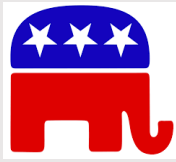
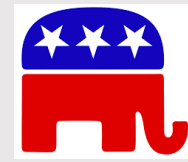


Charlotte County Republican Club (Est. 1995)



NEWSLETTER



June 2023



To all Club Members,

During Memorial Day, we took a moment to honor and remember the brave individuals who made the ultimate sacrifice for our country. Their courage and selflessness have allowed you and me to enjoy the freedoms we hold so dear.

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. Whether the reason is based on Marxist ideology, or the pursuit of personal power, influence or money is immaterial as the consequence is the same – We are watching America slip away. Being politically active is a privilege of freedom and it goes beyond just voting; it means staying informed, engaging in meaningful discussions, and advocating for positive change.

Our Club has been doing just that, and as testimony to that commitment will be devoting all three of our monthly events in June to addressing your concerns. We will review the results of our internal survey and hold discussions with attendees at our June Mixer, Freedom Thursday Speaker Series and our Dinner, on how to best develop and implement solutions and actions to address some of the County, State, National and International concerns and issues you had identified. We're doing this because you asked us to. The Number One recommendation I receive is; What can members do as a club to save America? Well, we've been doing it - and plan on doing more with your input and help!

I know you're right there with me as evidenced by our continued growth in membership and attendance at all our events. You and I know just how much our involvement matters.

Members' feedback that we receive after our events is so positive and refreshing, and your continued input is desired and valued. Our outreach efforts by our volunteers who attend expos, festivals, gun shows, etc., have been outstanding, and the positive comments we receive from members of our community is phenomenal. Be a part of Ginnie Dobrek's team and spread the good word about how we are the Party of Freedom and Liberty. It is good fellowship and for a good cause.

You've heard me say many times that this is YOUR Club, and it is the job of the Officers and Committees to give you the best experiences possible. And we try our best to accomplish that. It is also everyone's duty to do our part to preserve America's freedoms and liberties. I know you realize that because that's the reason you joined the Club in the first place.

You also do so much outside of our Club. Whether you're signing petitions, joining advocacy groups, writing letters, contacting your representatives, or volunteering for a campaign you believe in, your efforts do make a difference. Together, conservatives can shape our communities and create a brighter future for our friends and family.

I would like to thank Jeannine Polk for volunteering to be our new Newsletter Editor. We are looking forward to this First Issue, plus many more to come.

In closing, let the devotion of our defenders of freedom who made the Supreme Sacrifice while in the line of duty be an inspiration and a call to action on our part. Let us march towards the sounds of the guns.

Bill

Bill Abbatematteo, President

Charlotte County Republican Club

CLUB ANNOUNCEMENTS

Monday June 12th

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 June 15th

Freedom Thursday Speaker Series Join us for our Freedom Thursday Speaker Series, where we feature a prominent speaker who will talk about, and lead a discussion on, current issues.

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

Wednesday June 28th

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

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

2024 Presidential Election

will be here soon...

LET'S GET READY!

Are you interested in becoming a "Gatekeeper of Democracy" for the 2024 Presidential Election? It's time to start getting prepared. There is hands-on training required. A variety of positions are offered, but you must meet all the requirements. More information can be found here:

<https://www.soecharlottecountyfl.gov/>

Or call the **Election Worker Department (Kelly at 941-833-5404 or Marian at 941-833-5494)** for more information. **Let's make sure we show up in numbers to WATCH OVER our elections!**



***See more detailed info. for each event attached.**

TID BITS FROM MIKE

Growing up in Chicago we had a saying:
“Vote early, vote often and just because you die doesn’t mean you give up your right to vote”.

The political election may be over, but like people in Chicago, we can vote again, and again and again. How? With our pocket books. We can choose not to shop at woke companies, such as Coke, Bank of America, AB in Bev (Budweiser) and Target just to name a few.

Bud Lite sales are down 23.6 %. Because of our boycott, keep it up. Remember Michelob Stella, Busch, Land Shark, Shock Top and Corona are also Budweiser brands.

Target is a strong promoter of LGBTQ+ and promotes conversion of children, prominently displaying “tuck friendly” swimsuits which allow males to hide their genitals and parade around as women. They have experienced a push back recently, and as a result, Target stock is down 3% with operating income down 57%. Target removed many prominent displays from the front of the stores to the back of the stores or removed them altogether. This proves we have the power to change companies.

LGBTQ+ people represent 7.1 percent of the population, yet they are forcing their views in our schools, our children, and companies. Even Milk Bone dog biscuits have gone woke

with pride dog bones. We can push back against the woke agenda.

Log into “Second Vote” or “1792 Exchange” and see which companies are woke. Then shop at their competitors. Send letters and emails to the woke companies telling them why we will no longer shop at their stores. Send the emails to their investor relations site. We can win if we choose to act.

Mike Terry,

CCRC Member, Newsletter Writer

We encourage members to submit articles for the Club’s Newsletter. For information on submission Contact Jeannine Polk, Newsletter Editor, at Polkiii103@aol.com or by text at 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.

“How many legs does a dog have if you call his tail a leg? FOUR....saying that a tail is a leg, doesn’t make it a leg.”

Abraham Lincoln

Electric vehicles, are they good or bad for the environment?

I will let you make that decision for yourself, based on the information presented in the next few newsletters. This month, we will review the goals set forth by the United Nations, the executive order signed by President Joe Biden, California's laws, and the production of batteries. Over the following issues we will discuss the charging of electric batteries, the actual mileage range versus published fire hazards, cost differentials, and finally, is it possible to convert the world from gasoline and diesel-powered vehicles to electric?

