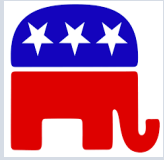
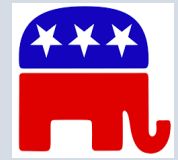


# CHARLOTTE COUNTY REPUBLICAN CLUB

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## NEWSLETTER



Sept. 2023



### President's Message

#### ***Listen to the Walrus***

I was looking through my files recently and came across a piece that I wrote in March 2013 for a meeting when I was President of the Port Charlotte Republican Club (now the Charlotte-Desoto Republican Club). As you may recall, America was in the 5th year of Obama's Presidency. He had already implemented many changes and was planting the seeds of more to come in his quest to fulfil his dream and campaign pledge to fundamentally transform the United State of America into his version of a Marxist nirvana. My message then and now still rings true, but with added urgency because our country is more profoundly Marxist than it was 10 years ago in ways that we couldn't even imagine.

I had mentioned that Our Nation was founded on the premise that Government only exists with the consent of the governed; however, over the past century We, the People have allowed those that we have chosen to represent us to slowly take away our liberty and freedoms, including the passage of laws and regulations that infringe upon some of our inalienable rights, restrict the use of our property, and seize our wealth through additional taxation. This transformation has been on steroids since 2008. The size and scope of the Federal Government has grown to the point that it yields an enormous amount of power and control over the people. We even see this Statist (We know what's

best for you!) ideology in States and communities across America, including ours to some degree.

Ronald Reagan said that *government wasn't the solution to the problem - it was the problem.* However, this isn't totally true, as government is only part of the problem. We, the People must recognize that we are contributing factors.

We have ignored the issues and been complacent, expecting others to step up and take care of the problems that our government has caused. We also trustingly think that when we vote and elect or re-elect Republicans to office at all levels of government, all will be well, but many of them *are* the cause of the problem. We must recognize that our future and the future of America are in our hands, no one else's. To succeed, we must make a commitment to take back our country back and put America and the People First, just as our Founding Fathers designed it. We must participate and work towards restoring those principles that are aligned with our conservative values, America's founding traditions and our Constitution.

That's what I said 10 years ago. Today, I believe that as a Club, we have the greatest influence at the local level, where we can be most effective in stopping any unwanted changes which are taking place right under our very noses without our approval. You know what the issues are. You identified them in the Club Survey and made suggestions to address and prevent these undesirable changes from happening in Charlotte County and the City of Punta Gorda. We talk about them at our monthly events.

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE (Cont'd)

You said you wanted training to give you additional skills to make you more effective at advocating for issues that are important to you. We responded by arranging for Certified Advocacy training in August, and twenty-three of our members participated. Kudos to you all!

But identifying and talking about issues and acquiring skills to address them are only the first steps. Now comes the hardest part, which can be the most challenging and rewarding. We must, as stated by our friend Trevor Loudon, get out of our comfort zone and take pro-active steps to initiate change. That's where the rubber meets the road.

The Federal Government's over-reaching hands have fundamentally transformed our nation, states, counties and cities, including where we live. Particularly U.N. Agenda 2030's Marxist-based doctrine of Urbanized High-Density Housing for all, designed to move people from highly populated cities to small towns and communities. Why? Because others *deserve* to live where you do! It's all about equity. Obama embraced it, Trump rescinded it, and Biden reinstated it on Day-1 and he's steam-rolling it all across America. Just look around and you'll see examples of it. Do you embrace it?

The other side has been actively pursuing their agenda for decades with success. Our side has had spotted results, but not enough to halt the progress of the Democratic Socialists and Marxists. I am inviting any member who wants to make a difference to join our Club's Advocacy Group and run towards the sound of the guns.

Let's meet, prioritize our issues, and determine the best course of action to halt and reverse the implementation of any ideology which will permanently change the fundamental fabric of where we live. *The time has come*, said the Walrus, *to talk of many things*. Contact me if you're ready to talk about why the sea is boiling hot and what we can do about it.

*Bill Abbatematteo*

**If we ever forget that  
we are One Nation  
Under God, then we  
will be a nation gone  
under.**

*Ronald Reagan*



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**ELECTION**  
**2023**  
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**Support your Candidate  
and VOTE!!!**  
*It's the American thing to do*

# IMPORTANT VOTING ANNOUNCEMENT!

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

The City of Punta Gorda will have an election on NOV. 7, 2023! It's PERTINENT YOU CHECK to MAKE SURE YOU ARE SET to VOTE! Go to the Supervisor of Elections website [SOECharlotteCountyFL.gov](http://SOECharlotteCountyFL.gov) to check your status.

