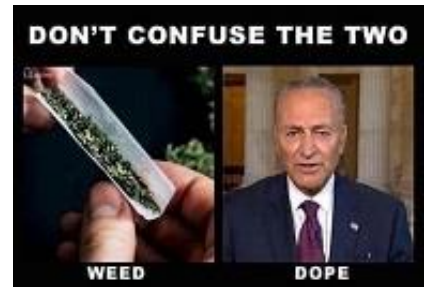
Have you seen the “Reelect Trump” commercials appearing daily on your TV? No, not those produced by the president’s campaign. They’re the marathon press conferences he’s been having in the White House briefing room, standing aside members of the administration’s coronavirus task force. There has never been anything like them. A lot of Americans may be put off by the gruff, in-your-face, even braggadocious manner of leadership exercised by Donald Trump. They may not believe everything they hear this president say. But seeing a 73-year-old tycoon with a reputation for self-promotion, who could be doing any kind of work or leisure he likes, yet instead pressing his nose to the grindstone in public service, day after day – actually hour after hour, apparently – amidst much ridicule, can assuage any and all reservations, probably even for many who voted against him.

“He is being the kind of leader that people need — at least in tone, today and yesterday — that people need and want and yearn for in times of crisis and uncertainty,” said Dana Bash of CNN, not one of this president’s favorite news sources. She said Trump “used the bully pulpit in the way presidents are supposed to.”

In 2010, by which time President Barack Obama had received the Nobel Peace Prize, apparently simply for saying during his 2008 campaign, “America seeks a world with no nuclear weapons,” Jonathan Alter, then with Newsweek, wrote a sycophantic book about Obama entitled “The Promise.” In it, he told of a genius chief executive who wowed everyone around him: “nobody could think of a time when he hadn’t absorbed the briefing material before a meeting.” In fact, the Obama the public came to know was a president whose eloquence usually depended on the presence of a teleprompter

Trump the anti-Obama, by contrast, obviously burns up the phone lines and wears out TV screens watching the cable coverage disdained as worthless by his predecessor. Alter marveled that Obama “frequently called aides around 10 pm to frame the day’s events in terms of what came next,” but is that as mentally engaged as Trump’s “41 tweets an hour between 12 am and 1 am”?

Monday’s press conference began shortly after 6pm and ended after the stroke of 8pm. After his prepared remarks – from which, as usual, the president frequently strayed, adding extemporaneous comments – Trump answered a pointed question about whether he would listen to his medical advisers on when to restore economic activities by pointing out that “parts of our country are very lightly affected. Very small numbers. And, you know, you look at a state — great governor — Pete Ricketts, Nebraska. You look at the kind of numbers they have out there. They have one of the great — one of the great hospitals there, too, relative to what we’re talking about. But you look at Nebraska, you look at Idaho, you look at Iowa, you look at many — I could



name many countries that are handling it very, very well and that are not affected to the same extent, or, frankly, not even nearly to the extent of New York ...

It may not much impress our sophisticated pundits, but Joe and Jane Sixpack recognize someone with as much sweat on his brow as they have on theirs. They also recognize a politician who can't handle what Trump has been saddled with. The 77-year-old prospective Democratic nominee Joe Biden, speaking in a live stream from his home in Wilmington, Delaware on Monday, fumbled all over his words. After calling for more medical personnel to deal with "this crush of cases," Biden added, "And, uh, in addition to that, in addition to that, we have to make sure that, we are ..." Then he motioned to staff to roll the teleprompter before exasperatedly saying, "Well, let me go to the second thing ..."

Democrats and the media apparently don't yet realize it, but it is so bad that – barring a brokered nomination that raises New York's Cuomo to the podium in the summer – the party may even find itself conceding that you cannot win against an incumbent president during a global crisis that he is handling effectively. And according to Gallup, 60% approve of Trump's handling of this emergency. Recall that Thomas Dewey garnered a mere 12 states and 99 electoral votes against Franklin Roosevelt in 1944 as the Second World War neared its final months. Today's war is against COVID-19.

