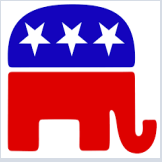
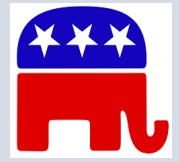


# **CHARLOTTE COUNTY REPUBLICAN CLUB**

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## **NEWSLETTER**



August 1, 2023

### **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

#### ***Please, Sir, I Want Some More***



Towards the end of *Great Expectations*, Estrella told Pip, “I have been bent and broken, but I hope, into a better shape.” That statement could describe America at various points throughout our history. Particularly the Civil War, both World Wars, the Vietnam War and the 60’s, and the terrorist attacks on September 11, 2001. We rebounded after each event and witnessed growth and prosperity.

But at this point in our history, we are being bent and broken beyond belief. In just a few short years, the policies of the Democratic Socialists and Marxists have ruined our major cities where we are witnessing unprecedented lawlessness, homelessness and drug use, resulting in the subsequent flight of residents and businesses to safer parts of America. We are being subjected to a cancel culture strategy that is attempting to destroy the nuclear family by making the abnormal normal, and the normal abnormal. The Biden administration is now contemplating banning the terms “husband” and “wife”. Old Dominion University professor Allyn Walker says, “Let’s ditch the term pedophile for ‘minor-attracted person’ in his quest to destigmatize pedophilia”. In his latest book, *A Long Dark Shadow: Minor-Attracted People and Their*

*Pursuit of Dignity*, he promotes child sex doll usage for pedophiles.

Did you ever think that you’d see the day when government would allow men, who simply claim to be, or “identify” as a woman, participate in women sports, use women showers and restrooms, and insist that there is no biological differences between the sexes? They teach our children that men can get pregnant and breastfeed and enact laws that allow teachers to make trans-gender arrangements for their students without parental knowledge or consent. If given their druthers, like any hardcore Marxist, they would eliminate Christians, Western Civilization, the Republican Party and its members.

Not to mention soaring inflation, illegal immigrants, human trafficking and Fentanyl importation, which is involved in more deaths of Americans under 50 than any cause of death, including heart disease, cancer, homicide, suicide and other accidents. No community is safe from this poison. In 2021, the CDC reported that approximately 72,000 people died from synthetic opioids like fentanyl. This isn’t just sick, depraved and perverted – it’s sinister and evil.

## CCRC President's Message (cont'd)

These are certainly the times that try men's souls, and although we have been bent, and in some cases broken, I trust and hope that we will emerge in better shape. On a Club level, we have listened to our members and are taking proactive steps to accomplish this. Our Mixers and Dinner Meetings will feature guest speakers who will address issues and concerns that you identified in the recent Club Survey as being most important to you on a local, state, national and international level. These topics include Marxism, public education, Charlotte County infrastructure and growth, crime and homelessness, human trafficking, and new federal and international regulations that could change how we bank.

You also indicated that you wanted to be better equipped with the tools to make a difference. We have arranged for "Americans For Prosperity", a nonprofit 501(c)(3) that will be providing training August 19th in both Advocacy and Mobilization at a local venue to be determined. Please call us or go to our website at [ccflrc.org](http://ccflrc.org) for the link to register. So far, we have approximately 19 members signed up for this grassroots training.

Our August Mixer on August 14th will feature award winning filmmaker Curtis Bower's **AGENDA 2: Masters of Deceit**, where he identifies in detail how the Democratic Socialists and Marxists have slowly infiltrated and gained control of so many aspects of our government, businesses and our culture through deception, scheming and dishonesty. **This movie is a MUST see, and as a show of appreciation for your support we are WAIVING the \$10 Admission for Members.**

Please don't forget that our reservation/cancellation deadline for our dinners is now Noon on the **Thursday before** the dinner. Our Dinner is August 23rd (the 4th Wednesday) and our guest speakers are from the Florida Citizens Alliance, a grassroots nonprofit. They will talk about their efforts to identify and remove pornographic and other objectionable materials from our schools, the latest legislation regarding education and parental rights, and their new micro-schools initiative.

