

Charlotte County Florida

Republican Club



FROM THE DESK OF THE PRESIDENT

We're building a great base for 2020:

As I have mentioned previously, in 2019 we are focusing on building our clubs and the REC in Charlotte County, so we are positioned with a strong and energized Republican Party for the 2020 election. Strategically, you have to think the 2020 election is tomorrow, since it will be on us before we know it. Most assuredly, the Democrats are all thinking 2020 with each day we see another left-wing crazy entering the race. When you look at their field of candidates, you have won-

der what planet are these people from. It is one candidate after the other offering something free, whether it be free college tuition, free health care, Medicare for all, and just about everything they can think up is to be free. They have no concept that there is no free lunch. Somebody always has to pay.

Well, I am pleased to say that the Charlotte County Republican Club is off and running with its 2019 membership renewals. We will be the largest Club in Charlotte County again this year, but if you haven't renewed, please do. We are planning an aggressive campaign for new members, as are the other Clubs. We want our Charlotte County Republican Party to be stronger than ever, and ready to rally around our great President, Donald J. Trump, for his re-election.

The other important aspect of our initiatives for 2019 is to keep all our Clubs and the REC in partnership and unity on all activities. This includes recruiting new members. To this end, each month we will be getting the list of all the newly registered Republicans, Independents and NPAs. The Clubs and the REC will be contacting them, and welcoming them into our Party. Each month we have a Charlotte County Inter-Club Meeting, which is now attended by the Chair of the REC. At the meeting, we will review our success and discuss further initiatives to build our ranks. We will be targeting to double our Clubs size and add more Committeemen and Committeewomen to the REC ranks.

So, as you can see this is all about getting ready for 2020. We are asking for your support and help in this effort. What we are asking of all members this year is to bring in one new member. If we all did this, we would automatically double in size. The other Clubs are doing the same.

The success of 2020 is in our hands. We need to win in 2020, and the preparation begins now.

Regards, *Gene*

Gene Murtha: President, Charlotte county republican Club

CONGRATULATIONS TO



Joe Gruters

The newly elected Chair of the Republican Party of Florida (RPOF.) Joe, who was challenged by Charlotte County State Committeeman Bob Starr, won by a landslide, garnering 192 of the 217 delegate votes. Representing Dist. 23 in the Florida Senate, the western section of Charlotte County falls within Joe's district and we are fortunate to have a key member of our party's leadership in our backyard.



Jennifer Locetta

Jennifer is the new Executive Director of the Florida GOP and a key part of the party leadership in our state. She worked on both the Trump and DeSantis campaigns and served on the President's inaugural committee.

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On reading the title to this column, do not think I have made a mistake. Read on. I meant "German" – not "Spanish."

Today, our telephone calls for service or even bank inquiries seem to always start with a question about continuing the call in English or Spanish. But that was not always the case. In fact, as far back as 1795, before telephones, there was a debate in the Congress about whether federal laws should be printed in German as well as in English? During the Congressional debate over the issue, a motion to adjourn failed by only one vote. In February of 1795, the Congress rejected the translation of federal laws into German.



During the debate, Congressman Thomas Hartley of Pennsylvania stated, "It was perhaps desirable that the Germans should learn English," and he went on to say that the laws should be given in a language which is, "understood." On the other side of the issue, over 200 years ago, Congressman William V. Murray of Maryland argued, "... that it had never been the custom in England to translate laws into Welsh or Gaelic, and yet the bulk of the Welsh and hundreds of thousands of people in Scotland, did not understand a word of English."

After the debate, the Congress approved a resolution which stated that current and future laws would only be published in English. In March of 1795, President George Washington signed the legislation. It has not been changed since. One could argue that the vote approved English as the national language.

While that action did not make English the "official" language of the United States, it did make it quite clear that the work of our government would only be in English.

In today's global economy, English is the language used in most countries as the global language. And pilots from every country landing or taking off from airports all over the globe talk only in English to the air controllers.



All of this leads me to the culture of language in the United States. It used to be – 25 years ago and earlier – that immigrants to this country recognized the importance of speaking our language to develop and fully benefit from the fruits of their labor. Today, unfortunately, that is not the case.

