



*A Message From the President*

I hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas and New Year's. Debbie and I spent a lovely week in Rochester, NY with one of our daughters, her husband and our new grandchild, Gianina. Yes, it was cold and it snowed, and it is good to be back in the Sunshine State.



As we welcome in the New Year, we are reminded of the challenges that face Conservatives, our Party and America. I have been thinking about what Paul told us in Ephesians:

*For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world.*

Sound familiar? Saint Paul wrote this some 2,000 years ago, yet his words still resonate with us today as this is where Biden and his Marxist ilk have placed us; deep in a struggle to keep America safe from tyranny.

Our struggle is against elitist authorities who call themselves Democratic-Socialists, Progressives and Marxists. But make no mistake about it, they are aided by a good number of RINOS in our Party as well. Some of these people are a part of global cabal, forces of evil from a dark world, assembled to turn this nation, if not the entire world, into a Marxist/Socialist nightmarish *New World Order* devoid of the unalienable rights, liberty and freedoms granted to us by our Creator and protected by *The Constitution* and *The Bill of Rights*.

As we head into 2022 I am excited about the role our Club will take to assist the Republican Party in preserving our Constitution and our Republic. I am equally excited to be working with our new Executive Board. But it's not just about politics. As a club, we are committed to having fun and working with you to bring you excellent fellowship and experiences. This is *your* club, and we welcome and rely on your continuous input and feedback on how our activities and events can best serve you.

We will talk more about this throughout the year. In the meantime, please visit our website at [ccflrc.org](http://ccflrc.org) where we have many new features, including a calendar of events for the year and the ability to make reservations, along with your dinner choices, for our monthly business/dinner meetings. Looking forward to seeing you at the next Mixer. Till then, be safe and keep the faith.

*Bill*

**Bill Abbatematteo**  
**President, Charlotte County Republican Club**



We welcome the new Board and wish them the best in this challenging new year.

L/R: Ginnie Dobrek, Elec. Outreach: Debbie Abbatematteo, Hospitality: Sharon Carraway, Membership: Dan McNamara, Treasurer: Christine McNamara, Recording Secretary: Charlie Council, Corresponding Secretary: Jim Bucha, 1st Vice President; Janice Cousino, Past President: Bill Abbatematteo, President: (missing Jerry O'Halloran, 2nd Vice President.)



*A New Year's Wish*



## CLUB ANNOUNCEMENTS

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### MONTHLY MIXER MONDAY, JAN. 10, 2022

**Beef 'o' Brady's**  
1105 Taylor St, Punta Gorda  
Hours: 5:00-6:30+  
\$10 pp  
Appetizers-tea-soft drinks  
Cash bar w/ happy hr. prices

### MONTHLY DINNER MEETING WEDNESDAY, JAN. 26, 2022

**Isles Yacht Club:**  
1780, W. Marion Ave. Punta Gorda  
Happy Hour 5-6pm,  
followed by business meeting & dinner  
Evening's program @ approx. 6:45 pm

### *DINNER*

CCRC members \$35 pp.....Guests \$40 pp (incl. tax & tips)

Reservations: For your convenience, go to [ccflrc.org](http://ccflrc.org) to make an online reservation, including your meal selection. You may email Debbie Abbatematteo at [ccflrc@gmail.com](mailto:ccflrc@gmail.com) or call 518-420-7583 for details or questions.

**For dinner planning reservations must be received no later than Monday AM, 1/24/22**

Credit/debit cards accepted for payment.

