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OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE PINELLAS COUNTY REPUBLICAN EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

## **MONDAY** **April 9, 2018**

Pinellas County  
Republican Executive  
Committee Meeting

6 PM Member Orientation  
Member Training  
Newt Gingrich Video—  
"Defending America"

7 PM Meeting Begins

Feather Sound Country Club  
2201 Feather Sound Drive  
Clearwater, FL 33762

PCREC OFFICE HOURS  
9 AM to 2 PM  
Monday—Friday

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I am excited to announce that the PCREC's annual 2018 Lincoln Day Dinner will be on April 14 at the Marriott Roosevelt. We are honored to have Governor Rick Scott as the keynote speaker. Please join us, and I look forward to seeing many Republican candidates, both local and statewide, at what promises to be an amazing evening.

News broke this week that President Donald Trump's approval rating has climbed seven points in the last month. This is in no doubt due to the extra money in employees' paychecks thanks to the tax reform bill signed late last year. President Trump is going to keep doing what is right for America no matter how much the Democrats and Mainstream Media try to beat him down.

With the end of the Legislative Session last month, we are now in full 2018 midterm election mode. Fundraisers, canvassing and other election activities will be held in abundance from now until November, and I encourage you to support your candidate of choice in the Republican Primaries and then support ALL Republican candidates in November. The Democrats are going to throw everything they have at us this year, and we must defend Republican incumbents and work to increase our majorities in the Florida Legislature and to retake control of the Pinellas County Commission.

I am excited about this year. The Mainstream Media is predicting a Democratic Wave. They also predicted a Hillary Clinton presidency. Lets prove them wrong again!

*Nick DiCeglie*

Chairman, Pinellas Republican Party



## Vice Chairman's Message

# Legislative session takes many important actions

State politics has been consumed by the topic of gun control since the horrible tragedy in Parkland last month, and it seems as though both ends of the political spectrum judged the 2018 legislative session on that issue alone. However, the Florida Legislature, especially members of our own legislative delegation, was very productive and produced a number of rather important pieces of legislation affecting Florida's criminal justice and education systems.

Representative Chris Sprowls sponsored a landmark bill requiring all counties to report an unprecedented amount of information, including arrests, plea bargains and sentences, to FDLE where the information can be standardized and accessible to the public, making Florida one of the most transparent states in the United States. Rep. Sprowls' bill will help Florida identify trends to guide future policy decisions and will ultimately build a sleeker, more cost-efficient criminal justice system. Not even the *New York Times* could ignore Florida Republicans' achievement on this front. Senator Jeff Brandes led an effort to allow local authorities to use civil citations as alternatives to arrests and expand diversion programs for certain non-violent crimes. The legislation gives local law enforcement autonomy to implement these programs and will save tax-payers money by reducing jail populations.

The Republican-led legislature also expanded on last year's sweeping school-choice bill, providing school options to students who are bullied, tutoring scholarships for kids who fail reading tests and allowing private businesses to direct certain taxes to fund scholarships for children with special needs. Republicans also protected the Bright Futures scholarship program and outlawed "free speech zones" on college campuses.

Importantly, Republicans struck a blow to teachers' unions by requiring unions to have 50% of eligible teachers as dues-paying members or be decertified, drawing the ire of liberal editorial boards. As you can see, Republicans continue to improve the lives of Floridians, even when they are not getting any credit for doing so.



— Todd A. Jennings, Esq.

## Notes from the PCREC treasurer:



### Growing our Republican Party success by success

President Donald Trump's first year has seen a landslide of successful initiatives...whether the biased media is reporting them or not. These successes include passing historic tax cuts that have provided more take-home pay and bonuses for American workers; decreasing onerous regulations, allowing businesses to expand or return to the United States, breathing life into shuttered factories and re-employing thousands of laid-off American workers; freeing the U.S. Military to rout ISIS from its "caliphate" lands in Iraq and Syria; enforcing immigration laws and deporting criminal aliens like MS-13 gang members, bringing law and order back to neighborhoods; *and officially recognizing Jerusalem as the Israeli capital and with plans to move the U.S. embassy there.* These are just the headlines.




