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OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE PINELLAS COUNTY REPUBLICAN EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

MONDAY January 14

Pinellas County
Republican Executive
Committee Meeting

6 PM Prospective Member/New
Member Orientation
7 PM General Meeting

GUEST SPEAKERS:
Senator Jeff Brandes
Representative James Grant

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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First, I want to thank all of you for your vote of confidence and the opportunity to serve as your chairman. The PCREC has always had committed leaders, and I will work to carry on that tradition.

You hear it every election season: “This is the most important election of our lifetimes.” Each

cycle, I disagree with that sentiment because every election cycle is important. While President Reagan famously quipped that “Freedom is never more than one generation away from extinction,” it feels as if our principles and values are now threatened each election cycle in the polarization of the 21st century.

Now that the holidays are behind us, it is time to get back to task on protecting our vision for our community, state and nation. The PCREC’s focus this year will be on voter registration, fundraising, membership and other matters that will help us build a solid team for 2020. I implore all of you to contribute whatever resources you can this year to help set Republicans up for success in what will likely be the next most important election of our lifetimes.

Todd A. Jennings, Esq.
Chairman, Pinellas Republican Party



Vice Chairman's Message

In the new year

The elections and the holidays are over, and my hope and resolution for the New Year is that we, along with our families and friends, will resolve ourselves to calmly discuss issues that affect our country, its citizens and future generations.

Many people, with whom I have had this discussion, have said that divisive issues, particularly within the family arena, are never discussed since someone will always be offended. My viewpoint centers upon "teaching moments" whereby everyone can refocus and learn as would be the case, for example, in a book club discussion.

Many families are politically purple. Many people feel fatigued from the daily, if not hourly, media assault on our President. Our country is divided; no doubt about it.

America has been divided many times in her young history. She was founded upon a debate. Had our Founding Fathers been timid and unable to evoke compromise, the great "American Experiment" may have never seen the light of day.

In this New Year, may we together, as families, and with our friends, enjoy the fruits of the labors of the many men and women who unselfishly, and bravely made sacrifices which have ultimately been gifted to us by freely celebrating our differences of



opinion and yet coming together as Americans without intimidation. We cannot afford to be politically correct. The truth is owed to our country.

—Pam McAloon
PCREC Vice Chair

PCREC General Counsel Brian Aungst, Jr. resigns

The following letter was received by PCREC Chairman Todd Jennings on December 11, 2018:

Good morning Mr. Chairman:

Congratulations again on your election last evening to serve as PCREC Chairman. It is well deserved, and I know you will do an outstanding job for our Party, our donors, and our members.

As we have discussed, after 5 ½ years of service, I am submitting my resignation to you as General Counsel of the PCREC. We have accomplished many things since 2013, including wins in the special election to succeed Congressman Young, Gov. Scott's re-election in 2014, Donald Trump's victory in Pinellas County in 2016, and the recent elections of Gov. Scott to the US Senate and Congressman DeSantis to succeed Gov. Scott. Along the way we have trained hundreds of volunteers as poll watchers and voter registrars. I have also assisted in protecting the interests of the PCREC including: working with the RPOF to protect the GOP brand from unauthorized use; enforcing the RPOF Rules and Constitution as it relates to the Oaths of our members; avoiding payment of any funds to the bankruptcy Estate of A.K. Desai; and drafting Rules and Procedures for any resolutions to be considered by our members. We have also endorsed several successful judicial candidates to the local bench.

As you know, per Section 8 of the Model Constitution, you may appoint a General Counsel to serve as a non-voting member of the County Executive Board. It is my understanding that you intend to appoint Adam Ross as my successor. I hold Adam in the highest esteem as a lawyer and a committed volunteer leader of the PCREC. Adam took the lead and oversaw our involvement in the machine and manual recounts after the 2018 election and assisted me in training our poll watchers and supervising them on Election Day. He will make an outstanding General Counsel and will serve you and the PCREC well.

It has been a real pleasure to serve Chairmen Guju and DiCeglie. Charlotte Smith made my job easy and she is an invaluable asset to the PCREC. I will continue to be an active member of the PCREC and to attend meetings. I am always willing to help the PCREC in any capacity that you see fit.


Thank you,
Brian



Defining dedication

At the December PCREC meeting, Janice Hill (right, in blue) received a standing ovation from fellow members and guests as she was awarded a pin for 40 years of service by Chairman Todd Jennings (left).

