



2020 – The Year Donald Trump Gets Re-elected

Happy New Year! I hope you had a safe and memorable ringing in of the new year. I have a feeling that 2020 is going to be an exceptional year for all! I am honored to be selected as your next Charlotte County Republican Club (CCRC) President. Thank you all for your faith in me.



If you asked me 10 years ago if I thought I would be involved in politics, let alone serving as a Board President, the answer would be **NO**. However, a lot of things have changed over the past 10 years and not all of them good. Prior to President Trump getting elected, we saw a downward spiral of our economy, our conservative principles, and the love for our great nation; the United States of America.

As time passed, I realized that I cannot just complain about how bad things are going and hope for the best. I realized that I had to put my money where my mouth is and do my part to help turn things around. That is why I decided to get involved in the Republican clubs of Charlotte County and am so happy that I did. I have met so many wonderful people and am optimistic, that together, as President Trump says: “we can make America great again”!

Each of us can make a positive impact on how our Country and Constitution moves forward. We the people can make a difference one person at a time and one vote at a time. I am excited to be involved in the CCRC and to have all of you as part of the winning Team to keep America Great!

The CCRC is fortunate to have amazing leaders on the Board; Gene Murtha, Charlie Counsil, Jerry O’Halloran, Bill Folchi, Jim Druyor, and Bill Abbatematteo, as well as so many amazing Club members. I thank you all for your contributions to the Club; past, present and future.

I want to specially recognize Gene Murtha, who has served tirelessly as Club President for the past 2 years. His leadership on the Board has been outstanding and his continuing mentorship to me is greatly appreciated.

I wish you all good health, happiness and prosperity in 2020! God Bless.

Janice

Janice Cusino; President CCRC



WE WILL REPEAT THE PARADE IN 2021

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Over the last several years, I have often said to myself, "Thank God I have this column to write."

Now, you might ask where am I coming from with that kind of thought? Well, it is simple. As an issue developed, we would thrash it out in a positive way on my TV show – Face-Off. Starting in May of 1993, I co-hosted the show with Larry Levy for fourteen years. Larry was a columnist and political editor for "Newsday". Larry is now at Hofstra University where he heads the National Center for Suburban Studies.

Over the years, we covered everything from local politics to national issues with our guests ranging from local level legislators to United States Senators. As a new issue developed, producers for Face-Off would reach out to people Larry and I would suggest for the show. We always tried to be civil in our approach and provide more light than heated exchanges.

Today, with everything from healthcare to Afghanistan and from an enormous Federal budget deficit to the growing concerns about the realistic fixing of environmental challenges, this column every month gives me the opportunity to express myself.

Face-Off was a delight for me. After I left the show, because my wife and I were spending more time in Florida, the show was cancelled. The cancellation has nothing to do with my leaving. It was the result of cuts across the board at WLIW-21 and its "parent company" WNET-13. In fact, there is, today, no local issue oriented programming on WLIW. That is too bad for people in the Metropolitan area.

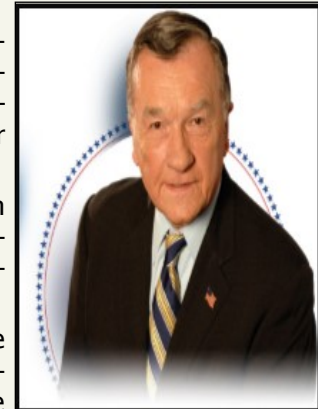
What surprises me is, that even after several years, there is hardly an event I could attend on Long Island where someone does not approach me asking why Face-Off is no longer on TV? And even in Florida, I often get the same reaction. "Where do I know you from?"

Beyond the show enabling me to express myself on controversial issues, it was great to chat with guests off the camera. Both Larry and I met a large number of interesting people, including Hillary Clinton in 2007, and even made new friends.

That is why being able to write a column for all eighteen Anton Community Newspapers and reach 70 different Long Island communities kept me thinking and even today. The thinking, even today, accelerates my energy each week. Two different columns of mine were read on the Internet in Australia and China with interesting comments and questions coming to me by email.

Another positive, as a result of writing this column every month, has been requests to speak at various organizations about everything from China to healthcare and from the Panama Canal to some of my life's experiences.

