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OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE PINELLAS COUNTY REPUBLICAN EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

## **MONDAY** **May 14, 2018**

Pinellas County  
Republican Executive  
Committee Meeting

6 PM Member Orientation  
Member Training

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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As we move into May, temperatures are rising as are the number of activities of various candidates for offices. I’m encouraged by the number of fundraisers and canvassing events that come into my email every week. All of our Republican candidates must be well-funded to beat back the Democrats this fall.

As Republicans, we have a duty to ensure President Donald Trump is supported for the great accomplishments he has achieved in the last 16 months: enacting tax reform; putting conservative, strict constitutionalist judges on the federal bench and Supreme Court; brokering a potential peace with North Korea; and holding Syria accountable for its atrocious chemical attacks. All of these, and many more, would not have happened if Hillary Clinton had become President.

While there are contested primaries this August, we must all come together on August 29th and work hard to win in November. Thank you for your dedication to the Republican Party and the United States of America.

*Nick DiCeglie*

Chairman, Pinellas Republican Party



**REMEMBRANCE DAY**  
*Left We Forget*

Memorial Day, originally called Decoration Day, originated after the Civil War and is a day of remembrance for those who have died in service of the United States of America. A “National Moment of Remembrance” resolution was passed by Congress in 2000 asking that at 3 pm every Memorial Day, all Americans in an act of unity “voluntarily and informally observe in their own way a moment of remembrance and respect, pausing from whatever they are doing for a moment of silence or listening to ‘Taps.’” Please don’t forget to do so at 3 pm on Monday, May 28.



## Vice Chairman's Message

### Vetting of judicial candidates is crucial for the future

First and foremost, I want to congratulate PCREC Chairman Nick DiCeglie on another successful Lincoln Day Dinner. The dinner provided a wonderful opportunity to showcase our great organization while hosting Governor Rick Scott on the heels of his declaring his candidacy for the United States Senate. I also want to thank PCREC Executive Director Charlotte Smith and her team of volunteers for putting together a great event on a truncated schedule. Charlotte and our volunteers also deserve a hand for organizing another successful volunteer training workshop in April.

As you know, there are throngs of critical elections coming up in November, each of which will have implications for the state of Florida for years to come. However, I want to focus on another group of elections coming up in August that will have a much longer impact on Pinellas County—the election of circuit and county judges. Judicial races are non-partisan, and the rules governing judges and judicial candidates restrict the ability of a judicial candidate to reach a partisan audience. Thus, it is incumbent on us as members of PCREC to ensure that Republican voters makes the correct selections come August.

Please take the time to vet the candidates so you know who has the proper judicial philosophy in addition to who has the requisite skills and temperament. Ignore those who tell you that judicial philosophy is of no consequence at the county and circuit level. To the



contrary, circuit and county judges are our primary decision-makers, and it is vital we elect judges who adhere to the rule of law and who hold conservative views on judicial interpretation. Support the right candidates and help them get the word out.

— Todd A. Jennings, Esq.

### Notes from the PCREC secretary:



### The long way home

Recently, my husband and I were taking a walk all the way to the northern part of Honeymoon Island. In my humble opinion, although the walk was long, in conjunction with tripping over mangrove roots, the scenery was beautiful, coupled with perfect weather. Returning to our car in the southern direction, the wind became rather strong, thus making it more physically challenging. We thought the three mile walk back would never end. Along the way, however, I came upon a beautiful miniature conch shell and likened it to a reward for persevering.



We, as Republicans and as Americans, need to persevere and work hard to elect and or reelect our Republican candidates this November. The road may be a long one with lots of challenges and marginalized hope, but our reward for working hard, getting out the vote and securing victory for not only our Party but for our country will be worth the sacrifice. Let us not become discouraged by listening to the media discuss the impending “Blue Wave”. Despite the doom and gloom that the media tries to expound upon us, as long as we pull together, volunteer, talk to our neighbors, write out letters to the editor, and participate in activities such as voter registration, we will win! For the sake of our country and for future generations, let us rise to these challenges and let victory be our conch shell.

