The Patriot

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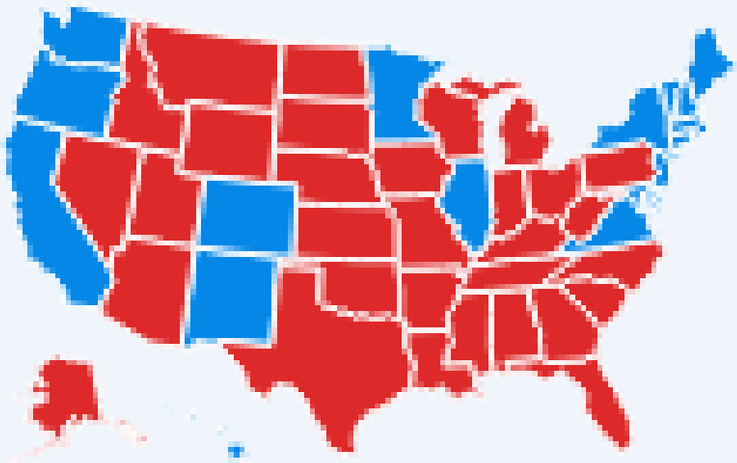
Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

A Presidential candidate hasn't won all the swing states in 40 years.

Donald Trump 312 Electoral and Popular votes. Kamala Harris 226 Electoral votes.



MONTHLY MEETING REMINDER

Meetings are the second Wednesday of each month at the Venice Community Center. Light refreshments are served at 11:00 am. The announcements start at 11:30 am.

December 11 is our Christmas luncheon at Plantation Golf & Country Club. 11:30 am. A separate email will have a link to get a $40 reservation and choose your favorite meal.

Our next regular meeting is January 8, 2025, 11:00 am at the Venice Community Center, 326 S. Nokomis Ave. Venice 34285.

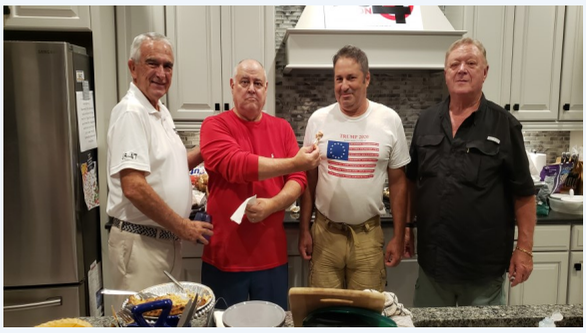
2024 NATIONAL & LOCAL ELECTION WRAP UP

Brian Gurl at 41 and Laurel Rd. for flag and sign waving on Nov. 1.

DJT joined Joey Gurl at 41 and Laurel Rd. to wave flags and get the “garbage” out to vote.

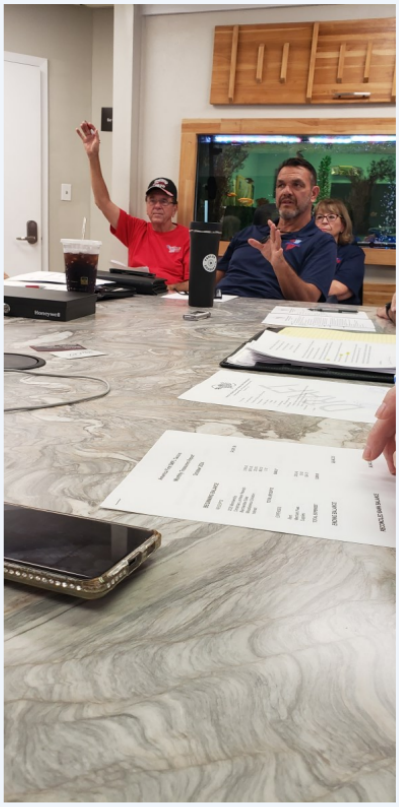
Who else but Donna Hurlock is behind the righvotes.com sign?

Chris Wilson AFSW office volunteer. John Hallowell, Allyx Young, Rich Mazur, Donna DeFiore AFSW callers.



It was a sweet, hard-fought victory celebration. Thanks to all the volunteers who put in long hours for our local victories.

The Executive Board Celebrated the Election



Tucker Carlson gave a volunteer a Trump banner, and he gave it to the AFSWFLC. **WE WON !!** Election anxiety is over, and we could feel the relief and excitement in our meeting.

Highlights From Our November Membership Meeting

Emilio Carlesimo,

Tracy Knight gave us an

Graham Ledger

AFSWFLC office manager, reported 22 office volunteers put in 238 hours over 64 days. Over 7000 calls, texts & emails made for the Primary. 14,575 calls, texts & emails were made for the general election. 11-4, 3,580 calls, texts, & emails were made.

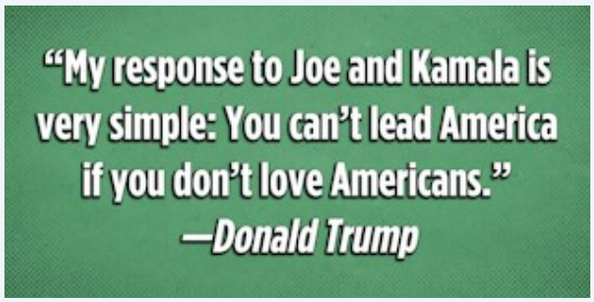
update and summary of Tom's campaign in District 3. Tom is eager to lead his district constitutionally to benefit all citizens. He has ideas to make our county function with a tight budget and function smoothly.

Graham Ledger entertained us with his election statistics as well as his banter with the audience.

