

# PINELLAS GOP

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OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE PINELLAS COUNTY REPUBLICAN EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

### Pinellas County Republican Executive Committee Meeting

**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 9**

6 PM Prospective Member/New  
Member Orientation

7 PM General Meeting

GUEST SPEAKER:  
TBD

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

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

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We can all appreciate the magnificent but devastating way the Organizing for Obama campaign swept through the country in 2008 and again in 2012. As much as we hated the results, we can learn a lot from their tactics. Its three main strategies were: Registration, Persuasion and Turn Out the Voter.

Please note that *Voter Registration* is first on the list, because neither the quality of your message nor education about how to vote will work without this essential first building block. Remember: in Florida alone, Obama volunteers registered 361,176 Democrat voters, and Obama won the state by only 74,309.

As of 27 August 2019, the Pinellas County Supervisor of Elections website showed that registered Democrats outnumbered Republican registered voters by 3,646 voters. In addition, 201,915 are registered as “Others”. We need to engage those who are NPAs and persuade them to register as Republicans so they can help us elect viable candidates in our primaries. This differential between Democrats and Republicans has doubled since January. Last month, Pinellas County Democrats bragged: *“In June alone we knocked over 11,000 doors, had 2,500 issues conversations and registered more than 500 voters!”*

It is essential we counter this effort with Republican voter registration in Pinellas County!

Engaging new volunteers in voter registration activities was an effective way for the Obama campaign to introduce them to voter outreach. Volunteers were encouraged to carry blank registration forms with them at all times so they could register voters as part of their daily routines, like running errands or at family gatherings.

Voter registration trainings were the most direct way to improve organizational effectiveness: they were thorough, efficient, compliant and consistent and produced Third-Party Agents (TPAs) who can register voters.

In order to win, we need to amass a willing army of Voter Registration TPAs!

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## Vice Chairman's Message

# The importance of family

Within the wake of the recent shootings that have once again happened, many are calling for stricter gun control measures. What we are mainly seeing is a young male who dropped out of school, had few to no friends, perhaps used drugs (legally or illegally), came from a fatherless family and had access to a gun with intent to inflict harm. Have we seriously thought about the importance of family? Society, particularly the media, looks at scapegoats when maybe we should be facing the truth.

“According to the U.S. Census Bureau, 19.7 million children, more than 1 in 4, live without a father in the home. Consequently, there is a father factor in nearly all social ills facing America today.” It was also shown that children have a” four times greater risk of living in poverty, more likely to have behavioral problems, more likely to commit crimes and go to jail, two times more likely to drop out of school and seven times more likely to become pregnant as a teen.” (1)

In my opinion, boys need their fathers and mothers as do daughters. How about the importance of the church? Has the church abandoned its responsibility in preaching the difference between right and wrong by fearing to take on today's issues? What are our priorities and what is more important? To quote Pope John XXIII, "The family is the first essential cell of human society."



—Pam McAloon  
PCREC Vice Chair

Source 2017 U.S. Census Bureau Data represent children living without a biological step or adoptive father

## Notes from the PCREC secretary

# Get behind the wind of change... Trump 2020






Economic missteps are something every working community can feel. Yet, as a nation, are we so drained that we actually normalize international economic climate that tolerates disparities in trade? It seems so, according to the latest headlines that attack President Trump's relationship with China. China is known for taking care of its own with the protection of state-owned enterprises from the competition. These policies depress the sale of American goods and services. A trade war dispute rushed to center stage in 2018 as President Trump attempted to address the disadvantages U.S. companies face. China, like other nations, continues to underestimate President Trump's resolve to "Keep America Great." To date, there are claims that China's President, Xi, called President Trump to come back to the negotiations table after the lengthy wranglings that have included escalating steep tariffs by the U.S, retaliatory tariffs and stand-off by China, subsidies to impacted U.S. farmers and Trump's call for telecommunications giants to take the opportunity to leave China. In addition, as the President headed to France for the G-7 Summit of world leaders, he listed economics and trade as priorities for the three-day gathering in the town of Biarritz.

Like this one example of the President's all-out commitment to making a difference in the lives of America's workers and small business owners, the Pinellas County GOP is shifting into high gear to preserve our quality of life. We still have a disparity in the number of registered Republican voters versus Democrat voters. All political races are important. Republicans nominees need to claim every office down the ballot. In order to accomplish this, local precincts are encouraged to discuss issues; clubs are mobilizing to register voters, and individual members are joining door-to-door canvassing efforts.

When we gather once a month, it is more than an assembly of Republican voters; we are doing our part to get behind the wind of change. Pinellas County has a population of over 970,000 people with a growth rate of almost ten percent annually. To preserve the family environment, the continued economic growth and look to improvements of infrastructure and environment, sober decisions to go full out must begin now! Our conservative opinions may be different, but the work we will assure Pinellas turns RED for 2020. It is worth it!