The news and social media sources bombard us daily concerning global warming and the catastrophic effects it will have on the earth. Their number one solution is the banning of fossil fuels and converting all motor vehicles to electric. In order to achieve this "solution" the United Nations set forth a goal of eliminating the sale of all internal combustion engines by 2040. This includes all trains, buses, trucks, farm equipment, passenger vehicles, and lawn mowers, etc... with airplanes, jets, and boats to follow. In other words, everything will be powered by electricity in the near future. In December 2021, President Joe Biden issued an executive order requiring that 50% of all new cars sold in the United States must be electric by 2030. California went further by requiring 35% of all new cars must be electric by 2026, 68% in 2030 and 100% by 2035. In light of these government mandated goals every automotive manufacturer plans to convert the vast majority, if not all of their current vehicles, to electric. As an example, General Motors will stop production of all internal combustion engines and plans to produce only electric vehicles by 2035.

Most of today's automotive batteries are produced from critical minerals such as lithium, cobalt, nickel, and magnesium. These minerals are scattered throughout the world from North and South America, Africa, Far East, Australia, Russia, and China. No one will be unaffected by this mining. The richest deposits of lithium are located in Afghanistan, China, Chile, Argentina, and Bolivia. Sixty-six percent of the cobalt production is from the Democratic Republic of Congo. Nickel comes from Indonesia, Brazil, and Australia. China produces more magnesium than the rest of the world combined. The destruction and pollution of the environment due to this mining is catastrophic, as most of these countries have

The FACTS On EVs

little if any pollution and environmental protection laws. For example, in the Salar de Atamaca region of Chile, which is one of the driest deserts in the world, the lithium mining uses 65% of the available water. The result is extreme ground water depletion. Farmers no longer have sufficient water to farm; starvation is rampant, and the native population has been forced to relocate simply to find food. In the Democratic Republic of the Congo most as the mining is done by hand. Due to the extreme labor shortage and severe health problems associated with cobalt mining, 40,000 children are forced to work in the mines. Cobalt is a toxic carcinogenic material. Many countries banned its use in pigments and paints due to its toxicity.

It takes 20 tons of gold ore to produce one ounce of gold. That is why gold is so expensive. Lithium, cobalt, magnesium, and nickel are similar. On average it requires the mining of one million pounds of ore and 2 million pounds of water to produce a battery capable of propelling an electric vehicle 400 miles. During the refining process toxic materials are generated. This is one of the main reasons why the refining processes of the ore occurs in China and other third world countries. China owns 98 percent of the world lithium mines. 80% of the cobalt mines, 68% of the nickel mines, and 85% of the magnesium mines. China also produces 70% of the automotive battery cells. Therefore, the entire world is dependent on the Chinese for batteries. China has a strangle hold on the entire world for electric vehicles. Is it any wonder China is pushing the world to adopt electric vehicles?

Next month we will cover the cost of batteries, recharging, and battery life expectancy.

Mike Terry

CCRC Member + Writer

- (1) The numbers are based on averages derived from multiple sources. Obviously, the exact amount of ore required to produce one battery is based on the concentration of the minerals in the ore, the exact size of the battery, the efficiency of the battery and the efficiency of the vehicle.*
- (2) The Chinese ownership of the mines is well documented however the exact percentage is difficult to ascertain. Therefore, averages were used from multiple reliable sources.*

MAY EVENTS



Mason Weaver spoke at the CCRC dinner at the Isles Yacht Club. His riveting speech was about the past, present and future of the Republican Party.



Our youngest Republican high school students joined us for dinner at the Isles Yacht Club (l to r): Ben Hooker (CHS), Leonardo Trent (CHS), Gabriel DeGuzman (PCHS), and Lyndsey Hamshire (PCHS)



CCRC members enjoying the Downtown Bash on May 27th. We recruited members, sold bumper stickers and gave out information about the Charlotte County Republican Club.



***Democracy is worth dying for,
because it's the most deeply
honorable form of government
ever devised by man.***

Ronald Reagan



VALUABLE RESOURCES:

Did you know that you can read or listen to ...**FOR FREE**...the Hillsdale College monthly speech digest "Imprimis"? Each issue is dedicated to educating citizens and promoting civil and religious liberty by covering cultural, economic, political, and educational issues. First published in 1972, Imprimis is one of the most widely circulated opinion publications. You can subscribe to receive a FREE lifetime subscription by mail, or just read it and/or listen to the podcast online. Join over six million readers here:

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There are courses you can sign up for too, all of them for FREE. I personally just signed up for the course "Constitution 101: The Meaning and History of the Constitution".

Enjoy!

Jeannine Polk,

CCRC Member

Newsletter Editor

WELCOME NEW
MEMBERS!

TOTAL CCRC MEMBERSHIP: 281

Jeannine Orndorff / Punta Gorda

John & Diane Hime / Punta Gorda

Kathleen Stencil-Worch / Punta Gorda

Doreen Peterson / Punta Gorda

Garth Hughey / Bend, OR

Kay Abbs / Punta Gorda

Al & Nelda Iacono / Punta Gorda

Barbara Priborsky / Pt. Charlotte

Kathleen & Gus Pellegrino / Pt. Charlotte

Carla Smith / Englewood

Kim Amontree / Punta Gorda

Maryrose Risner / Punta Gorda

Charles & Andrea Palmer / Punta Gorda

Tom & Adrienne Andresen / Punta Gorda

Jon Rowzie / Punta Gorda

William James / Punta Gorda

Bob & Betty Clabough / Punta Gorda