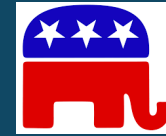


Charlotte County Republican Club

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President's Message, July 2023



To all Club Members,

This month we celebrate the 247th anniversary of Independence Day, the day that 56 Englishmen who represented the 13 British colonies in America declared their independence as 13 sovereign nations from the tyranny of King George III and the State of Great Britain.

The Signers of the Declaration dissolved the political bands with their country based on the principle that *the Laws of Nature and that of Nature's God entitled them to do so*. They then went on to boldly declare that, "**We hold these Truths to be self-evident, that all men are created Equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of Happiness.**"

They took an unprecedented position by asserting that freedom is based on the indisputable fact that all people are equal and obtain their rights from God, and not from kings, emperors, dictators, imperial presidents, government bureaucrats or woke corporations. Historically, this was such a shocking and ground-breaking statement. Today, this basis for individual rights and freedoms is still not widely accepted among people and governments around the world, including many people in and out of government in America. Remember, in the entire history of the world, approximately only 4% of people whomever lived have experienced freedom as we know it.

They went on to defiantly list **27 Grievances** that explained to the world how King George had stolen their God given rights and why he is unfit to be their ruler.

Here are four of them:

1. *He has refused his Assent to Laws, the most wholesome and necessary for the public good.* Sounds like Sanctuary Cities, Open Borders and the refusal to honor our Immigration and election laws. Biden also demonstrates a disdain for Congress by bypassing them with Executive Orders that attempt to unilaterally change laws, and for the Supreme Court by ignoring their rulings on his unconstitutional actions.
2. *He has obstructed the Administration of Justice.* Doesn't this sound like Defunding the Police, Selective Enforcement and Prosecution of the Law, Abuse of the FISA Court and Warrantless Searches & Seizures, Using the Steele Dossier for the Spying and Persecution of President Trump while ignoring crimes of Hillary and Bill Clinton and Hunter and Joe Biden?
3. *For depriving us in many cases of the benefits of Trial by Jury and to be tried for pretended offences.* Isn't this what happened to some of the people who were at the Capitol on January 6th, or the investigation and arrests of Donald Trump and campaign members and advisors like General Mike Flynn, Roger Stone, George Papadopoulos, Corey Lewandowski, Carter Page and many others?
4. *He has erected a multitude of new offices and sent hither swarms of officers to harass our people.* This very much sounds like the Administrative State today where unelected bureaucrats restrict liberties through creating and enforcing many new regulations and urge woke corporations to do the same with their ESG and DEI rules that impact our lives by constraining our freedoms and the free markets. Not to mention the addition of 87,000 IRS tax collectors, many of them now armed.

They concluded by definitively dissolving their relationship with the State of Great Britain, affirming their **shared trust in God** and pledging to each other **their Lives, Fortunes and Sacred Honor**.

It troubles us all when we see our freedoms go to waste or get eroded by Democratic Socialists, Marxists and others who simply reject, abandon, or are tone deaf to our Founding Principles of individualism and liberty, including those on our side of the aisle.

Our Club pledges that you will experience **Fun, Fellowship and Freedom** at our events, and I believe that with your input, we have been doing just that. We recently held forums to talk about the concerns you identified in our club survey, and we are committed to addressing them.

Our July Mixer will go right to the heart of these issues as we will be presenting Tim Hennessey from *Americans for Prosperity*, who will talk about their organization and how it can assist us in giving grassroots training for those who want to learn more or polish these skills as activists. We have also invited Jennifer Moerschel who will update us on her husband David's conviction and sentencing for entering the Capitol on January 6th. We will then show a condensed 30-minute version of **AGENDA: Grinding America Down**, an award-winning expose of the communist, socialist and progressive attempts to take over America from the inside by targeting and grinding away at America's morality, schools and freedom. Hope to see you there and at our other events this month.

In closing, we are facing some of the same transgressions and challenges to our Liberty that the Colonists faced. Let the devotion of our **Founding Fathers of Freedom** be an inspiration and a peaceful call to action on our part. Let us keep marching towards the sounds of the guns.

Happy 4th of July from all the Board members.

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Bill Abbatematteo, President
Charlotte County Republican Club

"The important consequences to the American States from this Declaration of Independence, considered as the ground and foundation of a future government, naturally suggest the propriety of proclaiming it in such a manner as that the people may be universally informed of it."
John Hancock



THE FACTS About Electric Vehicles

(part two of the series)

How far can one go on a charge? The key to these questions depends on your circumstances and how you drive. Do you just take short trips to the store, gym and church, or will you need to travel long distances to see family, friends, or to go on vacations? Do you accelerate quickly? Do you coast to a stop or brake rapidly?

