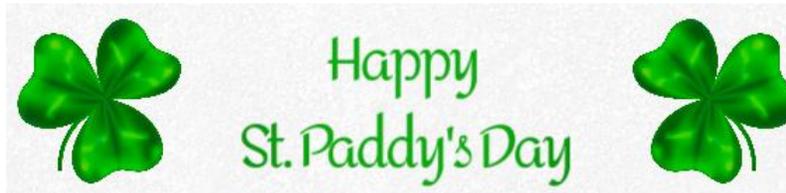




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## A Letter from our New AFSWFLC President Barbara Vaugh

*Here we go, friends! We're off to The Great Adventure!*

*... Saddle up your horses  
We've got a trail to blaze  
Through the wild blue yonder of God's amazing grace.  
... Let's follow our leader into the glorious unknown  
(Into the glorious unknown)  
This is a life like no other  
This is The Great Adventure!!*

**Musical link:** [Click HERE for link!](#)

Those of you who've known me for some time, know that I'm a fan of Christian contemporary music. One of my favorite quotes is the chorus from a Keith Green song:

"Do your best, pray that it's blessed, and He'll take care of the rest!"

I've tried to live my life by that, but I don't always succeed. Too often "my best" is pretty lacking. How about you?

But this morning another song popped into my mind. "The Great Adventure" by Steven Curtis Chapman. That's what this election year is going to be for those of us who will be affected by the elections – that is, ALL of us!

Have you ever heard people dismiss politics, "Oh, I don't get involved in all that."

My answer is simply, “Yes, you do.” If you own a home or a car, pay utilities, have a bank account or buy groceries, you’re involved in politics. It’s the people you elect – or don’t – who decide what you pay for everything, whether it’s taxes or fees or penalties.

So, how about you? Are you ready to realize that you control who gets elected? You and your friends – you know, the people you convince to vote for the right people, are in control. None of us can effect change by ourselves but as a group we can!

And, this year, if we don’t take control and produce changes, life as we know it will be over. Between the communists and the Islamists, nearly everything will change and not for the better!

We are fighting evil – pure and simple – and it comes in all political leanings, bearing all kinds of names. We need to carefully examine the candidates running for every office, learn as much as you can about them, then pray for God’s guidance!

Then, “Saddle up your horses, we’ve got a trail to blaze!”

GBYRG! (God Bless You REAL Good!)

Barbara

### **March Membership Meeting Date**

March 11, 2026, is the next AFSWFLC meeting at 11 am to 1 pm at the Venice Community Center, 326 Nokomis Ave. S., Venice 34285. <https://www.yelp.com/biz/venice-community-center-venice> Speakers are Sarasota School Board candidates, Michelle Pozzie, Teresa DeWitt and Robyn Marinelli.

### **Sarasota School Board Meetings**

The board has recently changed the meeting times for board meetings from 6:00 p.m. to **10:00 a.m.** The board's next regular meeting is scheduled for March 17, then April 21, 2026. 1960 Landings Blvd, Sarasota, FL 34231 [Directions](#) 

**To email all School Board members:**

[schoolboardmembers@sarasotacountyschools.net](mailto:schoolboardmembers@sarasotacountyschools.net)

## Sarasota Memorial Hospital Board Meetings

There is a meeting on **March 24, 2025**. Contact Lisa Roulet <mailto:lisaroulet@pronton.me> for any information. Kolschowsky Research & Education Institute, Morganroth Auditorium, 1st Floor, 1880 Arlington Street, Sarasota, FL

