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OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE PINELLAS COUNTY REPUBLICAN EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

MONDAY **February 11**

 Pinellas County
 Republican Executive
 Committee Meeting

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

 GUEST SPEAKER:
 Kathleen Peters,
 County Commissioner

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

 PCREC OFFICE HOURS
 9AM to 4PM

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During last month's meeting of the Pinellas GOP, I touched on the historical differences between Republicans and Democrats, namely the difference between those that defend the rule of law that holds up our republic, and those that assault the rule of law in the name of absolute democracy. In the weeks since, we have seen that assault intensify, and witnessed the now unmasked Democrat party continue its Bolshevik march to the left.

It was not too long ago that class warfare and collectivism was taboo. Even Barack Obama eloquently tiptoed around furthering progressive taxation and single-payer healthcare in his rhetoric while championing the same in his policies. However, lately, with the rise of radical collectivists like Elizabeth Warren, Ilhan Omar and Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez, we have seen class warfare again become mainstream thought and its boundaries expanded well beyond the mantra of "paying a fair share."

Not to be outdone by Representative Cortez's call for a 70% tax on the wealthy, a tax that would ultimately drive wealth and capital out of the country, Senator Warren recently proposed an additional wealth tax that, in practice, would amount to nothing short of a government seizure. While courts and lawmakers, like Senator Jeff Brandes, have sought to enhance due process in civil forfeiture schemes, Senator Warren proposes to seize assets under the guise of a tax, eschewing the procedural protections that have long shaped private property rights.

In short, prominent Democrats are championing a message that success must be punished, due process and the rule of law be damned. This opens the door for Republicans to draw a definitive distinction and stand as the party of law and opportunity. In 21st century Florida, especially, we are the party that provides choice in education and healthcare, economic mobility, and prioritizes private property **rights over the rights of government. Let's focus on getting that message out and setting ourselves up for success in 2020.**

- Todd Jennings,

Chairman, Pinellas Republican Party



Vice Chairman's Message

Protect Our Country

Thomas Paine, author of “Common Sense” and “The Crisis,” wrote on December 23rd, 1776, “THESE are the times that try men's souls. The summer soldier and the sunshine patriot will, in this crisis, shrink from the service of their country; but he that stands by it now, deserves the love and thanks of man and woman.” Our country is in a state of crisis. We are standing on the threshold of Socialism and cannot afford to be a “sunshine patriot.”

The contentiousness of the Democrat Party and their unwillingness to compromise or even negotiate policy with our President, is not only callous and hypocritical, it is disingenuous, immature, and dangerous to the long term viability of our nation.

We, the grassroots of our Party, however, will become part of the solution instead of being part of the problem. Bringing a friend to a PCREC meeting and encouraging new members to become involved in activities that are suitable to their talents, are important functions on the grassroots level that ultimately supports our Republican candidates who believe in the founding principles of our Party and of our country. Our Party has traditionally believed that government's limited role is to protect life, liberty, and property. The individual has the right to charter his own course.



Let us not be fooled by the Left's desire to window dress socialism as “Democrat Socialism.” Socialism is Socialism. We must firmly stand together and fight for the liberties we have taken for granted.

- Pam McAloon,
Vice Chairman

Notes from the PCREC treasurer



United We Stand




What do you think of the new Democrat-controlled House of Representatives so far? In their first few weeks, Democrat incoming freshman congresswomen have publicly called to “impeach the [expletive]”, called our President a racist, and declared Jewish people to be evil. What was Speaker Nancy Pelosi's response? Nothing. On the Republican side, we had freshman senator Mitt Romney writing an op-ed trashing President Trump, Lindsay Graham and Rand Paul being no-shows for the vote to defund Planned Parenthood and Republican leadership stripping Congressman Steve King of all his committee appointments for making a bone-headed comment about white nationalism and Western Civilization.

See the difference? Democrats can trash the President at every turn and their leadership stands behind them, swatting away criticism like so many pesky mosquitoes. Republicans seem to use every opportunity to criticize their own President and colleagues, never standing firm in the face of outside criticism from media and Democrats. The difference is party unity. While Democrats circle the wagons in times of crisis and form an impenetrable wall, Republicans argue incessantly among themselves over every comment or tweet made by President Trump, allowing their personal feelings to interfere with moving the conservative agenda forward.