You can choose one of the three ways to vote:

1. **VOTE BY MAIL:** As of Nov. 8, 2022, prior vote-by-mail requests have expired! YOU WILL NEED TO RENEW YOUR REQUEST to Vote-By-Mail.  
CALL 941-833-5400 or GO ONLINE to renew at: [SOECharlotteCountyFL.gov](http://SOECharlotteCountyFL.gov)
2. **VOTE EARLY:** Vote in person between Oct. 9 to Nov. 6, 2023 at the City Clerk's Office at 117 Herald Court, Unit 211 in Punta Gorda.
3. **VOTE ELECTION DAY:** Vote at your assigned polling location on Nov. 7<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

Note: ALL Charlotte County voters should check their voter status *prior to* the 2024 election! Go To: [SOECharlotteCountyFL.gov](http://SOECharlotteCountyFL.gov)

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## They said it best!

"We do not have government by the majority.  
We have government by the majority who  
participate."

- *Thomas Jefferson*

"The ballot is stronger than the bullet."

- *Abraham Lincoln*

"One of the penalties for refusing to participate in  
politics is that you end up being governed by  
your inferiors."

- *Plato*

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# ***INPUT FROM MEMBERS***

## **Wadda You Mean It's Over?**

by Dr. Richard Pitz

Like a car whizzing by, the "First GOP Debate" has come and gone. No one got hit, no one was hurt and more importantly, no one got the license plate of the passing vehicle.

The public, that fickle group who wants it all, but cannot describe what "all" is, decided to watch, but mostly not. Few can remember one thing said by any "candidate" on anything that hasn't been discussed before by any person, from the merchant to the banker, to most voters.

Apparently, walking down the street in the outer areas, does not show people living on the street, rampaging youth, or migrants sleeping in the school gym. We are more discounting than embracing. "You mean to tell me these people crashed planes into the World Trade Center? How is that possible?" Few remember the date, fewer remember what happened and more think it was "An inside job." We are a nation that wants to move on. Few are content.

Nothing is important enough to allow worrying yourself over it for more than a few minutes. If it isn't "Trending" it's not important.

The left has done its job very well. They have managed to take a faith-based society and turn it into a "It's all about me" one. What it has not done is make discipline and hard work relevant.

They have tried using "race" to bring the black culture warriors into the street, but despite the "Benjamins" paid, few have the staying power to make chaos the preferred political flavor.

Few want to listen to rhetoric that has words like "it will be a long slog." No one wants to be part of a long slog. Slog sounds too much like work, and as we know by statistics and the low test scores that,

if you are trying to impress the voter, never use words that sound like work.

The "candidates," trying to rise above being part of the "others" group, could not find a handle to be seen as "eminently qualified." They continue to be part of the "One is as good as the next."

For the record, we as a nation, were never allowed to be comfortable. We lived a life of obligations, all of which had to be enthusiastically endorsed or you were made redundant by a "Lack of character."

When a poll was taken about what teenagers thought was important, "a good sense of humor" topped the list. Yes, we need to be able to laugh our way through life. For those who have to pay the bills, our country is in a state where laughter is the last thing needed. We now endure a Presidential administration that is a "Joke" but not in the "Ha-Ha" way, but more "sick" in its content.

Just in case the "debates" did not make a dent into what you were thinking, there will be more, twelve in total. Fox News hosted the first one and if they are smart, they will see to it that it is the last. "Good evening, ladies and gentlemen, tonight we are hosting the second in a series of *The Eight Wannabes Looking for Relevance in an Ever-Irrelevant World*. So put your hands together as we welcome them. Tonight, the topic is: You want a punch in the nose? For that we have supplied each candidate with boxing gloves and a baby pacifier in case things get out of hand."

Now, that is something all would buy tickets for. We have to remember that everything in life is for sale, especially America and all for which it stands. Our debt shows that to be as true as it gets. We have



## ***Member Input (Cont'd)***

tried so many things in order to make things “easier” and in so doing, have finally found the answer.

It has taken a while, but we have seen success and quite frankly it is not as pretty as one might like, but when money is the object, nothing is too sacred not to be discarded. The winner is Ai and its ability to create human-like avatars who have no sense of humor. Once programmed to kick ass and take names, those who fail in self-discipline will see the error in their ways.

We are, but a stone's throw from “The Brave New World.” Debating the sublime to the ridiculous might be considered something needed today. The tomorrow that will be upon us will have the answer before you can think of the question.