It is no surprise that so many Democrats—particularly among the "rust belt" and other "blue collar" states like West Virginia—voted for Trump in 2016 and will undoubtedly vote for him again in 2020. These voters will help us grow our national Republican Party, but what about in Florida in 2018? How do we continue to grow our GOP membership in Pinellas County so that we "Keep Pinellas Red" for the uber-important 2018 elections? We need to tout the above Trump successes (and more!) to overcome the "personality argument" used by our opponents, so we can convince undecided voters that only Republican candidates will continue these achievements. Conservatives are known for fact-based discussions, not emotion and hyperbole, so know the facts and issues!

Speaking of facts, today in Pinellas County registered Republicans now outnumber registered Democrats by only 1,158 registered voters—too close for comfort in a critical election year! In addition to trying to increase our margin via *new* voter registrations, we need to convince the 188,124 "Other" voters to re-register as Republican. When you meet these "other" voters, remind them that in Florida, they cannot vote in the primaries unless they are registered to a party (preferably Republican).

So educate yourself on President Trump's first-year accomplishments and be ready and able to name and discuss them. Persuade these "others" that only by keeping Republicans in their local, state, and national elections, will we be able to "Keep American Great!"

—Casey Cox

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS—APRIL 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 	2	3 PCYR	4	5	6 BWRC	7
8	9 PCREC	10 RCTS RRRCTOW	11 SPRC	12 CPRC	13	14  LINCOLN DAY DINNER
15	16 RCGL	17 TBTRC	18	19 NPRC	20	21 TRAINING WORKSHOP
22 	23	24 SLRC	25	26	27	28
29	30					

**BELLEAIR WOMEN'S REPUBLICAN CLUB** (1st Friday of the Month) **FRIDAY April 6 11:30 AM**

Guest Speaker: Passport to Paradise Fashion Show  
 Location: Belleair Country Club, 1 Country Club Lane, Belleair  
 Contact: President Doris Kasold (703) 517-6770 [Doriskasold@gmail.com](mailto:Doriskasold@gmail.com) [www.BelleairWomensRepublicanClub.com](http://www.BelleairWomensRepublicanClub.com)

**CENTRAL PINELLAS REPUBLICAN CLUB** (2nd Thursday of the Month) **THURSDAY April 12 11:30 AM**

Guest Speaker: Carlos Thomas, Pinellas County Tax Collector  
 Location: 9100 113th Street North, Room 210, Seminole  
 Contact: President Barbara Stephens (727) 397-3449 [barbarasteve2@yahoo.com](mailto:barbarasteve2@yahoo.com)

**HISPANIC REPUBLICAN CLUB & OUTREACH OF PINELLAS COUNTY**

Contact: President Chely Hernandez-Miller (727) 434-4008 [HRCPC08@aol.com](mailto:HRCPC08@aol.com)

**NORTH PINELLAS REPUBLICAN CLUB** (3rd Thursday of the Month) **THURSDAY April 19 6 PM**

Guest Speaker: Deborah Clark, Pinellas County Supervisor of Elections—Elections and Registration Report  
 Location: Leo's Italian Grill, 33286 US 19 N, Palm Harbor 34684  
 Contact: Ron Walker (727) 639-1511 [northpinellasrepublicanclub@gmail.com](mailto:northpinellasrepublicanclub@gmail.com)

**PINELLAS COUNTY REPUBLICAN EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE** (2nd Monday of the Month) **MONDAY April 9 7 PM**

Guest Speaker: TBA  
 Location: Feather Sound Country Club, 2201 Feather Sound Drive, Clearwater 33762  
 Contact: Charlotte Smith (727) 539-6009 [info@PinellasRepublicans.com](mailto:info@PinellasRepublicans.com) [www.PinellasRepublicans.com](http://www.PinellasRepublicans.com)