—Sheila Griffin

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS—SEPTEMBER 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 	3 PCRHO	4	5	6 BWRC	7
8	9 PCREC	10 PCRHO PCYR RRRCTOW	11 SPRC	12 CPRC	13	14
15	16 RCGL	17 PCRHO	18	19 NPRC	20	21
22	23 	24 SLRC PCRHO	25 PSBRC	26	27	28 IVORY CLUB
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- BELLEAIR WOMEN'S REPUBLICAN CLUB** (1st Friday of the Month) **FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 6 11 AM**  
 Guest Speaker: Dr. Bill Urban on Border Security  
 Location: Belleair Country Club, 1 Country Club Lane, Belleair 33756  
 Contact: President MaryEllen Crowder (727) 698-3010 [siitmolly@gmail.com](mailto:siitmolly@gmail.com) [www.BelleairWomensRepublicanClub.com](http://www.BelleairWomensRepublicanClub.com)
- CENTRAL PINELLAS REPUBLICAN CLUB** (2nd Thursday of the Month) **THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 12 11:30 AM**  
 Guest Speaker: Pinellas County Sheriff Bob Gualtieri  
 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 SEPTEMBER 19 6 PM**  
 Guest Speaker: Cathi Chamberlain, author of *Rules for Deplorables*, and John Keller  
 Location: Leo's Italian Grill, 33286 US 19 N, Palm Harbor 34684  
 Contact: Ron Walker (727) 725-4241 [ronwalker209@gmail.com](mailto:ronwalker209@gmail.com)
- PINELLAS COUNTY REPUBLICAN EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE** (2nd Monday of the Month) **MONDAY SEPTEMBER 9 7 PM**  
 Program: TBD  
 Location: Feather Sound Country Club, 2201 Feather Sound Drive, Clearwater 33762  
 Contact: (727) 434-4008 [info@PinellasRepublicans.com](mailto:info@PinellasRepublicans.com) [www.PinellasRepublicans.com](http://www.PinellasRepublicans.com)
- PINELLAS COUNTY REPUBLICAN HISPANIC OUTREACH** (Every Tuesday) **TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 3, 10, 17 & 24 9 AM—2 PM**  
 \* By appointment only  
 Location: 4707 140th Avenue North, Suite 208, Clearwater, FL 33762  
 Contact: (727) 434-4008 [info@PinellasRepublicans.com](mailto:info@PinellasRepublicans.com) [www.PinellasRepublicans.com](http://www.PinellasRepublicans.com)
- PINELLAS COUNTY YOUNG REPUBLICANS** (2nd Tuesday of the Month\*) **TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 10 7 PM**  
 Guest Speaker: Rogan O'Handley, Instagram—Dcdraino  
 Location: Feather Sound Country Club, 2201 Feather Sound Drive, Clearwater 33762  
 Contact: Lucas Michalski [michalski17@gmail.com](mailto:michalski17@gmail.com)
- PINELLAS SUNCOAST BLACK REPUBLICAN CLUB** (4th Wednesday of the Month) **WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 25 6 PM**  
 Guest Speaker: Thomas Huggins, CEO Ariel Business Group  
 Location: Datex Commerce Center, 10300 49th Street N., Clearwater 33762  
 Contact: President Sheila Griffin (727) 373-3847 [psbrclf@yahoo.com](mailto:psbrclf@yahoo.com)
- REPUBLICAN CLUB OF GREATER LARGO** (3rd Monday of the Month) **MONDAY SEPTEMBER 16 6 PM**  
 Guest Speaker: Dr. Bill Urban on Border Security  
 Location: Alfano's Restaurant, 1702 Clearwater Largo Road, Clearwater, FL 33756  
 Contact: Casey Cox (727) 480-9155 [fungobats@gmail.com](mailto:fungobats@gmail.com) [www.largorepublicanclub.com](http://www.largorepublicanclub.com)
- RONALD REAGAN REPUBLICAN CLUB OF TOP OF THE WORLD** (2nd Tuesday of the Month) **TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 10 7 PM**  
 Guest Speaker: No speaker  
 Location: Belleair/Sunshine Room WEST Activity Center, Top of the World 33763  
 Contact: Marvin Lazernik (951) 377-0913 [suemarvlaz@gmail.com](mailto:suemarvlaz@gmail.com)
- ST. PETERSBURG REPUBLICAN CLUB** (2nd Wednesday of the Month) **WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 11 7 PM**  
 Guest Speaker: Barbara Haselden on St. Petersburg Transit Plan  
 Location: St. Petersburg Community Church, 4501 30th Avenue North, St. Petersburg 33713  
 Contact: Gus Pries (770-894-3139) [priesgus@verizon.net](mailto:priesgus@verizon.net) [SPRC@PinellasRepublicans.com](mailto:SPRC@PinellasRepublicans.com)
- SUNRISE LEADERSHIP REPUBLICAN CLUB** (4th Tuesday of the Month) **TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 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) **NO SEPTEMBER MEETING**  
 Guest Speaker: No September meeting—meets every other month  
 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