CALENDAR OF EVENTS—JANUARY 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 PCREC OFFICE CLOSED	2	3	4 BWRC	5
6	7	8 PCRHO PCYR RRRCTOW	9 SPRC	10 CPRC	11	12
13	14 PCREC	15 PCRHO	16	17 NPRC	18	19
20	21 RCGL	22 PCRHO SLRC	23	24 PSBRC	25	26
27	28	29 PCRHO	30	31		

- BELLEAIR WOMEN'S REPUBLICAN CLUB** (1st Friday of the Month) **FRIDAY January 4 11:30 AM**
 Guest Speaker: Dr. Susan McManus, USF Distinguished Professor Emeritus, Dept. of Gov. & International Affairs
 Location: Belleair Country Club, 1 Country Club Lane, Belleair 33756
 Contact: President Doris Kasold (703) 517-6770 DorisKasold@gmail.com www.BelleairWomensRepublicanClub.com
- CENTRAL PINELLAS REPUBLICAN CLUB** (2nd Thursday of the Month) **THURSDAY January 10 11:30 AM**
 Guest Speaker: Major Jay Hebert on "History of Islam"
 Location: 9100 113th Street North, Room 210, Seminole 33772
 Contact: President Barbara Stephens (727) 397-3449 barbarasteve2@yahoo.com CPRC@PinellasRepublicans.com
- NORTH PINELLAS REPUBLICAN CLUB** (3rd Thursday of the Month) **THURSDAY January 17 6 PM**
 Guest Speaker: Christmas Party
 Location: Leo's Italian Grill, 33286 US 19 N, Palm Harbor 34684
 Contact: Ron Walker (727) 639-1511 northpinellasrepublicanclub@gmail.com
- PINELLAS COUNTY REPUBLICAN EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE** (2nd Monday of the Month) **MONDAY January 14 7 PM**
 Program: Senator Jeff Brandes
 Location: Feather Sound Country Club, 2201 Feather Sound Drive, Clearwater 33762
 Contact: Charlotte Smith (727) 539-6009 info@PinellasRepublicans.com www.PinellasRepublicans.com
- PINELLAS COUNTY REPUBLICAN HISPANIC OUTREACH** (Every Tuesday) **TUESDAY January 8, 15, 22, 29 9 AM—2 PM**
 * By appointment only
 Location: 4707 140th Avenue North, Suite 208, Clearwater, FL 33762
 Contact: (727) 539-6009 info@PinellasRepublicans.com www.PinellasRepublicans.com
- PINELLAS COUNTY YOUNG REPUBLICANS** (2nd Tuesday of the Month) **TUESDAY January 8 6 PM**
 Guest Speaker: TBD
 Location: St. Petersburg Yacht Club, 11 Central Avenue, St. Petersburg 33701
 Contact: Justin Homburg (727) 773-7965 jhomburg@law.stetson.edu
- PINELLAS SUNCOAST BLACK REPUBLICAN CLUB** (4th Thursday of the Month) **THURSDAY January 24 6 PM**
 Guest Speaker: No meeting
 Location: Datex Commerce Center, 10300 49th Street N., Clearwater 33762
 Contact: President Sheila Griffin (727) 373-3847 psbrcl@yahoo.com
- REPUBLICAN CLUB OF GREATER LARGO** (3rd Monday of the Month) **MONDAY January 21 7 PM**
 Guest Speaker: TBD
 Location: Alfano's Restaurant, 1702 Clearwater Largo Road, Clearwater, FL 33756
 Contact: Kimberly Berfield (727) 244-8947 kimberlyberfield@yahoo.com <http://largorepublicans.com>
- RONALD REAGAN REPUBLICAN CLUB OF TOP OF THE WORLD** (2nd Tuesday of the Month) **TUESDAY January 8 7 PM**
 Guest Speaker: Open forum to discuss 2018 election results
 Location: Craft Room WEST Activity Center, Top of the World 33763
 Contact: Bea Pacelli (312) 217-4940 beapacelli@aol.com
- ST. PETERSBURG REPUBLICAN CLUB** (2nd Wednesday of the Month) **WEDNESDAY January 9 7 PM**
 Guest Speaker: New PCREC Chairman Todd Jennings on his vision for PCREC
 Location: St. Petersburg Community Church, 4501 30th Avenue North, St. Petersburg 33713
 Contact: President Gail Hebert (727) 526-2492 SPRC@PinellasRepublicans.com
- SUNRISE LEADERSHIP REPUBLICAN CLUB** (4th Tuesday of the Month) **TUESDAY January 22 7 PM**
 Guest Speaker: New PCREC Secretary Sheila Griffin
 Location: Perkins Restaurant, 2626 Gulf to Bay Blvd., Clearwater 33759
 Contact: President Bruce Rector (727) 507-1710 brucearector@aol.com
- TAMPA BAY TRUMP REPUBLICAN CLUB** (3rd Tuesday Every Other Month) **TUESDAY February 19 6:30 PM**
 Guest Speaker: TBD
 Location: Mugs Sports Bar & Grill, 13563 Icot Blvd., Clearwater 33760
 Contact: President James Stratton (727) 410-6758 tampabaytrumpclub@gmail.com Facebook: Tampa Bay Trump Club



Ivory Club Joy to Pinellas



PCREC Angel Tree helps foster kids

At the December PCREC meeting, Jacky Logemann(left) watches as Sue Berfield (right) presents her Angel Tree donation of a wrapped present to Susan Avalos (center). The collected holiday gifts were given to children in the Pinellas County foster care program.