You wanted it. You got it!

## **Socialism By Force is Marxism**

*By Christa Terry*

Look around the world we see that the countries with greater freedom for individuals have a far higher standard of living than countries with less freedom for individuals.

Beginning in 1918 a Marxian vision of society was imposed by force, by the self-described communist countries. Russia and its conquered peoples known as the Soviet Union, as well as Eastern Europe, China, North Korea, Cuba, Vietnam, Cambodia and several African countries followed suit to lesser degrees with forms of Socialism, which greatly curtailed property rights and individual freedom. As result, such countries had the lowest standard of living in the world.

The founders of the Russian Communist Party declared that a principal goal was to establish a “classless society” where everyone would be “equal”. Instead, they established a “privileged” class made up of members of the Communist Party. These people held key administrative positions in

the state, military, industry, agriculture, education, and all the other aspects of Soviet life.

Despite the shortages of housing, food and just about everything but bread and vodka, the administration had access to special food stores, special hospitals and the best housing. This situation was satirized in the novel “Animal Farm” (1945) about a society of animals in which the rules of society were summarized by the motto “All animals are equal, but some are more equal than others.” Does any of this sound familiar to you?

In 1689, an English political philosopher and friend of Isaac Newton, John Locke, expressed the then-and-now radical views that the one and only obligation to the citizens was protecting your primordial life, liberty, non-tangible property, innovations, beliefs, thoughts, and tangible property, cars, and homes.

A snarky quote from me, "Socialism in general has a record of FAILURE so blatant that only an intellectual could ignore it". A kinder quote from John Locke, "The visible marks of extraordinary wisdom and power appear so plainly in all the works of creation that a rational creature, who will but seriously reflect on them, cannot miss the discovery of a Deity".



***Above: CCRC Members during the Advocacy Training on August 19<sup>th</sup>, 2023.***

## CLUB ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Monday, September 11<sup>th</sup>**

### Monthly Mixer CANDIDATE FORUM

4:45 PM-7:15 PM @  
Beef O' Brady's,  
1105 Taylor Rd, Punta Gorda, FL  
33950 \$10/person

Enjoy appetizers, iced tea, and networking.

Question & hear two (2) candidates running for Punta Gorda City Council, Dr. Debi Lux and Mark Kuharski, PLUS a 9/11 memorial tribute.

**Wednesday, September 27<sup>th</sup>**

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

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

**Guest Speaker: Sheriff Bill Prummell**

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  
Reservation/Cancellation Deadline Noon – Thursday Sept 21<sup>st</sup>!

**Thursday, Sept. 21<sup>st</sup>**

**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.*

### **COMING UP SOON:**

### **CLUB FELLOWSHIP EVENT**

*SUNDAY, OCT. 15<sup>th</sup>  
CHARITY FASHION SHOW, featuring  
Tara Bella Boutique & Consignment  
with Club Members as Models*

*1:00pm - 3:30pm  
@ Kings Gate Golf Club,  
24000 Rampart Blvd., Port Charlotte*

*\$40/person which includes a buffet luncheon, raffles, music and fun.*

*Proceeds to benefit Valerie's House*

**CALL 941-740-1660 for more info.**

### **SATURDAYS in SEPTEMBER >> CCRC OUTREACH!**

**Please join us in Punta Gorda on Saturday mornings 7:30 am to Noon by the Old Charlotte County Courthouse (226 Taylor St.).**

**We will be reaching out to the community!**

**CALL Ginnie 732-910-1346 for more information.**

**IF YOU ARE CONCERNED ABOUT AN INCREASE IN PROPERTY TAXES**

**Concerned Citizen's Discussion & Strategy Planning**

Residents are meeting in advance for the upcoming budget hearing including the Fire Tax Increase and the other tax increases.

Wednesday, September 6, 2023, 6:30 pm, at the Port Charlotte  
Moose, 3462 Loveland Blvd, Port Charlotte, FL

**Charlotte County Citizen Input on Budget**

If you want to speak to County Commissioners about the Budget, show up at the Charlotte Harbor Event Center, 75 Taylor St, Punta Gorda, on September 7th, 5:00 pm.

**WELCOME NEW  
CCRC MEMBERS**

Rose Anne Cantasano &  
Frank Hoffmann

Thomas Polk & Haley Blaine

4 new members in August

**294 total members**



***If you would like to submit an article for the CCRC Newsletter,  
please send your article to Jeannine Polk at  
Freefloridagirl@gmail.com***