**PINELLAS COUNTY YOUNG REPUBLICANS** (1st Tuesday of the Month) **TUESDAY April 3 7 PM**

Guest Speaker: Florida Representative Jamie Grant  
 Location: St. Petersburg Yacht Club, 11 Central Ave, St. Petersburg, FL 33701  
 Contact: Justin Homburg (727) 773-7965 [jhomburg@law.stetson.edu](mailto:jhomburg@law.stetson.edu)

**PINELLAS SUNCOAST BLACK REPUBLICAN CLUB**

Contact: President Sheila Griffin (727) 373-3847 [psbrcl@yahoo.com](mailto:psbrcl@yahoo.com)

**REPUBLICAN CLUB OF GREATER LARGO** (3rd Monday of the Month) **MONDAY April 16 7 PM**

Guest Speaker: TBA  
 Location: Alfano's Restaurant, 1702 Clearwater Largo Road, Clearwater, FL 33756  
 Contact: Kimberly Berfield (727) 244-8947 [kimberlybrfield@yahoo.com](mailto:kimberlybrfield@yahoo.com) [http://largorepublicans.com](http://http://largorepublicans.com)

**REPUBLICAN CLUB OF TARPON SPRINGS** (2nd Tuesday of the Month) **TUESDAY April 10 6:30 PM**

Guest Speaker: Workshop  
 Location: Queen's Pizza, 40949 US Hwy 19 North, Tarpon Springs, FL  
 Contact: President Chris Paras (727) 518-5316 [proudamerican199@yahoo.com](mailto:proudamerican199@yahoo.com)

**RONALD REAGAN REPUBLICAN CLUB OF TOP OF THE WORLD** (2nd Tuesday of the Month) **TUESDAY April 10 7 PM**

Guest Speaker: Pinellas County Commissioner Dave Eggers  
 Location: Craft Room WEST Activity Center, Top of the World  
 Contact: Bea Pacelli (312) 217-4940

**ST. PETERSBURG REPUBLICAN CLUB** (2nd Wednesday of the Month) **WEDNESDAY April 11 7 PM**

Guest Speaker: Deborah Clark, Pinellas County Supervisor of Elections  
 Location: St. Petersburg Community Church, 4501 30th Avenue North, St. Petersburg 33713  
 Contact: President Gail Hebert (727) 526-2492 [SPRC@PinellasRepublicans.com](mailto:SPRC@PinellasRepublicans.com)

**SUNRISE LEADERSHIP REPUBLICAN CLUB** (4th Tuesday of the Month) **TUESDAY April 24 7:30 AM**

Guest Speaker: TBA  
 Location: Perkins Restaurant, 2626 Gulf to Bay Blvd., Clearwater 33759  
 Contact: President Bruce Rector (727) 507-1710 [brucearector@aol.com](mailto:brucearector@aol.com)

**TAMPA BAY TRUMP REPUBLICAN CLUB** (3rd Tuesday Every Other Month) **TUESDAY APRIL 17 6:30 PM**

Guest Speaker: Supporters of the Trump Agenda  
 Location: Mugs Sports Bar & Grill, 13563 Icot Blvd., Clearwater 33760  
 Contact: President James Stratton (727) 410-6758 [tampabaytrumpclub@gmail.com](mailto:tampabaytrumpclub@gmail.com) Facebook: Tampa Bay Trump Club



# *Ivory Club Spring Fling is fun for all*



Thank you to Ava Lawrence and Marc Silver for hosting the Ivory Club Spring Fling in their beautiful Palm Harbor home. It was a perfect evening as guests enjoyed delicious food, good wine and great political conversation. An added serendipity to the evening was beautiful show tunes and classical music performed by concert pianist Angela Baptiste.