The real test of language is what is spoken in the home? It really surprised me to find out that only 82 percent of households in the United States speak English at home. Spanish is spoken at home by around 11 percent of our households with the combination of Chinese, German and French at a little less than two percent.

It is important to be bilingual. I fully support that, but I also feel very strongly about being able to speak English – particularly if you live in this country and function in today's global economy.

CLUB ANNOUNCEMENTS

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FEBRUARY MONTHLY MIXER

Come join us on Monday, February 11 from 5 to 6:30 pm
at the Laishley Crab House in Punta Gorda.

\$8 pp with wine, beer, & appetizers

We recognize as our special guests for the evening;

Punta Gorda & Charlotte County law enforcement and fire & EMT first responders.

MONTHLY DINNER/MEETING

On Wednesday, February 27 at the Isles Yacht Club in Punta Gorda.
Social hour from 5 to 6:00 pm with dinner & meeting and guest speaker to follow.

The evening's menu:

Caesar Salad

Chicken Stir Fry over Rice

Or

Grilled Mahi Mahi w/Parmesan Risotto

For dessert: Strawberry Shortcake

\$26 pp

For reservations contact Theresa Murtha: theresamurtha@hotmail.com 941-916-3540

Please place reservations no later than **Friday 02-22-19**

Our guest speakers for the evening are:

The State of the City Presentation

- ◆ Punta Gorda Mayor, Nancy Prafke
- ◆ Punta Gorda City Manager, Howard Kunick

Discussion of current Board activities.

- ◆ School Board Member, Cara Reynolds

New Club Officers for 2019

The following club members were sworn in for new one year terms, by the Honorable Paul Stamoulis at the January general meeting.

President: Gene Murtha

First Vice President: Jerry O'Halloran

Second Vice President: Bill Folchi

Treasurer: Jim Druyor

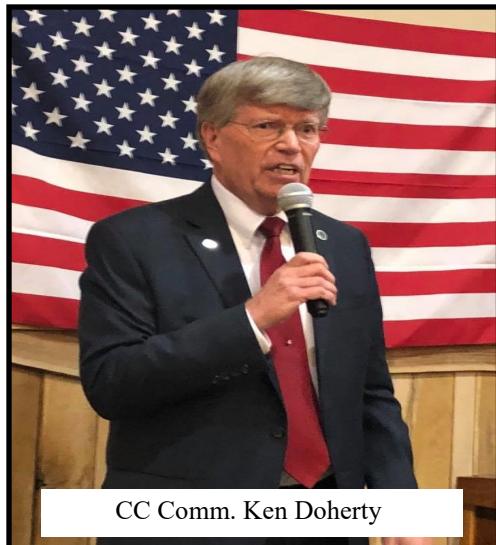
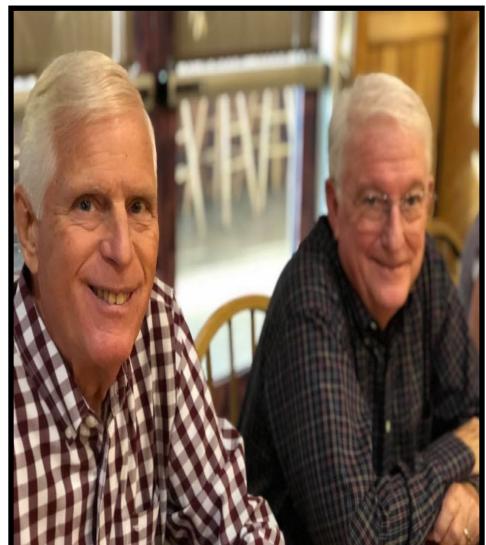
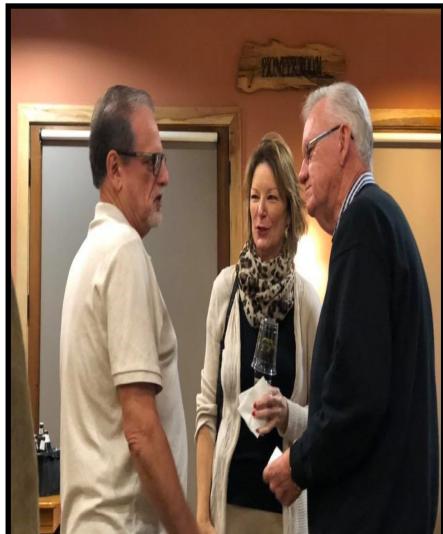
Recording Secretary: *