In closing, we are in a desperate fight to preserve our freedoms. We are fortunate to be part of the 4% of people who have ever lived to experience freedom and liberty as we know it. And once you've tasted freedom, there's no turning back, compromise or submission. The savor of liberty is insatiable. We echo Oliver Twist and say, "*Please, sir, I want some more.*"

*Bill A., CCRC President*

### Our Candidate Policy

Any candidate in a Republican Election or a Nonpartisan Election is welcome to forward information or a flyer to us about themselves and upcoming events. We will post the events on our Club's website calendar and email the flyers to our members. We will email an Information Flyer for each candidate ONE TIME to our members, as well as Event Flyers as we receive them. Candidates are encouraged to join our Club and attend our events, where they will be announced and given 1 minute to talk. They are invited to stay after the event for a Meet & Greet with the attendees.

Announcements for Candidate Events and Handouts are done solely as a courtesy to the Candidates and for the Education, Benefit and Convenience of our Members and the Public and does not imply an endorsement.

# Electric Vehicles

## (Part 3 of a series)

Have you thought about purchasing an electric car? People get excited over the possibility of never having to stop at a gas station ever again. They imagine the convenience of coming home at night, plugging in their car and driving off in the morning. Doesn't that sound great? I remember my mom telling me if it sounds too good to be true, it usually is. This is one of those circumstances that my mom was talking about.

Where are we going to get the electricity to charge our cars? According to government figures the United States has 7.4 % extra capacity of electrical generation. This is not sufficient energy to charge our cars. We will become like California where rolling black outs are common. In Florida, we will be forced to turn off our air conditioner at night so we can charge our car. Doesn't that sound like fun? Sleep in 90-degree temperatures? Are you kidding me? Yes, I am spoiled, but think of the money we will save, and we won't have to buy blankets ever again. How about the people up north? You can choose to heat your home or to charge your car. Sounds exciting, doesn't it?

Can we build more power plants? Sure, but how do we get the electricity from the power plants to your home? It has to run through wires. The energy grid is not capable of moving this amount of energy. It is estimated we would need to almost double our electrical grid. We can do that, but there is not sufficient copper in the world to make the wires to transmit the electricity.

And let's not forget that most homes in this country do not have a fuse box sufficiently large enough to allow charging at home. How do we charge the cars where people park in the street? Many apartment complexes and condos will not allow charging of electric vehicles due to the fire risk. And the list of problems of converting gas-powered cars to electric goes on and on.

In closing, I will quote Bob Lutz, an incredibly intelligent individual who is the only person ever to be a top leader of *four* automotive manufacturers (GM, Ford, Chrysler and BMW) summed it up best when he said, "Electric vehicles are an expensive, environmentally unfriendly solution in search of a problem that does not exist."

Mike Kumbalek

(CCRC Member)

***"When somebody challenges you, fight back. Be brutal, be tough."***

**Donald Trump**

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## ***INPUT FROM OUR MEMBERS***

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### **What is Economic Democracy?**

Economic Democracy or individual rule is rational and moral. In the framework of Economic Democracy, you can vote for whatever products you want and get it from the free market. If the product is not available and people are seeking a certain kind of product, someone will innovate it and make it available. It could be a giant mall, kiosk, or a child's lemonade stand, and everything in between, which can be looked at as a voting booth.

Democracy of the people is open to all ethnic origin, gender, age, complexion or religion. This method of voting never discriminates. In the Democracy of the free-market, there is a concept of universal suffrage. Anyone can vote in this market, even your children and/or grandchildren can “vote” by way of a “consumer ballot”.

American's industrial progress, in a span of 2 centuries, has never been equaled anywhere on earth, in any period in history. The American businesswomen and men have demonstrated the most spectacular achievements ever recorded in any economic society.

I will end with a quote from Ayn Rand 1963, “Why did this truly magnificent benefactor of mankind arouse resentment and hatred? Because Capitalism and Socialism are incompatible.”

