

# PINELLAS GOP

REPUBLICAN PARTY OF PINELLAS COUNTY

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OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE PINELLAS COUNTY REPUBLICAN EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

### Pinellas County Republican Executive Committee Meeting

**MONDAY, MARCH 11**

6 PM Prospective Member/New  
Member Orientation

7 PM General Meeting

GUEST SPEAKER:  
Christian Ziegler

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

**PCREC OFFICE HOURS**  
**9 AM to 4 PM**

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At last month's meeting, I invoked Chief Justice John Marshall's indelible quote, "The power to tax is the power to destroy," in reference to the proposals of various progressive, congressional Democrats. The same idiom applies to the acts of local government, which so often attempts to raise taxes through referendums that are placed on the ballot during special elections to capitalize on low voter turnout.

It sometimes feels as if local governments are afraid to put the merits of their tax and spend proposals before the whole electorate. Also, too often, tax increases are passed by only a simple majority of voters.

Senator Jeff Brandes and Representative Nick DiCeglie have taken note. Senator Brandes has introduced a bill requiring that such referendum votes be conducted only during general elections. In his words, "When it comes to raising taxes, it should be done in broad daylight, not in the cover of darkness during a special election."

In the House, Representative DiCeglie has taken it a step further by introducing legislation that not only requires such referendums be conducted during general elections, but mandates two-thirds approval for their passage. This proposal echoes the voters' sentiments in passing Amendment 5 last November, which mandated that tax increases imposed by the state be passed by a supermajority of the legislature.

Critics will decry our legislators' efforts as an attack on home rule. But this is not a home rule issue. This is a procedural issue—an issue of due process and democratic fairness. The proposed legislation is not usurping local governments' authority to create revenue and fund their spending priorities, it is simply raising the threshold for passage and ensuring that all localities put such referendums to the will of as many voters as possible in general elections. I hope you will voice support for our legislators' efforts.

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



## Vice Chairman's Message

### Through the youth

Recently, I attended a meeting that featured three individuals who immigrated legally to the United States. They escaped the tyranny of their countries. The common denominator for the socialist takeover of capitalistic countries originated with youth indoctrination. One of the speakers was from Romania. She owns her own business locally and is willing to speak to as many groups as she is able in order to spread the non-utopian message concerning socialism.

She stated that Romania post World War II was capitalistic, but then the state encouraged, and then mandated, young people to work in work camps to restore the country. The youth were attracted to the concept of socialism being the answer to the inequities in the country and desired to promote the concept of equality and prosperity. However, after the socialist/communist takeover, people no longer were allowed private ownership of property.

The state rationed necessities such as healthcare, food, and electricity, and controlled transportation through trains. Privately-owned businesses were gone. Ration tickets were issued. Using all the tickets meant going without the above necessities. A similar pattern occurred in countries such as Poland and China, as stated by the respective speakers.

More than ever, we have a duty to educate our youth about the reality of socialism/communism. Parents and grandparents play an important role.



I recommend "The 5000 Year Leap" (Principles of Freedom 101) by Cleon Skousen, as required reading in middle school and higher. Let the truth, not the state, prevail.

*—Pam McAloon*  
**PCREC Vice Chair**

## Notes from the PCREC secretary



### We are Republicans!

*Shake hands! Smile!*

From every corner of the globe, we have arrived in the United States, immigrants or indigenous people, some born free, others indentured or slaves. Yet, we all have one thing in common. We love these United States of America!

We are Republicans—a freedom loving people! In a climate of divisiveness, it is important to remember what makes us stand as a cohesive unit. We have divergent passions and even sometimes robust temperaments, but, as a family, the bottom line is we wear the same name (Republican).

One of President Lincoln's missions in the Republican Party formation was to "preserve the Union." He also wanted to preserve its identity even against our extremes. In like manner, it is important in each primary race there is a united understanding that the brave souls who dare to seek to represent us are competing to be our Champions in 2020. One Champion will emerge to fight a person who opposes principles of free market and liberty.



What does this mean? It means that in the initial phase of every election primary some win and some lose as they contend to be chosen as our Champion. Inside the party, rigorous exertion of energy is made for the privilege to fight against socialism and tyranny. All remain our Comrades. Comradery is important and need not divulge into great harm to members of our own party through negative acts or hateful words.

Bring civility and statesmanship to the process. Our banner yet waves. We Are Republicans!

Shake hands. Smile!