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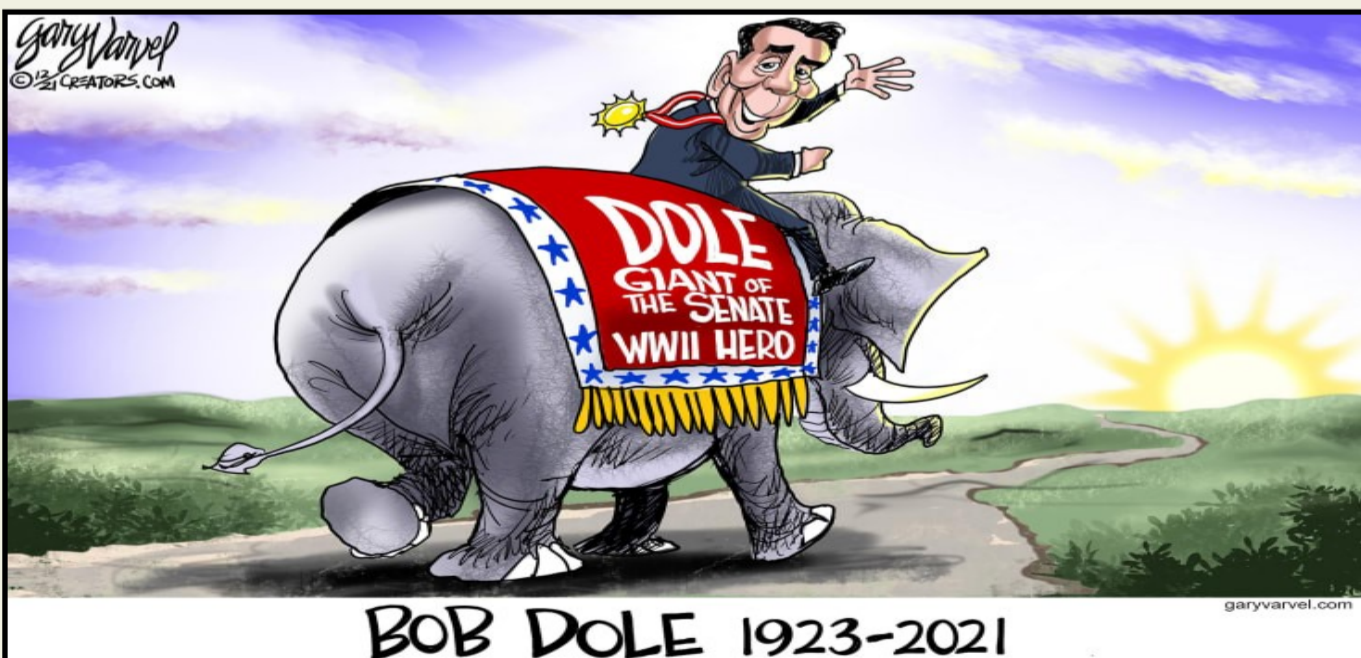
### *MENU*

*House Salad w/ Ranch Dressing*  
*Sliced Sirloin of Beef or Grilled Salmon*  
*Dessert: Apple Crisp*

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### *PROGRAM*

- ◆ *Discussion by new Club President Bill Abbatematteo of the clubs' objectives in 2022.*
- ◆ *Presentation by "non sitting" candidates for open CC Commission seats.*



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A message from the Chair: CC Republican Executive Committee.



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Happy New Year fellow Republicans:

Welcome to the year that we take back the country. Here are some of the Charlotte County REC events. As other events are finalized, we will be sure to keep you informed.

1. Monthly flag and sign waving begin again on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of each month (similar to 2020) in Punta Gorda on southbound Rt41 between Retta Esplanade and Marion Ave. and in West Charlotte County at the Sports Complex on Rt776. It will be between 12:30 – 2:00 pm. Please join us each month by publicly showing your support of the great values all Charlotte County Republicans represent.
2. On Saturday, January 29, 2022, we will be holding the GRAND OPENING of our Republican Headquarters at 2171 Tamiami Trail, Port Charlotte, and kicking off the 2022 election year. We will have Tiki Tom supplying music, the "Hot Dog" man serving hot dogs, hamburgers, soft drinks, etc., guest speakers and sign and flag waving on Rt41. It will run from 10:00 am – 1:00 pm. Parking is limited, so park wherever you can. Ken Roberson has graciously offered to hold off on any services at his adjacent funeral home, so his parking lot is available. Please bring your own chairs.
3. On Friday night, March 25, 2022, we will be holding our annual Lincoln Day at the Kings Gate Golf Club in Port Charlotte. This is shaping up to be one of the most exciting Lincoln Day events ever. Only a few weeks ago all VIP tickets were sold out. The even better news is that we have been able to switch to a larger room to accommodate an additional limited number of VIP tickets. If interested, please let me know. Regular admission tickets are available by contacting CCREC Vice Chairman, Bill Schmidt. He can be reached at 310-406-5429 or [wildbillws@hotmail.com](mailto:wildbillws@hotmail.com).

Our Lincoln Day goal is to have every top Florida Republican. Thus far we have U.S. Rep. Greg Steube, Fl. Senators Ben Albritton and Joe Gruters (Also Chairman of the RPOF), Fl. Rep. and Majority Leader, Mike Grant, and Peter Feaman, Fl. National Committeeman in attendance. We are aggressively working with Gov. Ron DeSantis, Attorney General Ashley Moody, Fl. CFO Jimmy Patronis and U.S. Senator Marco Rubio teams to have them join us. Their schedule decisions are made closer in to events, so if we get a confirmation on any of their attendance, we let you know.

Regards, Gene Murtha  
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# Not A Happy 2022 for the Biden camp.

