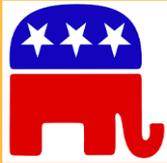
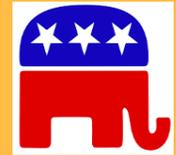


CHARLOTTE COUNTY REPUBLICAN CLUB

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NEWSLETTER



November 2023



President's Message *Election Halloween*

Hi Everyone,
Hope your Halloween was enjoyable.

Aren't some of the costumes and masks very clever and ingenious? We set aside this special day when the young and old dress up, put on costumes and masks, and pretend to be someone else.

This got me thinking. Halloween isn't really over – it's just begun. Welcome to *Election Halloween*, where we will be exposed, entertained and charmed from now until next November by a string of incumbents and challengers all vying for elected positions on national, state and local levels. They will knock on our doors subjecting us their version of *Trick or Treat*. But instead of us offering them candy, it is **they** who will handing out their treats to **us**, in the form of flyers or palm cards promising us all kind of goodies if we vote for them. But unlike traditional Halloween, where little ones come a-knocking with a choice of either a Trick **or** a Treat, the masqueraders in *Election Halloween* don't give us an either-or option.

Dressed in their costumes and masks that portray themselves as honest, principled and independent-minded Super Heroes, they pledge to fall on the Constitutional sword of Liberty and Freedom for people they don't even know. Some are truly Devils in Disguise who promise us their bag of treats, but their true intentions are to trick us by not coming through on most of the goodies they promise. It's a *Win-Win* for them and the *Middle Finger* to the People.

Once elected, they shed their costumes & masks (until the next election cycle) and reveal who they really are. The same old group of greedy and unprincipled actors who are beholden to and controlled by anyone offering them power, prestige and profit. We like to think that

Election Halloween only exists on national level, but don't be fooled, as these goblins also exist on the state and local levels.

But we know that, and most of us can spot them a mile away. But sadly, after two or four years of being hoodwinked by broken promises, we still choose to be tricked AND treated by these Political Elves over and over. Why is that? Is our short-term memory failing us?

Are we perhaps the eternal optimists, hoping that just maybe the next time around things will be different and they will actually come through and treat us to the crème-de-la-crème of candy? Everyone's favorite and the most sort after candy in Russia, the *Snickers* bar. And not just an empty wrapper like they usually give us, but the real McCoy; actually made from imitation chocolate and not crickets. But be aware that even if they do come through and deliver, it will certainly be quite smaller than the bite-size version, because obviously, inflation would have eaten the other half.

The Club encourages you to show your support for the Republican Party's, and our Club's, endorsed candidate, Dr. Debi Lux. Dress up like a Patriot and write letters of support to the paper, talk to your neighbors and ask them to vote for her, and volunteer an hour or two with her campaign. I'm sure her and her team will appreciate your help.

And remember, our November Dinner has been moved up to Wednesday, November 15th due to Thanksgiving. That means that the RSVP deadline is Noon, Thursday, November 9th. We already have over 50 people attending to see New Zealand author and filmmaker Trevor Loudon, and have room for about 40 more people. If you are thinking of coming, please go online and RSVP, or call Debbie to make a reservation. Refer to the attached flyer for details on this and all our upcoming events in November.

Bill Abbatematteo, CCRC President

A Heartfelt Invocation
by Dr. Richard Pitz

**ALMIGHTY GOD ... RULER OF ALL... BRING TO US PEACE IN THE WORLD.
SAVE US FROM A FESTERING WAR NOW RAGING IN UKRAINE AND ISRAEL.**

**WE ARE SUFFERING FROM A
GOVERNMENT WITHOUT A TRUE LEADER
... WE ARE A SHIP WITHOUT A RUDDER.**

**WE ARE ADRIFT IN A SEA OF POLITICAL
DANGER WHERE ANY FALSE MOVE
COULD BRING TO US A WAR OF POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC CATASTROPHE.
HEAVENLY FATHER ... WE ASK FOR RELEASE OF THE HOSTAGES HELD BY HAMAS.**

**WE ASK FOR THOSE WHO ARE PRISONERS OF A ROGUE STATE ... BE RELEASED TO
THEIR FAMILIES... WE ASK FOR END TO ALL HOSTILITIES.**

**HEAVENLY FATHER ...AS WE ... THE LOYAL MEMBERS OF OUR GREAT REPUBLICAN
PARTY ... FIGHT FOR OUR NATION AND OUR CONSTITUTION**

**WE ASK FOR THY HOLY GRACE AS WE STRIVE FOR VICTORY ... WE ASK FOR THY
BLESSING AS WE GO FORWARD.**

AMEN

Bring On The Empty Politicians

By Dr. Richard Pitz

Is it possible that one computer would have more intelligence than the “535 plus one?” Yes, it is possible, and for many it is the computer that wrangles out all that is needed to save humanity from itself.

While those who are elected, pretend to come to Washington “to make a difference,” we cannot discount that which is used to accomplish such nonsense. Politics is about numbers as is all things. We are told “every hair on your head is counted” and that your tax bill is as right as rain. For many, it is “us against them,” or if not, then why do we have accountants and lawyers? We are assumed to be guilty and not innocent. We are told we will get our day in court and so many others, more than we can count.