Past Pres: Charlie Counsil

*Dianne Velde, prior Secretary has had to resign due to health issues. Two club members have come forward to volunteer for the Recording Secretary position and the unfilled Corresponding Secretary spot. Meeting under our by-laws the Board has selected Bill Abbatematto as Recording Secretary and new member Janice Cousino as corresponding Secretary. We thank Bill and Janice for their interesting in serving on the Board and the talents they bring.

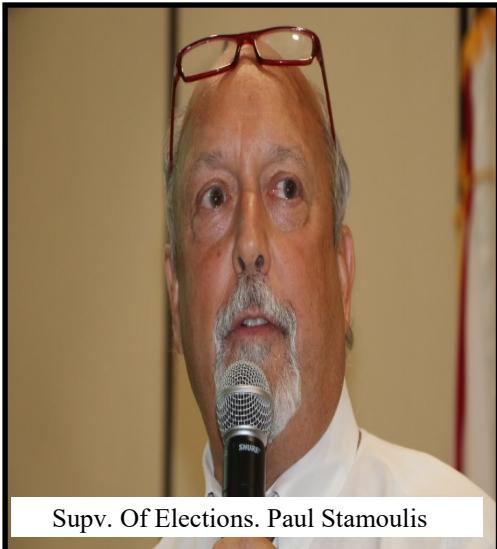
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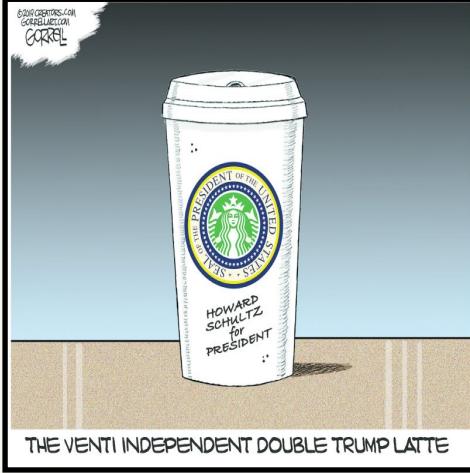
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FAKE NEWS, DEMOCRATS are ‘burying’ US