Save The Date

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THIRD
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SHOOTOUT
January 19, 2019

Meet the 2018-20 PCREC officers

Chairman Todd Jennings:

Todd has been a member of PCREC since 2012 and served as Vice Chairman from 2014-2018. He also founded and served as President of Pinellas County Young Republicans from 2011-2012. He is a commissioner on the Sixth Judicial Circuit Judicial Nominating Commission and Chair of the LiFT Academy Development Council. Todd is an attorney in Clearwater with McFarlane, Ferguson & McMullen, PA, one of the oldest law firms in Florida. His primary areas of practice are in business, real estate and civil litigation. He holds a B.S. in Nuclear Engineering from the University of Tennessee and earned his J.D. from the University of Florida Levin College of Law in 2011. Todd served as a Naval Officer aboard the Ohio-class ballistic missile submarine, USS Maryland SSBN 738. He and his wife Rachel have two children, Evelyn and Grayson, and are expecting a third, Ellis, in March.

Vice Chairman Pam McAloon:

Pam is a registered nurse with a bachelor degree in healthcare management. She practiced in the arenas of critical care, clinical and oncology research 1972- 2002. She has three children and eight grandchildren. She served as vice president of the County Medical Auxiliary 1983-1985 and was elected to the School Advisory Council 1992-1994. Pam successfully lobbied to have flashing lights installed along Tampa Road in front of Palm Harbor Middle School after a fatal accident involving a 14-year-old boy occurred. She also successfully lobbied the division of traffic engineering and the Board of County Commissioners to have a traffic light installed on the corner of Delaware and Omaha by Palm Harbor University and to open the vacant land across the street for student



parking to relieve traffic congestion before and after school hours. Pam is a past member of Palm Harbor Chamber of Commerce, past president and secretary of North Pinellas Republican Club (2008-2012), past secretary of PCREC (2014-2018) and a past 10-year Clearwater Free Clinic volunteer (2007-2017). Her husband is a retired oncologist, and they enjoy vacationing and spending time with family in their mountain house in North Carolina.

Secretary Sheila Griffin:

Sheila has been a registered Republican since the age of 18 and has been a PCREC member since 2013. In addition to being a member of the St. Petersburg Republican Club, Sheila has been president of the Pinellas Suncoast Black Republican Club since 2014. Sheila holds a B.S. in psychology, a J.D. and LLM in international law, a master's in public administration and a master's in theology. Her Christian faith has driven many of her activities, including her work on behalf of volunteer board adoption agencies, being a volunteer youth instructor at Gibbs High School, and as co-pastor of International Kingdom

Builders, Inc. In addition to her educational qualifications and work experience, Sheila's positive attitude will make her a natural fit on the PCREC Board. Sheila and her husband Michael reside in Clearwater.

Treasurer Casey Cox:

Casey's re-election as treasurer underscores his popularity among PCREC members, who have confidence in his proven abilities as steward of PCREC financial matters. Since joining PCREC in 2012, Casey has held a number of positions on the board, including Secretary from 2012-2014 and treasurer since 2014. He is also active in the Republican Club of Greater Largo. In addition, Casey is a visible presence at PCREC HQ, where he is always willing to undertake any task. He retired from a successful career as a Major League baseball pitcher, having played for the Washington Senators, Texas Rangers and New York Yankees. After leaving MLB, Casey undertook a second winning career as an insurance executive in his own firm in St. John's County. He and his wife Jan are Ivory Club members; they live in Feather Sound where PCREC meetings are held.



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Adam Ross: New General Counsel

Chairman Todd Jennings has appointed a new General Counsel: Adam McGill Ross. Many have gotten to know Adam over the last few years and during his

tenure as chair of the Membership Committee. Since becoming a member of PCREC, Adam has volunteered in many ways. Last year, he was busy assisting with the 2018 Membership Initiative, which brought new people and new generations into PCREC. When machine and manual recounts took place during the November elections, Adam assisted with the process by observing the recounts and coordinating volunteers.

Adam brings with him a diversified professional background. He began his professional career on Wall Street at Lek Securities Corporation at One Liberty Plaza in Manhattan. Upon completion of law school and admission as a member of the Florida Bar Association, Adam began to work as an Assistant State Attorney in 2011. Adam currently works as executive director for State Attorney Bernie McCabe.

Adam began working in Republican politics as a college Republican, and he has been involved in local Florida legislative and judicial races for several years. As an appointee by Senator Marco Rubio, Adam currently serves on the federal Judicial Nominating Commission. He has attended Episcopal Church of the Ascension in Clearwater for several years and currently serves on its board of directors.

PCREC BOARD

Todd Jennings, Chairman

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Pam McAloon, Vice Chairman

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Sheila Griffin, Secretary

Secretary@PinellasRepublicans.com

Casey Cox, Treasurer

Treasurer@PinellasRepublicans.com

Charlotte Smith, Executive Director

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Adam McGill Ross—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.