**Meeting schedule:** Tuesday March 24 2:00 pm

Tuesday, May 24, 2:00 pm

Tuesday, July 28 2:00 pm

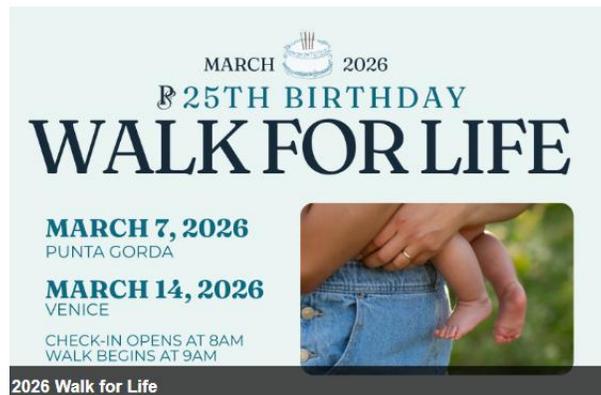
Tuesday, Sept. 22 3:30 pm Regular board meeting, 5:00 pm Final Budget and Tax Millage meeting

Tuesday, Nov. 17 2:00 pm First meeting with newly elected board members

## Candidates for School Board

**Michelle Pozzie** is a candidate for Sarasota County School Board District 5. Michelle has an opponent, so we need to step up our performance.

**Teresa DeWitt** is a candidate for Sarasota County School Board District 1.



The Venice event is at Maxine Barrett Park on the island.

## Call to Action

Support H.R.3245 - The American Privacy Restoration Act

**IMPORTANT: Contact our representatives with regard to H.R.3245 — a bill to repeal The USA PATRIOT Act, a.k.a. the “American Privacy Restoration Act”, introduced by Representative Anna Paulina Luna (R-FL-13) Call House Representatives and Greg Steube at 202-224-3121**

<https://www.congress.gov/bill/119th-congress/house-bill/3245>

## Voting for 2026 AFSWFLC Officers

**Barbara Vaughn** was elected President,  
**Tom Babicz** was elected Second Vice President.  
**Dan Gauthier** had no opponent for Secretary.



**County Commissioner Joe Neunder** swore them in.

## Offices Up for Election in 2026

### Federal

U.S. Representative, 17th Congressional District

### State

Governor, Lt. Governor, Cabinet Members (Attorney General, Chief Financial Officer, and Commissioner of Agriculture), State Senate District 22, 73rd House District, 74th House District, 75th House District

### County

County Commissioner Districts 2 and 4

Charter Review Board District 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5

Hospital Board Northern District Seats 1 and 2

Hospital Board Central District Seat 2

Hospital Board Southern District Seats 1 and 2

**School Board District 1, 4 and 5** (This is THE CRITICAL RACE!) - as of this date, vote for Robyn Marinelli and Michelle Pozzie.

Judicial – Numerous

## Election Dates & Deadlines

The next scheduled elections in Sarasota County are:

### **Tuesday, August 18, 2026 – Primary Election**

- Voter registration/party change deadline: Monday, July 20
- Deadline to request a vote-by-mail ballot be mailed: Thursday, Aug. 6, 5 p.m.
- Early voting: Visit the [Early Voting page for location](#)
- **Early voting:**  
Saturday, August 8 - Sunday, August 16  
8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. daily
- **Election day:** Tuesday, Aug. 18; polls open 7 a.m. – 7 p.m.; vote-by-mail ballots must be received in the elections office by 7 p.m.

### **Tuesday, November 3, 2026 – General Election**

- Voter registration deadline: Monday, Oct. 5
- Deadline to request a vote-by-mail ballot be mailed: Thursday, Oct. 22, 5 p.m.
- Early voting: Visit the [Early Voting](#) page for location
- **Early voting:**  
Monday, October 19 - Sunday, November 1  
8:30 a.m. - 6:30 p.m. daily
- **Election day:** Tuesday, Nov. 3; polls open 7 a.m. – 7 p.m.; vote-by-mail ballots must be received in the elections office by 7 p.m.

Visit [RightVotes.com](https://RightVotes.com) for Conservative Voting Information



## Join AFSWFLC Telegram

Click the link below to join our club's Telegram social media messenger.

[CLICK THIS LINK](#)

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Best-selling author Cathi Chamberlain – Author and Speaker **(727) 320-7746**

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Email Cathi Chamberlain at: [cathi.rulesforrinos@gmail.com](mailto:cathi.rulesforrinos@gmail.com)

## The John Birch Society

The JBS provides many easy-to-read brochures to hand out to reach others and to take back control of Congress.