***Mike Kumbalek***

### **Scam Alert!**

Telephone scams are alive and well. Here are two simple tips to keep from being scammed. If you are like me, I receive multiple phone calls from “candidates” asking for money. They have several opening lines such as, “We appreciate your past donations, and we really need your support again”, or “America is at a crossroads, conservative candidate (insert name) needs your support”.

Let me ask you, how do you know if this is a real phone call or a scam? Scammers can look up your party affiliation and target you. To find out who is real and who are scammers, simply ask two questions. “Before I donate any money, I need to know more about the candidate. Can you send me some literature in the mail?” The scammers will hang up or never send you the information.

The second question to ask is, “How much of my donation will actually go to the candidate?” Again, a real organization will be willing to tell you. Many times, only 1 or 2 % of the money donated will actually reach the candidate. You worked hard for your money, don't be fooled by these scammers.

***Christa Terry***

## ***INPUT FROM OUR MEMBERS (CONT'D)***

### **Sunshine & Rain**

To hear it told, Florida is the state to which “everyone” wants to retire or live because of ..... (You fill in the blanks).

Florida is changing, and it’s not the Florida it once was, as is America for the most part. At one time, Southwest Florida was rarely mentioned as it lacked roads, infrastructure, and meaningful jobs. It lacked the excitement of Florida’s East Coast cities. It did have one offering that few could deny, it was cheaper to live in Florida compared with those big Northern cities.

Over the past decades we saw those on a small income or retirement relocate to Florida for the lifestyle and the low prices. Many of these people are now either dead or struggling to get by for a number of reasons. One thing we know, it is becoming very expensive to live in Florida. With a state budget at \$116 Billion dollars, Florida is trying to be all things to all people. With 22 million residents and more coming every day (over 300,000 in 2022), it is a marketing paradise, or so it would seem. And the failures of Biden’s economic policies are decimating the middle class and retirees on fixed incomes.

As small hamlets grow into moderate sized towns and cities, the infrastructure needs to keep pace. The utility companies charge “fees” to cover expansion, provide service and maintenance. Many of the jobs in an expansion society need youth, as doing these jobs requires strength. Young people who take care of old people will have children. These children need schools, and schools need money, and if you haven’t noticed, more and more money every year. Taxes in the high growth areas are getting higher and while that is to be expected, is something few want.

As we expand into virgin territory, we need new roads that are wider and have eye watering costs. Where once Florida and its “Local Option” could allow for communities to have a strong say in what they wanted or needed, that opinion has been eroded to where few are asked for an opinion but are told what to think and do.

We do not live in a vacuum and as the nation goes, so goes Florida. Millions of Floridians rely on pension plans that need to grow as the country grows, but many are seeing their retirement plans and savings lose money. Again, this is due to Woke Investing Strategies and the high inflation and dwindling supply of goods under Bidenomics. Our national inflation has diminished the value of the dollar, cut the stock market by over 7 TRILLION dollars and has created pockets of individuals and families that are “barely making it” and becoming increasingly reliant on the “kindness of strangers” or the government. Fortunately, we are a nation of charitable people, but there is only so much blood in a turnip. Charlotte County has over 125 charitable organizations at present.

We are fast becoming a nation of psychological misfits, requiring psychological counseling and treatment. This pandemic-like disease creates more than treatment but diminishes people’s ability to add to the economy. .” (Cont’d pg. 6) The patients are becoming younger and younger until school systems need 20 or more full-time mental health personnel to make school life “normal

## **INPUT FROM OUR MEMBERS**

### **Sunshine & Rain (cont'd)**

We are an “open” state, says our marketing arm. We welcome newcomers. We seem to be all things to all people and while that is nice to hear, all this “c’mon down,” has and will continue to become more costly. Many who come here bring their bad habits and their bad politics with them.

So, it is with this that I write about “values” being more important than prices. We want our expensive school system to provide excellence and not brainwashing. We want high moral character rather than having to hire more expensive law enforcement. We want those who provide our services to keep politics out of real science. Lest you think you will spend less for utilities, FPL wants to make Florida “Carbon Neutral” and to that end is going to pave over 813,000 acres of Florida land with solar panels. These “to the horizon” installations are food for hailstorms, lightning and hurricanes. The phrase “maintenance free” does not exist so much as a continuous increase in our electrical bills.