*—Sheila D. Griffin*  
**PCREC Secretary**

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS—MARCH 2019

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

- BELLEAIR WOMEN'S REPUBLICAN CLUB** (1st Friday of the Month) **FRIDAY March 1 11:30 AM**  
 Guest Speaker: Assistant Statewide Prosecutor Kelly McKnight  
 Location: Belleair Country Club, 1 Country Club Lane, Belleair 33756  
 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 March 14 11:30 AM**  
 Guest Speaker: PCREC Chairman Todd Jennings  
 Location: 9100 113th Street North, Room 210, Seminole 33772  
 Contact: President Barbara Stephens (727) 397-3449 [barbarasteve2@yahoo.com](mailto:barbarasteve2@yahoo.com) [CPRC@PinellasRepublicans.com](mailto:CPRC@PinellasRepublicans.com)
- NORTH PINELLAS REPUBLICAN CLUB** (3rd Thursday of the Month) **THURSDAY March 21 6 PM**  
 Guest Speaker: Corporal Alan Wilkett, Pasco County Human Trafficking Task Force  
 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 March 11 7 PM**  
 Program: RPOF Vice President Christian Ziegler  
 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 REPUBLICAN HISPANIC OUTREACH** (Every Tuesday) **TUESDAY March 5, 12, 19, 26 9 AM—2 PM**  
 \* By appointment only  
 Location: 4707 140th Avenue North, Suite 208, Clearwater, FL 33762  
 Contact: (727) 539-6009 [info@PinellasRepublicans.com](mailto:info@PinellasRepublicans.com) [www.PinellasRepublicans.com](http://www.PinellasRepublicans.com)
- PINELLAS COUNTY YOUNG REPUBLICANS** (2nd Tuesday of the Month) **TUESDAY March 12 6 PM**  
 Guest Speaker: TBA  
 Location: St. Petersburg Yacht Club, 11 Central Avenue, St. Petersburg 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 March 28 6 PM**  
 Guest Speaker: TBA  
 Location: Datex Commerce Center, 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 March 18 7 PM**  
 Guest Speaker: TBA  
 Location: Alfano's Restaurant, 1702 Clearwater Largo Road, Clearwater, FL 33756  
 Contact: Kimberly Berfield (727) 244-8947 [kimberlyberfield@yahoo.com](mailto:kimberlyberfield@yahoo.com) <http://largorepublicans.com>
- RONALD REAGAN REPUBLICAN CLUB OF TOP OF THE WORLD** (2nd Tuesday of the Month) **TUESDAY March 12 7 PM**  
 Guest Speaker: Election of Officers  
 Location: Craft Room WEST Activity Center, Top of the World 33763  
 Contact: Bea Pacelli (312) 217-4940 [beapacelli@aol.com](mailto:beapacelli@aol.com)
- ST. PETERSBURG REPUBLICAN CLUB** (2nd Wednesday of the Month) **WEDNESDAY March 13 7 PM**  
 Guest Speaker: Dr. Bill Urban, Author  
 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 March 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](mailto:brucearector@aol.com)
- TAMPA BAY TRUMP REPUBLICAN CLUB** (3rd Tuesday Every Other Month) **TUESDAY April 16 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

THE PINELLAS GOP INVITES YOU TO

# IVORY CLUB RECEPTION



## MARINA CANTINA ROOFTOP

FRIDAY, MARCH 22, 2019  
7:00 P.M.

25 Causeway Boulevard  
Clearwater, Florida 33767

Ivory Club Membership: \$165.00/year  
Guest Fee: \$50.00

RSVP BY MONDAY, MARCH 18

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# What is the Ivory Club?

The Ivory Club is the social arm of the Pinellas GOP and serves an important fundraising purpose. Membership dues and guests fees are used to grow the party, increase fundraising and ensure Republican candidates are elected. This is possible because the four social events per year are hosted by and/or underwritten by generous donors.

You are invited to this month's lovely reception on the rooftop of Marina Cantina overlooking beautiful Clearwater Beach as the sun sets and the beach lights start to twinkle. It will be relaxed fun—fellow Republicans enjoying delicious food, drinks and good conversation.

Non members are invited with a \$50 guest fee per person. Guest fees may be applied to membership dues if a decision is made to join Ivory Club.



