



America First SWFLC Membership Meeting Minutes
326 Nokomis Ave. S., Venice FL 34285 April 09, 2025, 11 am-1 pm

Officers Present: Terry Angley - President, Mike Stephenson - Vice President, Donna DeFiore - Treasurer, Luke OBrien - Secretary

Opening Ceremonies: Invocation - Barbara Vaughn; Pledge of Allegiance - Dr. Malcolm Williamson; Singing God Bless America - Randy Wedin

Call to Order: President Terry Angley called the meeting to order at 11:56 am.

Moment of Silence: A moment of silence was held in remembrance of Dale DeYoung.

Announcements:

Michelle Pozzie announced two protest demonstrations addressing a speaking engagement by Anthony Fauci on April 14th. The first rally, sponsored by the group 'V is for Vaccine' [<https://www.visforvaccine.com>], will be at 8:30am at the Van Wezel Performing Arts Center in Sarasota.

Immediately following the 8:30am rally, in conjunction with The Hollow Alliance, Michelle has arranged a separate protest rally a few blocks away at Five Points Park, 1 Central Ave, Sarasota, Florida. This second rally should last from about 11am-3pm.

On the docket to speak in behalf of informed consent, real transparency, and medical ethics will be venerable patriots such as: State Surgeon General of Florida, Joseph Ladapo; Attorney General James Uthmeier; president and co-founder of the Front Line COVID-19 Critical Care Alliance (FLCCC), Dr. Pierre Kory; and outspoken biologist Bret Weinstein. In addition, victims will speak. There will be music and refreshments. Details can be found at <https://foreverfreeflorida.com/>.

This is the first event organized by the The Hollow Alliance (formerly known as The Hollow 2a, under Vic Mellor). The Hollow Alliance is officially organized as a 501(c)(4) organization, defined as "a tax-exempt civic league or association that promotes social welfare and may engage in lobbying and political activities". Terry Angley has reserved a table at the event to promote our club (AFSWFLC).

Comments By Elected Officials:

Vic Rohe (Hospital Board) had some very nice media-ready posters made up at Sarasota Wraps, off of Clark Road in Sarasota, which are available for purchase. The address is: Sarasota Wraps, 5709 Lawton Dr., Sarasota, FL 34233. There will be other signs and t-shirts available at the event, but they will mainly be just text - no graphics.

Further Announcements:

An invaluable lecture series entitled 'The Constitution is the Solution' will be held at The Hollow Alliance at 826 S. Moon Drive in Venice on Saturday, 26 April from 8:30am to 5:30pm. You can drop-in as you can make it. The course is a presentation of the John Birch Society. Course content can be viewed here: <https://jbs.org/constitution/video>. A donation of \$10 is appreciated. Bring your own lunch.

Terry encouraged us to do business with our club sponsors as can be seen on the website and newsletter. There is also a physical catalog of conservative businesses of all kinds at the back of the room for anyone who is interested to review, or to call Terry for references.

Treasurer's Report: No treasurer report due to illness.

Approval of Minutes: General Membership Minutes for March were approved as submitted.



Terry expressed appreciation for all the club volunteers, but today she particularly recognized the Name Badge Distributors. Thank you.

The position for Hospitality Chairperson is vacant. The job largely consists of ordering the food and scheduling servers; the position can be somewhat tailored to meet your schedule. See Terry to volunteer for Hospitality Chairperson.

Terry mentioned the comedy act at 7:30pm on May 5th to be held here at the Venice Community Center featuring Terrence K. Williams and Steve McGrew. A 15% discount code for America First members will accompany an email to be sent out. The event is called 'RED, WHITE & LAUGH: A Night of Unfiltered Comedy in Venice, FL'. [<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/terrence-k-williams-with-conservative-ant-steve-mcgrew-may-5-tickets-1281506844469>]

Program Speaker:

We were pleased to hear from Staff Sargent Sheila Gallo [Retired USAF], co-founder and director of operations for Lotus Shadows - a local rescue and advocacy group for survivors of human trafficking. Their organization uniquely comprises a dedicated team of military veterans to include former special operators, search and rescue specialists, former law enforcement, trauma specialists, and other health care professionals.

They rescue trafficked children across the United States and internationally. Sheila shared her career and fascinating family experiences, including her Persian background under the Shah of Iran, and having been an operational strategic manager in the U.S., working logistics for billions of dollars worth of nuclear weapons - working 'in the shadows'.

Her husband, Matt, having been expelled from the military for not accepting Covid MNRA injections, heard about America's Future and General Mike Flynn. Thus they found their current true path for saving America's children and fighting human trafficking. Those responsible for rescuing children were just not doing it. Denials from local officials make the problem worse because people stop looking. The National Hotline may be great, but it is not fast enough. In 50% of cases, kids are being trafficked by family members or neighbors. There are many opportunities for ordinary volunteers to be a big help to operations if they will just make themselves available.

The Lotus analogy compares the flower-of-life that emerges from the muddy waters to bloom into white, crisp purity. Lotus-Shadows is there for them to come from the shadows to bring them back to that light, to that lotus. Sarasota is the #3 hub for human trafficking in America. You would not want to involve yourself for fame, as you would be fighting against powerful elements. If there is any message to take away, it is: *Be Aware*. A link to the Canadian Women's Foundation 'Signal for Help' is provided.

<https://lotus-shadows.org/>

<https://www.projectmilkcarton.com/>

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Signal_for_Help/

50/50 Raffle - Sheila Gallo drew the winning ticket for \$38, which went to Leon Grismala.

Adjournment: Motion by Barbara Vaughn, seconded by Joyce Payne. Adjournment at 1:20pm.

Submitted by: Secretary Luke OBrien

Approved - Wednesday, June 11, 2025