Frank Mazur

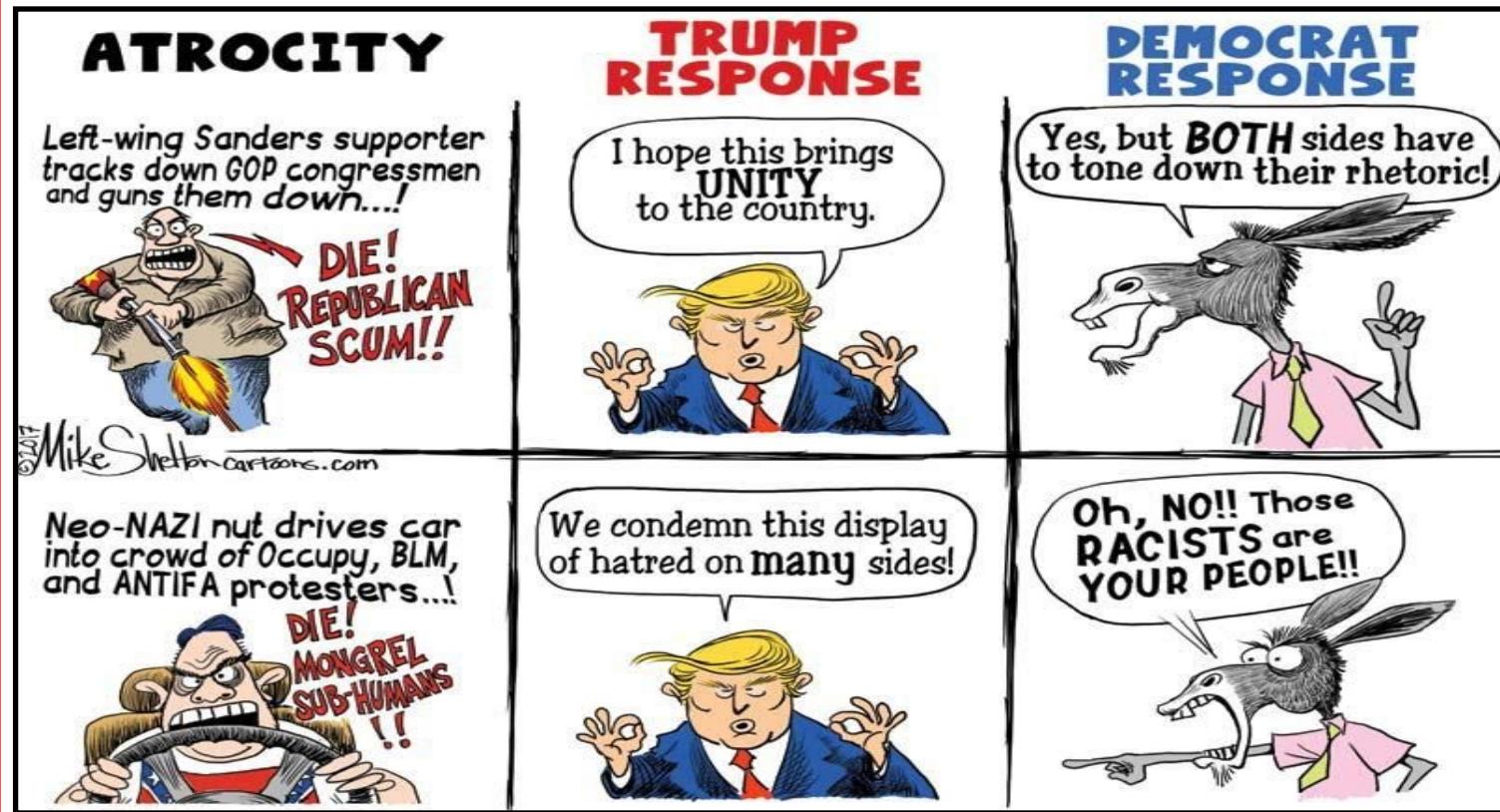
Impeachment talk suddenly emerged when Trump was elected President. The Trump Tower Russian meeting with jump Jr. was heralded by democrats as proof of election collaboration. But recent evidence proved personnel in attendance has ties to the Clinton campaign.

The reports of a Trump Tower server link to a Russian bank was bogus when it was linked to a private resident's spam operation. The Deutsche Bank story about Trump's records being subpoenaed was false. The Flynn story about speaking with the Russians before the election was untrue.

Nikki Haley was accused of spending \$50,000 for office drapes: they were approved by Obama's ambassador. The media's report that trump's attorney visited Prague to collaborate with Russian's was fallacious. The Democrats and media cheered impeachment when BuzzFeed reported Trump told Cohen to lie to Congress. This was refuted by Mueller.

The media and Democrats are using are using activism in search of truth to destroy the Trump administration. The deceptive Covington school story misrepresenting students for homophobic behavior because they wore Trump hats and smirked has been entirely dispelled.

Nikita Khrushchev Said, “We will bury you from within.” Fake news and actions are confirming his prophecy.





We are deeply saddened by the passing of Judy Knapp a longtime member and friend of the Charlotte County Republican Club who passed away on Friday February 1, 2019.

Please keep Judy's family and friends in your thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.

This space available for advertisements and special notices

A request to our members who have businesses or other commercial activities, to consider placing an ad in our monthly newsletter. It will not only provide the opportunity for new business but will support our club's activities. Feel free to contact me and we can discuss rates and adapt space for you needs:

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