We will need much more water to satisfy our growth. We here in Charlotte County need a new reservoir. We have known about this for 10 years. When will we build it? When we are at the point of being water rationed? We cannot play “catch-up” politics with our needs.

Nothing is without cost, both the good and the bad. We, the Republican Party come to the table with rational decisions, but without our members speaking to our needs through our Republican Clubs, we would be like sheep crying in the wilderness. Get involved, stay involved, and recruit others before it becomes “air conditioning from noon to 4 only.”

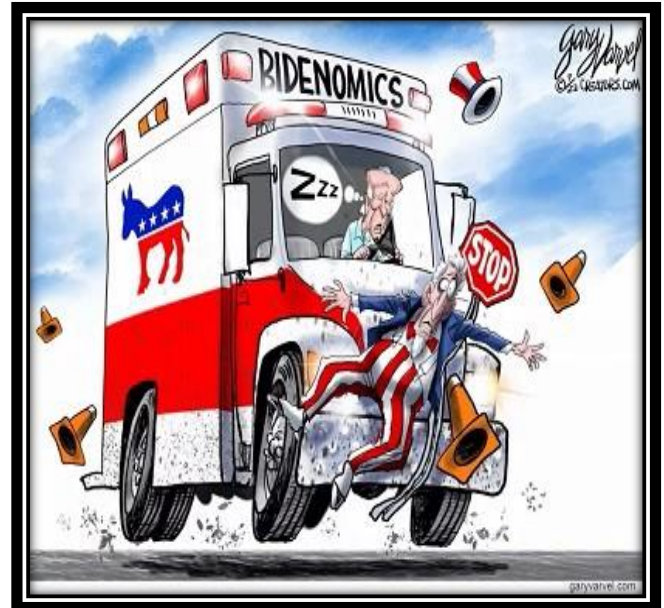
*Dr. Richard Pitz*

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*or Text to 941-628-0994*

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*Inflation is as violent as a mugger, as frightening as an armed robber and as deadly as a hit man.*

**Ronald Reagan**

## CLUB ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Monday, August 14th**

### Monthly Mixer

4:45 PM-7:15 PM @ Beef O' Brady's, 1105 Taylor Rd, Punta Gorda, FL 33950

Free to members this month or \$10.00 per non-members. Enjoy appetizers, iced tea, networking and hear an interesting speaker. Cash bar available. Visit [www.ccflrc.org](http://www.ccflrc.org) for details about the Mixer and the program.

**Below:** We drew a *large crowd* at last month's Monthly Mixer. We viewed "AGENDA: Grinding America Down" Part 1. We'll view Part 2 at this month's mixer. Hope to see you all there!



**Thursday, August 17th**

### Freedom Thursday

7:30 PM-9:00 PM @

Allstar Sports Grill, 2360 Tamiami Trail, Port Charlotte, FL 33952

This event is **FREE** and OPEN TO THE PUBLIC. Bring a friend. *Doors open at 7:00 pm* if you want to arrive early and have dinner prior to the meeting.

**Wednesday, August 23<sup>rd</sup>**

### Monthly Business Dinner Meeting 4:45 PM-7:15 PM @

Isles Yacht Club, 1780 W Marion Ave, Punta Gorda, FL 33950

Visit [ccflrc.org](http://ccflrc.org) to make reservations online, or call Debbie A @ 518-420-7583 or email her [ccflrc@gmail.com](mailto:ccflrc@gmail.com) with your dinner choice(s). \$40 per person. \$45 for walk-ins without a reservation, if space is available. Pay at the door with cash, check or credit card.

Reservation deadline is Noon Thursday, Aug 17.

## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

**Dena Bennett**

**Tom & Cheryl Bennett**

**JoAnn Bennett -**

**Punta Gorda**

**Punta Gorda**

**Port Charlotte**

**40 new members this year – 290 total members**