When you stop thinking, it probably means you will stop living. Thank you for taking the time to read this column each week, and I welcome your comments.



WHY CAN'T the SHEEP SEE the TRUTH?

After \$30 million and two years, the Democrats found no evidence of Trump colluding with the Russians. Next, they recruit a "whistleblower", whose name is Eric Ciaramella, an employee of Joe Biden when he was VP. Bias, perhaps? Based on no evidence at all by the people directly involved in the Ukrainian phone call, the Democrats think they can successfully remove Trump from office. Even the alleged victim, the President of Ukraine, says there was no quid pro quo or bribery involved.



So let's review the case so far. The victim says no crime, the middleman, Ambassador Sondland, says no crime, and the hearsay evidence presented by the remaining witnesses has no evidentiary value. But the fiasco persists. Why?

The reason is that Trump really is draining the swamp. For almost all of my lifetime, government has taken on more employees, increased their pay scales to far above average, assumed more control of our lives, and spent far more money with no noticeable results. Did the war on poverty get rid of poverty? How about the war on drugs? Are our students better educated now that we spend four times as much per student? No. And where did the \$790 billion go that was known as TARP?

The truth is, Trump wants a government that isn't just a laundering scheme to fleece the middle class and reward the rich. The rich are fighting to retain their unearned lucre. Too bad so many sheeple out there can't see the truth.....**John Doner PhD**

CLUB ANNOUNCEMENTS

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***** NO MONTHLY MIXER IN DECEMBER *****

FIRST MIXER FOR 2020 IS ON MONDAY, JAN 13 AT THE LAISHLEY CRAB HOUSE:

INVITED GUESTS: COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

→ PRICE \$10 PP: INCL BEER, WINE, APPETIZERS

**JANUARY MONTHLY DINNER/MEETING ---WEDNESDAY, JAN 22
ISLES YACHT CLUB: SOCIAL HR. 5-6PM WITH DINNER & MEETING TO FOLLOW.**

MENU

House Salad / Ranch dressing

Grilled Mahi-Mahi w/ Fruit Salsa

Or

Stuffed Pork Loin w/ Gravy

Dessert

Apple Pie a la Mode

For reservations contact Joan Ryan: jryan3563@hotmail.com 757-737-0160

For proper dinner planning reservations must be received no later than Monday, 1/20/2020

THE EVENING'S FEATURED SPEAKER

ROGER EATON

CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT & COUNTY COMPTROLLER



WELCOME TO THE NEW CCRC BOARD FOR 2020

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| President | Janice Cousino |
| 2nd Vice President | Jerry O'Halloran |
| Treasurer | Jim Druyor |
| Recording Sec'ty. | Bill Abbatematto |
| Corresponding Sec'ty. | Charlie Council |
| Past President | Gene Murtha |
| Hospitality Chair | Joan Ryan |

Note: The position of 1st Vice president is unfilled. We welcome any members who might be interested in filling that very important vacancy.

The CCRC and the other Republican Clubs are planning to participate in this parade. We will be coordinating our activity with the other clubs. Our objective is to attract additional support among this underrepresented group within our community and demonstrate we are the party of all people.

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Macedonia Human Services Cultural Training Center, Inc.
Is Proud to Sponsor the Annual

Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Parade & Rally Celebration

January 20, 2020 at 11:00am

Theme: "We've Come Too Far To Stop the Dream Now"
Gal 6:9

Staging Site & Times

Near the Charlotte Harbor Event Center
75 Taylor Street in Punta Gorda. Floats are at 9am and walkers at 10am.

Parade will conclude at

The New Operation Cooper Street Center
650 Mary Street

There will be vendors at the rally site for your enjoyment.

To become a parade participant and Vendor, please contact...Min. Gerald Anderson, (941) 875-0038, Parade Chairman or Sister Zelda Smith, (941) 286-3849, Parade Vice Chair or Rev. Ellison Haddock, (941) 457-4820, General Chairperson

Forms must be returned to the office via email or U.S. Mail, no later than
Thursday, January 16, 2020

Reverend Dr. Carl F. Brooks, President

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