For those who need to balance the books at the end of the month, far too many fail in their ability to understand income and outgo. Many of them are elected to congress. If we are to understand how things work, we must first understand that the ability of the human to solve its problems, without the benefit of a Congress, is much older than the United States.

Government, all of it, from top to bottom is in “need” of money to do what they are supposed to do. Government, by its nature of having no meaningful oversight, becomes the least desirable of all to balance the books. War becomes peace, not because the ideas of victory leave the battlefield, but because the “Cost of War,” is the cost of civilization. I would proffer that 80% of our government could be outsourced with a saving of 50%. That it would be done is extremely remote. Not that the government wants to cut spending, because they don’t, but because they would lose “control.”

Now, when we vote, we not only consent to be governed, but we also vote to cede control - “All control” over how our money is spent. Both parties and those who run them are constantly trying to find a way to permanently control the purse. They never talk of money wasted, too many controlling agencies, the amount needed or the return on investment. Talking of those things is “boring” to those who believe they are entitled to something, because it is not right that others have it “all” and they have “nothing”.

On the face of it, it would seem prudent to drive that idea out of the heads of those whose only asset is to cause trouble. However, having these people as your army is an asset. Everyone, without exception, has a vote. To secure that vote, the carrot that is dangled in front of them is the “promise of money.” Not real money, but the “promise” of real money. But we have run out of “real” money many years back and we now rely on “fake” money to take its place. Where once our money was backed by precious metals, today it is backed by a “promise to pay.”

Washington is the land of “Promises unfulfilled” and as such has lost the glitter of honesty and probity. It has become the land where nothing is seen as sacred, such that, many countries do not want to be tied to the dollar any longer. They want to have their own basket of currencies which is how BRICS came into being.

While all this sounds confusing, it is simple: If you continue to spend more than you take in and you continually borrow from others, eventually your debt becomes their debt. They know that. You and I know that. Everyone in the world knows that – except our elected officials. How then, if we are to solve our “debt” problem, does it make sense to continue to send to Washington those who cannot or will not cut spending? We keep electing “Leaders” when we really need to elect accountants and misers. Most of what we “need” is more of what we want and no more. We are not raising children, but dependents.

Everything we do must be done with discipline. We pay for things in advance, and seem to fail in this regard. Amazon gets paid “after” the delivery and is the most successful company in existence. So, I am of the opinion that we should let Amazon deal with the money and let the politicians do what they do best, whatever it is. Not all will be shiny as a penny, but you get what you get when you are told one thing and receive another. I am training 435 monkeys on computers to help us out.

Richard

NOVEMBER CLUB ANNOUNCEMENTS

CCRC OUTREACH PROGRAM will be at the Gun Show

SAT.-SUN. Nov. 4th & 5th

9:00-5:00 (Sat.) & 9:00-3:00 @

Charlotte Harbor Event Center, 75 Taylor St., Punta Gorda

Note: Please call Ginnie Dobrek if you can help out 732-910-1346

Picnic With The Party

SAT. Nov. 4th

11:00-3:00 PM @ Bayshore Live Oaks Park, 23157 Bayshore Rd, Charlotte Harbor

FREE For Members & Guests – Bring a lawn chair and a cooler with your favorite beverages

You must have been given a ticket to attend

Food. Music. Fun. Games. Speakers

Monday, Nov. 13, 2023

Monthly Mixer

4:45 PM-7:15 PM @

Beef O' Brady's,

1105 Taylor Rd, Punta Gorda \$10/person

Enjoy appetizers, iced tea, networking and listen to a speaker.

Thursday, November 16th, 2023

FREEDOM Thursday Speaker Series 7:30-9:00PM @ AllStar Sports Grill

2360 Tamiami Trail, Port Charlotte, FL 33952, USA

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, Nov. 15, 2023

Monthly Business Dinner Meeting

4:45-7:15 PM @

Isles Yacht Club

1780 W Marion Ave., Punta Gorda

***DEADLINE for a reservation is at noon, Thursday, Nov. 9th!**

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 per person. \$45 for walk-ins without a reservation, if space is available. Pay at the door with cash, check or credit card.



**WELCOME NEW
CCRC MEMBERS**

Total Members 307

Theresa Bellerive	Punta Gorda
Pamela Williams	Punta Gorda
Jeff Brown	Punta Gorda
Elaine Leininger	Punta Gorda
Mike Cain	Pt. Charlotte
Wendy & Mike Ryan	Punta Gorda
Richard Feinberg	Punta Gorda
Paul Hessler & Amy Beth Farkas	Punta Gorda

A Note of Gratitude

To everyone in the Charlotte County Republican Party who supported the Dr. Debi Lux campaign, we want to express our gratitude. We truly appreciate those of you who put your boots on the ground and went knocking on doors, those of you who held Lux signs on Saturday mornings, those of you who gave a short text and/or uttered words of encouragement when we needed it most, and those of you who stood strong throughout the endorsement process. We cannot say thank you enough! We would not have come this far without your support.

Sincerely,

Jeannine Polk,

Lux Campaign Manager

*If you would like to submit an article for the CCRC Newsletter,
please send your article to Jeannine Polk at
Freefloridagirl@gmail.com or call / text me...941-628-0994*