## **Membership mixer is a success**

Adam Ross is shown speaking to prospective PCREC members at Courtside Grill Feather Sound. The PCREC Membership Committee hosted the Meet & Greet on March 8. PCREC officers, the executive director and membership administrative team were in attendance to welcome and answer questions posed by those interested in learning more about the local Republican Party and the duties of a committeeman or committeewoman. The evening was both fun and educational, and at the end of the evening, 12 new applications were collected and several others in attendance took membership applications home with them. The Membership Committee is planning to make this a quarterly event and would welcome suggestions regarding potential locations thought out the county.

Calling All Republicans

**VOLUNTEER**

*all that's missing is U!*

**PCREC Members & Volunteer  
Training Workshop**

9 A.M. – Noon  
Saturday, April 21, 2018

Feather Sound Country Club  
2201 Feather Sound Drive  
Clearwater, FL 33762

Pinellas County Executive Committee  
4707 140<sup>th</sup> Avenue North, Suite 208, Clearwater, FL 33762  
(727) 539-6009 or info@PinellasRepublicans.com



# Time to make your reservation

## *2018 Annual Lincoln Day Dinner*

### Saturday, April 14th

### Keynote Speaker:

### Florida Governor Rick Scott



St. Petersburg Marriott Clearwater  
12600 Roosevelt Boulevard  
St. Petersburg 33716

VIP Reception

6:00 P.M.

General Reception & Silent Auction

6:00 P.M.

Dinner Served

7:30 P.M.

#### **INDIVIDUAL TICKETS:**

Price		Quantity	Subtotal
\$130	PCREC/GOP Club Membership	_____	_____
\$160	Dinner Ticket	_____	_____
\$250	Chairman's Reception Ticket (includes Dinner)	_____	_____

**TOTAL:** \_\_\_\_\_

I regret that I am unable to attend. However, I would like to send a contribution to help the Republican Party.

Contribution enclosed:    \_\_\_ \$100    \_\_\_ \$50    \_\_\_ \$25    Other \$ \_\_\_\_\_

#### **REQUIRED INFORMATION:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Company Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Check enclosed, made payable to "PCREC". Mail to "Pinellas County Republican Executive Committee office,  
4707- 140<sup>th</sup> Avenue North, Suite 208, Clearwater, FL 33762"

Charge to:     Visa     Mastercard     American Express

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\*Signature: \_\_\_\_\_



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### **Barbara Stephens: Teacher, Leader, Activist and Lover of Life**

Barbara Little Stephens was born in Indiana to a Quaker family. She is best known to us as the Club President of the Central Pinellas Republican Club for the past 16+ years.

Barbara received a Bachelor's Degree in Education from Earlham College, a masters degree from Butler University and did post-graduate work in education at Nova University. Her long history of teaching has been in elementary, high school and at Nova University.

In addition to being a strong advocate for "Right to Life" and having a love of public speaking, Barbara has been involved in local and presidential political campaigns for many years. She is an active member of Northside Baptist Church where she has been awarded "servant" of the month and currently teaches bible study. She has one daughter, Mary, four grandchildren, two great grand babies and a pug named Winston.

Barbara Stephens truly loves people and is admired because of her positive attitude and willingness to always help others.

### PCREC BOARD

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**Brian Aungst—Legal Counsel**

**Questions? Comments? Suggestions?**  
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### STATE PARTY OFFICIALS

Blaise Ingoglia	Chairman-Republican Party of FL
Dan Tucker	State Committeeman
Nancy Riley	State Committeewoman
Jay J. Beyrouti	State Committeeman at Large

**Attention PCREC Members:**

RPOF County Model Constitution: Section 4—Removal for Non-Attendance at County Executive Committee Meetings  
(a) A county executive committee member who is absent for three (3) consecutive regular meetings without a valid excuse shall be removed from the County Executive committee as of the date of the third consecutive missed meeting.