—Pam McAloon



**SAVE THE DATE:**  
**Republican Party of Florida**  
2018 Sunshine Summit  
June 28 & 29  
Orlando, Florida

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS—MAY 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 PCYR	2	5	4 BWRC	5
6	7	8 RCTS RRRCTOW	9 SPRC	10 CPRC	11	12
13 	14 PCREC	15	16	17 NPRC	18	19
20	21 RCGL	22 SLRC	23	24 PSBRC	25	26
27	28 	29	30	31		

**BELLEAIR WOMEN'S REPUBLICAN CLUB** (1st Friday of the Month) **FRIDAY May 4 11:30 AM**

Guest Speaker: Judicial Jamboree  
 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 May 10 11:30 AM**

Guest Speaker: Primary Candidate Forum  
 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 May 17 6 PM**

Guest Speaker: Scott Santamaria, RPOF  
 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 May 14 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 May 1 7 PM**

Guest Speaker: Florida Representative Chris Latvala  
 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** (4th Thursday of the Month) **THURSDAY May 24 6:30PM**

Guest Speaker: TBA  
 Location: 10300 49th Street N, Clearwater 33762  
 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 May 21 7 PM**

Guest Speaker: Republican Candidates for County Commission, Dist. 6—Larry Ahern, Barb Haselden & Kathleen Peters  
 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>

**REPUBLICAN CLUB OF TARPON SPRINGS** (2nd Tuesday of the Month) **TUESDAY May 8 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 May 8 7 PM**

Guest Speaker: Panel Discussion  
 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 May 9 7 PM**

Guest Speaker: Peggy O'Shea, Pinellas County School Board  
 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 May 22 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 June 19 6:30 PM**

Guest Speaker: TBA  
 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

# W. C. "Bill" Young Public Service Award presented to Paul Bedinghaus

The annual W. C. "Bill" Young Public Service Award was presented at the Lincoln Day Dinner to former PCREC Chairman Paul Bedinghaus by last year's recipient, Congressman Gus Bilirakis. As someone with personal relationships with both Congressman Young and Chairman Bedinghaus, Bilirakis gave an impassioned introduction of the recipient. The following is excerpted from his speech:

"Paul Bedinghaus set standards within our county party that have yet to be matched. He became chairman at a time when the executive committee needed his leadership to restore its traditional Republican values. Though the youngest to take the chairmanship, he was proudly 'old school' and, among many other things, brought back the invocation at the start of each executive committee meeting. He knew that God's blessings provided the strength and guidance we would need to succeed.

"And succeed we did under his leadership. He made it a point to attend EVERY club meeting in Pinellas County. And, through his hands-on approach, he was able to grow membership to the highest number in PCREC history. This guy oozed Republicanism!

"He served as chairman for 10 years! Politics is a blood sport even within our own party, so to serve that long is quite an accomplishment. It shows that he was respected and well liked by all factions of the party. He took on challenges like a champion. Under his leadership, the Ivory Club became an incredible fundraising arm for the party. And a great fundraiser he was. Leave it up to an astute bean counter to rake in the dollars needed to run a growing party during our most critical growth. He was there when Republicans took over the majority in Congress in 1995. And he was there in 2000 during the Bush/Gore showdown. Remember how fun "hanging chads" were?

"As if being the longest serving Chairman wasn't enough, he went on to serve as RPOF State Committeeman and State Treasurer. Today he continues to show his love of the GOP by mentoring young activists and always supporting Young Republicans."



## *Thank you to the 2018* Lincoln Day Dinner Sponsors

Senator Jeff Brandes

U.S. Congressman Gus Bilirakis

Tom Brew

Fred Bullard

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State Representative

Representative Jamie Grant

Representative Kathleen Peters /  
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# Lincoln Day Dinner





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4707 140th Avenue North, Suite 208  
Clearwater, FL 33762



### **Helena Nunn: The Thinking Woman's Activist**

Helena Nunn is a shining example of an effective Precinct Committeewoman. She participates in PCREC activities, walks her precincts and is active in the North Pinellas Republican Club as

well as in the NPRC Book Club. She became a strong admirer of Ronald Reagan after moving to California while he was governor. Her husband, a college professor and devotee of Milton Friedman, reinforced her conservatism by educating her on the value of capitalism and free markets.

Holding a BA in biology at Mt. Holyoke College and an MA degree in parasitology from FSU and as a mother of two, Helena fully understands the need to preserve our country. She says "I go yearly to San Francisco and Hingham, Massachusetts to visit my daughters and their families. Unfortunately, our country has changed. Today, San Francisco streets are littered with needles, debris, homeless and illegals. The same is true in LA. People like me have seen what happens when states turn blue and CA, NY, NJ, etc. are prime examples. I am now focused on helping the Republican Party of Pinellas County and my local club, NPRC, by volunteering whenever I can."

### 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.