The first thing you need to determine is, how important is the range of your electric vehicle to you? Most gasoline cars have a range of approximately 400 miles. Very few electric vehicles can achieve this range. Therefore, you must determine what an acceptable range is for you. The range is measured by the EPA in a climate-controlled garage with a temperature of 68-70°F.

The temperature is important because the outside temperature greatly affects the maximum range. For example, if the temperature is 5°F the range of the vehicle will be reduced by 50%.

The garage test also does not take into account wind resistance, hills, air-conditioning, heater, or additional weight from passengers, luggage, groceries, etc. In some vehicles the range is cut in half with four passengers. Therefore, the range provided by the manufacturer is an estimate and based on near optimum conditions to achieve the highest possible range.

You need to understand you will most likely not obtain the milage range the manufacturer claims. Remember for safety, you should only count on 80% of the estimated range. You just can't pull over to the gas station and fill up. So be very careful.

Furthermore, batteries in electric vehicles are very expensive. They are the most expensive part of the vehicle, and their cost can be up to 50% of the vehicle cost. The cost of replacement batteries can exceed \$20,000 dollars. Therefore, it is imperative the batteries are maintained and charged properly to protect your investment.

The general rules of charging batteries are fairly simple. The faster they charge the shorter the battery life. Keeping the batteries fully charged will also reduce battery life. To obtain the longest battery life the battery should be kept charged in the range of 20→80%. Charging a typical electric vehicle using a standard 110-volt outlet provides approximately 2-3 miles per hour. Therefore, charging your EV for 12 hours will allow you to travel 24-36 miles, or **4 days for a complete charge.**

The average cost for a home charger is approximately \$500 dollars and must be installed by an electrician. A 220-volt charger can supply up to 44 miles per hour of charging. Level-one chargers (110 amp) require approximately 40-50-amp service. A level-two charger requires 80-100-amp service. Many homes do not have this amount of available amps. Therefore, many homes cannot charge an electric vehicle and run the air conditioner at the same time.

Mike Kumbalek
CCRC Member

INPUT FROM OUR MEMBERS

Is it Right or Left, or Right or Wrong

Yesterday, my alarm went off, so was I “woke”! I keep seeing this term in the letters to the local newspapers. I read about the governor banning books that, according to a March WINK News report, “borders pornography”. Then I read about the liberals banning Dr. Seuss books. Boys will be girls and girls will be boys. So, where is the country heading? My letter is not about left or right; *it's about right and wrong*. Our society has strayed from accepting the Bible as God's authoritative Holy Word!

The Bible tells us what sin is and that God hates our sin. However, the Bible also tells us that God loves everyone no matter what race, culture or political party. He wants all to repent (2 Peter 3:9, John 3:16). If everyone repented and believed God and the Bible, we would be living in peace and harmony. That's how you would make our country great again, not through politicians. I close with this from the Bible Verse: I Chronicles 7:14 “If my people who are called by my name humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and heal their land.”

Robert Warren Winward, CCRC Member

A Brief Description of Communism and Socialism

Both communism and socialism are parasites off of the producers who save, risk, and use their creativity and brains to accumulate what they own. Communism justifies that all property, land and innovations belong to the community including wealth and tangible property. Communism is, in part, a religion committed to the extinction of the church and having complete control of your life. Communism justifies all property, land and innovations belong to

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Equally, socialism, fascism, and the welfare state are a softer sell to the culture and the “something for nothing” group. Socialism is an economic ideology advocating public rather than private ownership, means of production, and the redistribution of wealth. Communist and socialist governments hold legal use of physical force, and coercion, for control and obedience. Socialism is a one-party rule, and the originator of the welfare state. It is practiced by buying the loyalty of a select group with the money extorted from another group.

Our current creeping socialism seeks to reform companies and individuals based on energy, governance, and social contribution also known as ESG or DEI scores. For example, Budweiser, Target, Walmart, and Big Tech, are guided by a back-door solution of cancel culture, (name calling) political pressures, and investors to obtain their obedience. In my opinion, there are only a few degrees of differences between Socialism and Communism.

The Free Market has been a positive accomplishment and has made a major impact on all societies throughout history. Capitalism was not forced on you, you follow it for one reason... it is morally profitable. The free market does not threaten, punish, or cause destruction to its customers.