# It's all about voter registration!

The need for registering voters and supporting candidates is in full election cycle mode. This will only escalate over the coming months, and things will get increasingly critical, not to mention exciting, leading up to municipal elections in the spring of 2020, the August 18, 2020 Primary Election and the November 3, 2020 General Election. **We need all hands on deck!** The deadline to register voters before the Primary Election is July 27, 2020, and the deadline for voter registration prior to the General Election is October 5, 2020. No one can do it all, but each one of us can do something. Get trained as Third Party Agents (TPAs), staff a voter registration table at community or church events, grab a clipboard and attend local gatherings where the people are, speak with your neighbors about registering Republicans who can vote in the Republican Primary election and help select candidates who will support President Donald Trump.



# Women for Trump Rally —Empowering Women



Tampa Bay women turned out in force at the Tampa Convention Center on August 22 to hear Presidential Advisors Kellyanne Conway and former Florida Attorney General Pam Bondi speak on empowering women. The ballroom was filled to capacity with an estimated crowd of about a thousand people.

Designed in a “chat” format, Conway and Bondi talked about the importance of mobilizing volunteers and registering voters and about the need for women to speak publicly about why they support President Trump for reelection in 2020. Conway stressed the clear choice in 2020: “They think it’s a binary choice of Trump or not Trump; the only binary choice is freedom vs. socialism!”

The highlight for many of the attendees was when President Trump himself called into the event to speak to the crowd: “Love Tampa! Love everybody in the room and I’m with you all the way! We’re going to have a great race. I think it’s going to be even easier than the last time but let’s pretend it’s even tougher, so we work harder!”

The event was one of more than a dozen similar Women for Trump rallies held on the 99<sup>th</sup> anniversary of women



Shown above are some of Pinellas County’s voter registration volunteers gathered outside the rally.

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Tampa Bay Times

SEPTEMBER 28, 2019 FROM 6 - 9 PM



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& Blazers

REAGAN DAY DINNER

SATURDAY  
NOVEMBER 2

CREEK UNDER THE  
SON STABLES

## Chairman's Message, cont. from Page 1

The most consistent *source* of voters to register came from high-traffic areas such as public buildings or shopping centers that are frequented by large numbers of unregistered voters. Identifying locations that were part of the culture of the community was key to the Obama registration strategy.

The Obama campaign discovered canvassing in high-traffic areas proved to be more productive, generating more voter registration forms per shift. With a "clipboard brigade" of TPAs walking around "organic community events" such as sporting events, fairs, festivals, block parties, cultural events, concerts, etc., engaging people one-on-one, we can meaningfully increase our registered voter numbers. In Florida, 53% of the people they registered were under age 35. The most effective tactics the Obama campaign used for the youth registration was carrying clipboards inside student centers, canvassing dorms, tabling in campus centers to raise awareness, and registering students at the end of their classes.

To maximize our voter registration efforts, we need to identify these high-traffic voter-rich areas!

In sum, it is time for us to get serious about voter registration. In whatever way you can participate, please do it—keeping our local, state, and national Florida seats Republicans depends on it!

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



## BWRC President: MaryEllen Crowder

MaryEllen Crowder was born and grew up in Philadelphia, where, as a teenager, she even danced on the iconic television show American Bandstand. After moving to Florida in 1979, she began a banking career in outside sales in merchant services. She went on to work

for many of the major banks: Bank of America, Wells Fargo and Sun Trust. She and her husband Russ are the proud parents of five children and six grandchildren.

One of her many excellent traits is her passion for Belleair Womens Republican Club (BWRC) and its members. Eating the elephant one bite at a time, pun intended, her first challenge to club members is to enlist them in registering as many Republican voters as possible before the August 18, 2020 Primary Election. The second challenge she has issued is to educate voters to the importance of knowing the primary candidates and their stance on important issues that will support President Trump's agenda. As Republicans, she says, we need candidates we can be excited about, and that can only happen if voters support primary candidates who will support the RNC Platform and the President.

Her proposed goals for the BWRC are to turn Pinellas RED again, take back Congressional District 13, maintain the Republican majority in the US Senate, elect conservative Republican Primary candidates, elect conservative Republicans to state and local offices and re-elect Donald J. Trump President 2020. This is an impressive club agenda but knowing these ladies, we think they are up to the challenge!

## Next Generation Caucus event is a great success



The inaugural event for the Pinellas GOP Next Generation Caucus was held August 22 in St. Petersburg. Many thanks go to special guest Senator Jeff Brandes for making it a success. Plans are now being made to host quarterly events in different areas and venues throughout the county. The NG Caucus is an excellent opportunity for young men and women to get to know like-minded conservatives and learn about the Republican Party in a casual social setting.

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### Questions? Comments? Suggestions?

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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.