If Republicans are to succeed and at least hold the line in the next two years of relentless assault by the Democrats, we must unify and support our President's agenda. Let your representatives know that what is important is not their personal feelings—the conservative mission is more important! At the local, state and national level, let your representatives know that you support President Trump's conservative agenda and that you expect them to support it as well. United we can hold the line against a blatant socialist Democrat agenda; divided among ourselves we will surely splinter into the annals of history.

— Casey Cox
Treasurer

CALENDAR OF EVENTS – FEBRUARY 2019

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

- BELLEAIR WOMEN'S REPUBLICAN CLUB** (1st Friday of the Month) **FRIDAY February 1 11:30 AM**
 Guest Speaker: Attorney and Federalist Society Member Matt Smith
 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 February 14 11:30 AM**
 Guest Speaker: Committeeman Dan Tucker
 Location: 9100 113th Street North, Room 210, Seminole 33772
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- NORTH PINELLAS REPUBLICAN CLUB** (3rd Thursday of the Month) **THURSDAY February 21 6 PM**
 Guest Speaker: Supervisor of Elections Deborah Clark
 Location: Leo's Italian Grill, 33286 US 19 N, Palm Harbor 34684
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- PINELLAS COUNTY REPUBLICAN EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE** (2nd Monday of the Month) **MONDAY February 11 7 PM**
 Guest Speaker: Pinellas County Commissioner Kathleen Peters
 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 February 5, 12, 19, 26 9 AM—2 PM**
 * By appointment only
 Location: 4707 140th Avenue North, Suite 208, Clearwater, FL 33762
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- PINELLAS COUNTY YOUNG REPUBLICANS** (2nd Tuesday of the Month) **TUESDAY February 12 6 PM**
 Guest Speaker: TBA
 Location: St. Petersburg Yacht Club, 11 Central Avenue, St. Petersburg 33701
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- PINELLAS SUNCOAST BLACK REPUBLICAN CLUB** (4th Thursday of the Month) **THURSDAY February 28 6 PM**
 Event: Killing the Racist Myth
 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 February 18 7 PM**
 Guest Speaker: TBA
 Location: Alfano's Restaurant, 1702 Clearwater Largo Road, Clearwater, FL 33756
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- RONALD REAGAN REPUBLICAN CLUB OF TOP OF THE WORLD** (2nd Tuesday of the Month) **TUESDAY February 12 7 PM**
 Guest Speaker: Jeff Antous
 Location: Craft Room WEST Activity Center, Top of the World 33763
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- ST. PETERSBURG REPUBLICAN CLUB** (2nd Wednesday of the Month) **WEDNESDAY February 13 7 PM**
 Guest Speaker: Ken Burke, Clerk of Court, Pinellas County
 Location: St. Petersburg Community Church, 4501 30th Avenue North, St. Petersburg 33713
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- SUNRISE LEADERSHIP REPUBLICAN CLUB** (4th Tuesday of the Month) **TUESDAY February 26 7 PM**
 Guest Speaker: TBA
 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 6:00 PM**
 Program: Say No to Socialism
 Location: Mugs Sports Bar & Grill, 13563 Icot Blvd., Clearwater 33760
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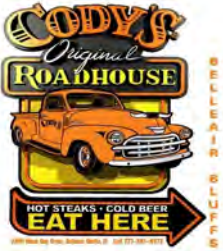
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President Trump and Lincoln and the Media

Newt Gingrich [Excerpted from]:

When *The New York Times* printed a wildly false headline asserting that President Trump was possibly a Russian agent, I was furious, but I was also reminded of another time in our nation's history in which the press was this hostile to the American President. No president since Abraham Lincoln has faced the kind of unending bias and hostility that he is living through.