American voters will reward hard work and resolved dedication, even when they disagree with the one who toils on their behalf. It might be better for Democrats to avoid electoral humiliation.



**THIS ARTICLE IS DEDICATED TO THOSE WHO FOUGHT IN SEVERAL WARS TO KEEP OUR COUNTRY FREE! MANY OF US LIVED THROUGH AND REMEMBER THOSE YEARS!**

**LEST WE FORGET--I Talked to a Man Today!** By Anonymous, Submitted by Barbara Burkett, Edited Excerpts.

I talked to a man today—an 80+-year-old man. I asked him if there was anything I could get him while this coronavirus scare was gripping America.

He simply smiled, looked away and said: "Let me tell you what I need! I need to believe that at some point this country that my generation fought for, this nation we handed safely to our children and their children—I need to know that this generation will quit being a bunch of sissies, that they will respect what they've been given, that they will have earned what others sacrificed for."





I wasn't sure where the conversation was going or if it was going anywhere at all. So, I sat there, quietly observing. "You know, I was a little boy during WWII. Those were scary days. We didn't know if we were going to be speaking English, German, or Japanese at the end of the war. There was no certainty, no guarantees like Americans enjoy today.

"And no home went without sacrifice or loss. Every house, up and down every street, had someone in harm's way. Maybe their daddy was a soldier, maybe their son was a sailor, maybe it was an uncle. Sometimes it was the whole damn family...fathers, sons, uncles... Having someone you love sent off to war wasn't less frightening than it is today. If anything, it was more frightening. We didn't have battlefront news, email, or cellphones. You sent them away and you hoped and you prayed. You may not hear from them for months, if ever. Sometimes a mother was getting her son's letters the same day dad was comforting her over their child's death.

"And we sacrificed. You couldn't buy things, everything was rationed. You were only allowed so much milk per month, only so much bread, toilet paper. Everything was restricted for the war effort. And what you didn't need was saved and sorted for the war effort. My generation was the original recycling movement in America.

"And we had viruses back then...serious viruses. Things like polio, measles, and such. It was nothing to walk to school and pass a house or two that was quarantined. We didn't shut down our schools or shut down our cities. We carried on, without masks, without hand sanitizer. And we persevered. We overcame. We didn't attack our president; we came together. We rallied around the flag for the war. Thick or thin, we were in it to win. And we would lose more boys in an hour of combat than we lose in entire wars today."

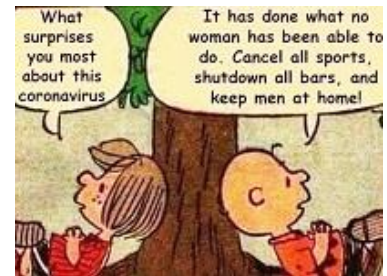
He slowly looked away again. Maybe I saw a small tear in the corner of his eye. Then he continued: "Today's kids don't know sacrifice. To them sacrifice is not having coverage on their phone while they freely drive across the country. In my generation, we looked out for our elders. We helped out with single moms whose husbands were either at war or dead from war. Today's kids rush the store, buying everything they can—no concern for anyone but themselves. It's shameful the way Americans behave these days. Most of them don't deserve the sacrifices their granddads made. So, no I don't need anything. I appreciate your offer but, I know I've been through worse things than this virus.

I smiled, fighting back a tear of my own, now humbled by a man in his 80's. All I could do was thank him for the history lesson, leave my number for emergency and leave with my ego firmly tucked in my rear. I talked to a man today, a real man. An American man from an era long gone and forgotten. We will never understand the sacrifices. We will never fully earn their sacrifices. But we should work harder to learn about them. Learn from them...to respect them.



## MORE QUARANTINE LAUGHS

Submitted by Lin Hall



**Fact: In 4 weeks 88% of blondes will disappear from the earth.**

**Cops these days be like:**



**It's like being 16 again  
Gas is cheap and I'm  
Grounded.**

**Returned from the  
grocery store with  
the hubby. Took  
masks off. It turned  
out it was the wrong  
hubby! Be attentive!**



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**MEMORIAL DAY, MAY 25, 2020**



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