**Educational Materials** - books; literature; the *New American Magazine* - a monthly printed and online publication with timely articles about current events

<https://thenewamerican.com/> **SUBSCRIBE Action Alerts** - personal notifications via email or phone with details on critical upcoming legislation.

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All ages welcome. Bring a friend.

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Friday, March 13th  
7PM – 9:30PM

Saturday, March 14th  
10AM – 12:30PM

**FOUNDATION CHURCH**  
13000 S Tamiami Trl  
North Port, FL

For more information  
[krisannehall.com](http://krisannehall.com)

## Donations and Volunteers Are Needed

We appreciate and welcome volunteers' **stamp** donations for our mission to reach new registered Republicans. We have a total of **159,942** total active registered Republican voters as of 2/19/2026. Our outreach program has welcomed over 10,000 newly registered Republican voters to Sarasota County. **First class stamps are \$.78.**

## Please Donate to the Lawfare Suit

<http://www.americafirstswflc.org>

**LEGAL DONATIONS** \*Please make checks payable to AMERICA FIRST SWFLCAUCUS and mail to: AFSWFLC. PO Box 352, Venice, FL 34285

The judge has not sent us her decision on our lawfare case.

**America First SWFLC** website: <http://www.americafirstswflc.org> Visit the website to see our pictures and newsletters, plus updates throughout the month.

## Call Our Officials

Gov. DeSantis	850-717-9337
Sen. Rick Scott	202-224-5274
Sen. Ashley Moody	202-224-3041
Rep. Greg Steube	202-225-5792
Fiona McFarland	941-361-2465
James Buchanan	941-429-4560
Danny Nix	941-899-0810
White House	202-456-1414

## Legislation on Florida Bills

The season has started and to keep you informed here is some information.

**Watch tracked bills:** <https://flsenate.gov>

Meredyth Morrow 908-343-5104 and Andy Dubois 352-933-6353  
andy@libertycitizen.com

The 2A group is working on bills to get supported. - **this takes action from the members to call and set appointments**- contact Kevin McAuliffe to get involved.  
401-924-1744 [km727@aol.com](mailto:km727@aol.com)

12 Govt Operations House committee bills all passed last Nov. or Dec. that take away freedom of information. They are a done deal, and none seem to have anything to do with elections. But this is very concerning that with every single bill this committee passed this session, more and more is hidden from us. **We need to be diligent.**

Link to the Government Operations Subcommittee site:

<https://flhouse.gov/Sections/Committees/committeesdetail.aspx?CommitteeId=3303>

**Fast Democracy** <mailto:notifications@fastdemocracy.com> Sign up to get House and Senate bill updates.

**Our goals are:** 1. SOE must verify citizenship, 2. Continue cleaning up voter rolls, 3. More in-depth audits of election machines as well as precinct and count options, 4. Tighten VBM requests.

**Defend Florida has Voter Integrity ZOOM calls on Tuesday nights at 7pm.** [DefendFlorida.org](http://DefendFlorida.org)

**Citizens Renewing America Alliance** Phone call every Thursday, 5-5:30 pm  
<https://slingofdavid.com/signup> 4919 Pass WG8Fw2

## **AMERICAN MEN CAPTURE OLYMPIC GOLD IN HOCKEY**

Exactly 46 years after the "Miracle on Ice" Lake Placid Games, the U.S. men's hockey team brought home another Olympic gold medal.

Team USA defeated Canada 2-1 in overtime to secure the third gold medal in American history at the Olympics.

"I hope this will inspire kids to put this jersey on someday, as it's the best feeling in the world," Dylan Larkin said after the win. "What we just did, nothing will ever match this."

<https://www.nbcolympics.com/news/team-usa-defeats-canada-overtime-first-gold-mens-hockey-miracle-ice-olympics>

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## **Florida gets \$4M of wealth migration AN HOUR as high-tax states**

**spiral** From *The Capitalist*

More than \$4 million in wealth crosses into Florida every hour, day and night, sustaining steady migration despite a drop in daily new residents from 1,000 to 500-600. States such as NY, IL, CA and NJ lose over \$1 million in income per hour due to rising income and property taxes that stifle innovation and opportunity.