I will end with a quote from Thomas Paine, “Of more worth is one honest man to society, and in the eyes of God than all the crowned ruffians in history. An honest man does not cheat or lie to you and does not expect something for nothing. Tyranny is large scale crime without any recourse to the victim”.

Christa Terry, CCRC Member

Member Input Continued

Remember to Vote Often

Your first vote is at the ballot box; your second vote is with your money. Our first boycott has worked extremely well thus far. For example, Anheuser-Bush stock has decreased 8.14% in the last three months and Bud Lite is no longer the number one selling beer. What is Anheuser Bushes' comment? They are not concerned as they believe we will stop boycotting their product in the near future and Bud Lite will return as the number one selling beer.

Target stock has dropped from \$170.46 to \$131.10, a drop of 23.1% with significantly lower profits due to lower store traffic; however, Maybelline, which is owned by L'Oréal cosmetics just hired Dylan Mulvaney (The Budweiser Man masquerading as a woman) as their *spokesman*.

Therefore, these products should be avoided also. The boycotts are working, keep up the pressure!

This month's focus is on cell phone companies. AT&T, Version, T-Mobile and Sprint donate millions of your dollars to organizations that are in direct opposition to your beliefs and values. Examples of these organizations are Black Lives Matter, which is a Marxist (communist) organization, LGBTQ+ organizations that supports gender change of children and woke policies. Therefore, we need to quit supporting them.

Every time you pay your phone bill, they are sending your money to support organizations that you don't believe in. So, I ask you, why are giving your money to these causes? What can we do? Change to conservative cell phone carriers like Patriot Mobil and Pure Talk. Both companies are US owned, conservative, and use the same towers as the big companies. Let's quit supporting the woke companies!

When you switch send an email to the companies through the investor relations department and let them know why you are changing. Sign up for a second email if you do not want to let them know who you really are. We use both carriers and found only three differences. Lower cost, improved customer service and satisfaction.

Michael D. Kumbalek, CCRC Member

“Freedom is not a gift bestowed upon us by other men, but a right that belongs to us by the laws of God and nature.”

Ben Franklin

We encourage members to submit articles for the CCRC Newsletter. For information on submission, please contact Jeannine Polk (editor) at polkiii103@aol.com or Text to

941-628-0994

****Articles do not necessarily reflect the official opinion or policies of the Club. They are submitted solely as a courtesy to our readers on issues that they might find interesting or informative.***

CLUB ANNOUNCEMENTS

Monday July 10th

Monthly Mixer \$10.00/ person. Enjoy appetizers, iced tea, networking and hear an interesting speaker. Cash bar available.

Visit www.ccflrc.org for details. 4:45-7:15 PM @ Beef 'O' Brady's, 1105 Taylor Rd, Punta Gorda, FL 33950, USA

Thursday July 20th

Freedom Thursday Speaker Series

Join us for our Freedom Thursday Speaker Series, where **Leonardo Trent** will talk about establishing a Republican Club in his high school. **FREE & OPEN to the public!**

7:30 PM-9:00 PM @ Allstar Sports Grill, 2360 Tamiami Trail, Port Charlotte, FL 33952

Wednesday July 26th

Monthly Business Dinner Meeting

Visit ccflrc.org to make reservations online, or call Debbie A @ 518-420-7583 or email her ccflrc@gmail.com with your dinner choice(s). **\$40/person**

4:45 PM-7:15 PM @ Isles Yacht Club, 1780 W Marion Ave, Punta Gorda, FL 33950

Visit www.ccflrc.org for additional details about the event, dinner choices, our reservation policy and the featured speaker.



Dr. Debi Lux (CCRC member) was recognized in June at the “Women of Distinction Gala”. She and her husband Sean (rt) were congratulated by Congressman Byron Donalds and his wife Erika. The Luxes founded the Lee-Collier Honor Flights. Attorney General Ashley Moody presented Debi with the award. Dr. Lux is a candidate for Punta Gorda City Council, Dist. 3.

**The CCRC does not endorse candidates.*



Dinner Meeting Highlights



Guest speaker State Representative Spencer Roach (2nd from right) spoke to the CCRC about issues in our area and the latest legislative session. A supporter of our young Republican members, he is pictured with Leonardo, Dillon and Ben.

Welcome
to our
New Members

Cherlyn Wichlacz & Randy McCormick
Norm & Cheryl Froman *(Sponsored by Colin & Suzanne Smith)*
Shirley Culton *(Sponsored by Sharon Olsommer)*
Kevin Lukas

Total Membership is 286. We thank you for your support.