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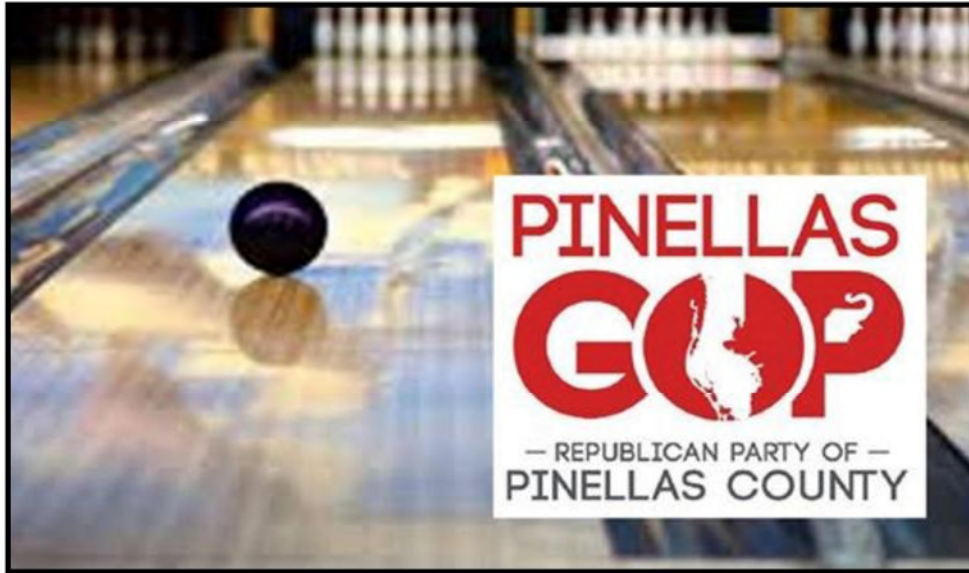
*Saturday March 30, 2019  
10:00 am-1:00 pm*

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4707 140TH AVE, SUITE 208  
CLEARWATER 33762

(727) 539-6009

# Pinellas GOP Bowling Tournament and Fundraiser



**Sunday, March 10, 2019**

**Liberty Lanes Bowling Center**

**2:30 PM - 5:30 PM**

**11401 Starkey Road, Largo, Florida 33773**

### **Available Sponsorships:**

**\$750.00 The Big Lebowski (Presenting)** - 10 bowlers, company name listed on all marketing materials, sponsor signage at event, speaking opportunity at awards ceremony, display table for marketing materials and one mulligan per bowler.

**\$250.00 Kingpin** - 5 bowlers, company name listed on all marketing materials, sponsor signage at event and one mulligan per team.

This event will feature a combination of skilled bowlers and seasoned politicians as they put their bowling skills to the test. Awards will be given to the best team and best bowler. All participants are guaranteed two rounds of bowling.

2:30 pm to 3:00 pm - Registration

3:00 pm to 5:00 pm - Bowling

5:00 pm to 5:30 pm - Awards

### **Tickets:**

Individual \$40

Pinellas GOP member \$35

Team of 5 \$150



For tickets call Pinellas GOP Headquarters (727) 539-6009 or go to Eventbrite at **PinellasGOP** Facebook

# PINELLAS GOP HAPPY HOUR

WITH SPECIAL GUEST:  
COUNTY COMMISSIONER DAVE EGGERS

THURSDAY  
MARCH 21  
6:00 PM TO  
8:00 PM

## Membership initiative event is planned

Pinellas GOP will launch its 2019 Membership Initiative with a Happy Hour social featuring a special guest, Pinellas County Commissioner Dave Eggers. The event will be held at Mugs Sports Bar & Grill located at 13563 Icot Blvd., Clearwater, Thursday, March 21, from 6 pm to 8 pm.

Membership Committee members will provide information about various meetings, functions, and outreach available through the Pinellas County Republican Party to prospective members.

Please tell anyone you may know who is a Republican and looking to get involved about this upcoming event.



Mugs Sports Bar and Grill  
13563 Icot Blvd.  
Clearwater, Florida 33760



## Meet Richard Cariello, District 69 Leader

Richard Cariello was born in New York City and raised in Brooklyn. After marrying, he moved his family to Staten Island. After a short time working in broadcasting, he became a public servant with the New York City Transit Authority as a Maintenance Supervisor Level II Track. He served for 25 years, providing a means of transportation for the public.

Rich then owned and operated a small photo studio after being trained and mentored by many local master craftsmen photographers. He was also active with the Boy Scouts of America, establishing an amateur radio station for the Scouts at the Wm. H. Pouch BSA Camp located in Staten Island. This facility still in operation provides youth training and mentorship to the communication and electronic industry. Rich has always been politically active, working in many local and national election campaigns. He is an active ham radio contester (call sign AA2MF) and is a strong President Trump supporter.

Retired and now a full time Florida resident, his goals are to fill all 310 precinct leader positions and turn Pinellas County bright red, to win back and maintain Republican held positions and to continue to develop and implement his "Knowledge is Power" program to educate and inform District 69.

## PCREC BOARD

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### 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.