The Media Research Center reported for both 2017 and 2018 that the mainstream TV media had been at least 90 percent anti-Trump in its reporting. This relentless hostility parallels what Lincoln had to endure in the media, as many news outlets opposed Lincoln from the beginning – much like President Trump.

Upon Lincoln's election, the *Memphis Daily Appeal* wrote:

“Within 90 days from the time Lincoln is inaugurated, the Republican Party will be utterly ruined and destroyed. His path is envied with so many difficulties, that even if he had the ability of Jefferson and the energy of Jackson, he would fail, but he is a weak and inexperienced man, and his administration will be doomed from the commencement. If he takes that radical section of the Republican Party, the conservative wing of it will cut loose and repudiate him. If, on the other hand, he courts the conservatives and pursues a moderate conciliatory policy, the radicals will make open war upon his administration.”

These criticisms of Lincoln were not confined to the South.

In 1864: *Lincoln at the Gates of History*, author Charles Flood noted that *The New York Herald* wrote that “his election was a rash experiment, his administration is a deplorable failure.” The paper's editors also said, “As President... he must have enough sense to see and acknowledge he has been an egregious failure. One thing must be self-evident to him, and that is under no circumstances can he hope to be the next President of the United States... [He should]

retire from the position to which, in an evil hour, he was exalted.”

Does any of this sound familiar? Just as President Trump rails against “fake news,” Lincoln felt that a significant front in his war to preserve the Union was against the news media. This made Lincoln highly critical and skeptical of media.

Lincoln, who was embroiled in a civil war in which the very survival of the country was at stake, was also much tougher and more aggressive with the media than anyone could imagine in the modern era. This included shutting down newspapers and imprisoning journalists who supported secession from the Union.

But the hostility toward Lincoln within the Washington establishment and the political elite was just as ferocious.

Edward Everett, the famous orator who spoke for hours at Gettysburg while Lincoln gave a brief but much more powerful speech, wrote that Lincoln was “evidently a person of very inferior cast of character, wholly unequal to the crisis.”

George Templeton Strong, a prominent New York lawyer, said Lincoln was “a barbarian, Scythian, yahoo, or gorilla.” General McClellan, who Lincoln chose to lead the Union Army, dismissed Lincoln as a frontier hack, “an idiot,” and “the original gorilla.”

Even among fellow Republicans, Lincoln encountered fierce attacks. William Dickson of Ohio wrote in 1861 that Lincoln “is universally an admitted failure, has no will, no courage, no executive capacity... and his spirit necessarily infuses itself downwards through all departments.”

You decide whether attacks on President Trump or attacks on Lincoln are more demeaning.

Lincoln was a very different man facing a radically more dangerous situation than President Trump. Yet each president represents a direct threat to a national establishment by an outsider.



Meet Bruce Rector

President of Sunrise Leadership Republican Club

Sunrise Leadership Republican Club is designed to accommodate members of the business community who desire a break-fast meeting before starting their workday. The club meets at Perkins Restaurant, 2626 Gulf-to-Bay Blvd. Clearwater on the 4th Tuesday of each month at 7:00 AM.

Bruce is Advisor and General Counsel for Sports Facilities Advisory & Sports Facilities Management who has 26 years of law practice experience and has taught and lectured on Sports Law topics during most of that time. He has worked in professional sports for the Indianapolis Colts, collegiate athletics at the University of Kentucky and as a volunteer leader for numerous local, state and national youth sports organizations and events. He also served as the 58th president of Junior Chamber International (JCI), a 200,000-member organization of young leaders and entrepreneurs from over 100 countries.

Prior to joining SFA & SFM, Bruce was President of KBA Sports, Inc., in Lexington, Kentucky where he led a team of professionals in organizing, hosting, and managing large sports and recreation programs including regional and national championship tournaments. In his final year at KBA Sports, the organization attracted over 500,000 visitors for various tournaments and events. An inspiring speaker, trainer and author on leadership topics, Bruce is the author of *Monday Morning Messages: Teaching, Inspiring and Motivating to Lead* (Xephor Press 2005). He currently serves on the Board of Trustees at the University of the Columbian and also active in a number of non-profit organizations in the Tampa Bay area.

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(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.