Tax revenues, driven by business relocations, investments and private-sector growth shrink the public sector while boosting jobs and economic diversification.

Having surpassed Spain to rank as the 15th-largest economy worldwide, Florida targets a top-10 global spot by 2030 through population growth, poverty reduction and a pro-business climate attracting billionaires and enterprises.

## **MAKE CONTACT: Congress at your Fingertips**

If you call 877-827-3321 you can get the **Congress at your Fingertips** book for \$20. Request the book by email at: [books@cqrollcall.com](mailto:books@cqrollcall.com)  
The Congressional Quarterly (CQ) website is <https://info.cq.com/demo/>  
Then call any governor, senator or representative directly.  
Call: Rep. Greg Steube **202-225-5792**. Tamzin Rosenwasser

**Spend Cash on Fridays!**  
**Support our economy by using cash.**

## **Get Involved!**

**Write a 250 word or less letter to The Venice Gondolier editor. Ronald.dupont@yoursun.com Sign your full name, include an address and phone number, but it won't be used. Mail letters to: The Venice Gondolier, Letters to the Editor, 200 E. Venice Ave., Venice, FL 34285. PLEASE make rebuttals to liberal letters. Jump in and voice your opinion.**

### **Letter to *The Gondolier* Editor by Rich Mazur**

Has it been cold enough for you? The Democrats have a fanatical commitment to the "green agenda," an agenda that closed auto plants, lost American jobs and increased electricity costs.

President Trump just repealed the Obama era endangerment funding, which, in part, said carbon dioxide is the chief greenhouse gas of global warming.

Democrats want you to believe that a billionaire class of oligarchs have captured the Trump presidency, ignoring facts that non-government jobs and factories are gearing up, inflation's at 2.4%, mortgage rates are down, peace is achievable, hiring is by merit not DEI, crime's dropping, and the border's secure.

Democrat Ro Khanna-CA who loves Silicon Valley billionaires says don't blame the financial speculators who gutted industries wanting to turn American families into permanent renters, but blame President Trump's billionaires.

If Democrats can convince you to mistrust the people who are really rebuilding our country, then they can isolate President Trump from these American builders. The real fight is between those who want to rebuild America and those who want to keep looting it.

Democrats control the press by repeating “this is an existential crisis” to manufacture outrage on demand, mobilize mobs, destroy producers like RFK, Jr., Scott Bessent or Tulsi Gabbard. It’s the old, worn out Democrat playbook.

But our President is calling for productive nongovernment jobs, affordable energy, peace, law and order, infrastructure.

That’s what is happening while the Democrats scream about oligarchs and sacking voter ID. Our President knows the enemy’s playbook and is defeating it.

## **What is America First Southwest Caucus?**

**We are an active grassroots organization dedicated to traditional economic and social conservative Constitutional Republic values. We pool our talents and energy into electing conservatives to public offices. Patriots to save our country. We’re a working and social club where you can share your ideas for America’s future with friends to implement political plans into action.**

**Meetings are the second Wednesday of each month (except December) at Venice Community Center (Ballroom D), 326 S. Nokomis Ave. near Jervey Library on the island.**

**Light refreshments served at 11:00 am. Guest speakers are scheduled.**

**We make it happen! We are America First SWFLC!**

## **MEMBERSHIP DONATIONS DUE**

If you know a Republican, NPA, or patriotic conservative who wants to join the America First SWFLC, bring them to a meeting for informative, political news and entertainment plus meet new conservatives with a similar heart for America, or send them to our website at <http://www.americafirstswflc.org>

**Annual membership dues:** \$35 individual, \$60 couple, and \$20 each additional family member.

**Time to renew your membership dues.** Bring cash or a check to the meeting, or use the link below to pay by credit card. Send checks to our P.O. Box 352, Venice, FL 34285-0352. <http://www.americafirstswflc.org>

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