He said the GOP has work to do: IDs proving citizenship, mail-in ballots should be hardship and notarized, repeal National Voter Registration Act of 1993, term limits, eliminate the Fed. Florida's GOP must endorse solid candidates with no more "shot gun" approach to local candidates. The RINOs defeated many America First candidates. They need to be primaried.

Graham left us with these and more goals to reach before our next elections.

Will 2028 be a Gavin Newsom vs DeSantis/Vance election?



COUNTY COMMISSIONERS ARE SWORN IN

Mast and Knight expressed a willingness to collaborate with their fellow board members. Commissioner Ron Cutsinger of Dist. 5 was re-elected and also participated in the ceremony.

"Congratulations to Commissioner Mast and Commissioner Knight," acting Chair Commissioner Joe Neunder said. "It will be a pleasure serving with both of you."

Emilio, Fran, Tom, Tracy

Tom Knight, Ron Cutsinger, Joe Neunder, Mark Smith, Teresa Mast

Fran, Terry, Tracy, Lourdes

Sarasota County had an 84 percent voter turnout, the highest of this century. Republican turnout was 138,498, or 87 percent. Our utmost gratitude goes to our priceless volunteers who donated their time to go tsunami RED in an overwhelming, exciting way. KUDOS to the hardworking precincts of 321, 525 and 541 whose precinct workers coerced over 90% of their voters to vote.

For elections this year, including the School Board in August, we were an overwhelming 28-4.

• President Trump won Sarasota County by 51,000 votes, doubling his previous margins of victory.

• Senator Scott won Sarasota County by 49,000 votes. Both won by a margin of 18 percentage points.

• President Trump won Florida by 13 percentage points and so did Scott. This was a spectacular performance. Florida is fire red, so the Democrats and the media can stop pretending otherwise.

• Congressman Greg Steube won reelection by 61,000 votes, or 23 percentage points.

• State Rep. Fiona McFarland won reelection by 14,000 votes, or 13 percentage points.

• State Rep. James Buchanan won reelection by 34,000 votes, or 30 percentage points.

• Danny Nix won his state House seat by 13,000 votes, or 27 percentage points.

• Mike Moran defeated long time Sarasota County Tax Collector Barbara Ford-Coates by 7,000 votes, or 2.5 percentage points.

• Teresa Mast won for Sarasota Co. Commissioner against a write-in candidate.

• Tom Knight (endorsed by the AFSWFLC) won the Sarasota District 3 Commissioner race by 23,000 votes - winning by an unheard of nearly 40 points. Great work by the Knight Team and all their supporters!

• Every Republican won on the Sarasota County Charter Review Board:
Jay Riley won by 18 points
Tom DeSane won by 20 points
Greg "Tex" Bukowski won by 18 points
Jose Jimenez won by 18 points
Stephen Webber won when the Democrat dropped out.

• Every Republican won on the Sarasota Memorial Hospital Board:
Sharon Wetzler DePeters won by 22 points
Kevin Cooper won by 21 points
Pam Beitlich won by 23 points
Sarah Lodge won by 23 points

• Every Republican won for Venice City Council:
Kevin Engelke won by 6 points
Jim Boldt won by 6 points

• On the North Port City Commission there were two more victories:
Demetrius Petrow won by 10 points
Barbara Langdon won by 18 points

- **The School District referendum passed 85-15 percent.**
- **The City of Venice referendum to align Venice elections to national elections passed 68-32 percent.**

The House Republican conference voted by unanimous consent to re-elect Rep. Mike Johnson as Speaker of the House. The formal election for Speaker will be held on the House floor in January. After Johnson, Republicans filled the remaining House leadership roles with:

Rep. Steve Scalise to serve as Majority Leader
Rep. Tom Emmer to serve as Majority Whip
Rep. Lisa McClain to serve as Conference Chairwoman
Rep. Richard Hudson to serve as NRCC Chairman
Rep. Blake Moore to serve as Conference Vice Chairman
Rep. Kevin Hern to serve as Conference Policy Chair
Rep. Erin Houchin to serve as Conference Secretary

Rep. August Pfluger was also elected to a prominent role and will serve as the next Chairman of the Republican Study Committee.

Sen. John Thune was elected Senate Majority Leader. Conservatives preferred Sen. Rick Scott.

Sarasota School Board Meeting

December 17, 1960 Landings Blvd., Sarasota 34231. The meetings are open to the public and are held on the 3rd Tuesdays monthly (from 6 - 8 pm), Citizens are welcome to speak under "Hearing of Citizens." Hearing of Citizens cards are in the lobby, which should be filled out prior to the meeting and handed to the Sarasota County School Board Rep. Speakers are required to arrive 15 minutes prior to the start of the meeting to complete a speaker's card. **School Board** Phone: (941) 927-9000 ext. 31147

To email all School Board members:
schoolboardmembers@sarasotacountyschools.net

11/19 Tim Enos was elected chair of the School Board, and Robyn Marinelli was selected as vice chair both 3-2. The second meeting of the month will be held only during the summer. Members make $50,917 for what is supposed to be a part time job. Some citizens disagreed with elimination of one meeting a month.

VETERANS DAY 2024 AT PATRIOTS PARK

Originally **Armistice Day**, it commemorates when the Allied nations & Germany ceased fighting on the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month in 1918.

Members attending are Tamzin Rosenwasser, Fran Valensic, Sharon and Norb Bellendir. Emilio Carlesimo was the guy behind the camera.

Nobody is born a warrior.

You choose to be one when you refuse to stay seated.

You choose to be one when you refuse to back down.

You choose to be one when you stand up after getting knocked down.

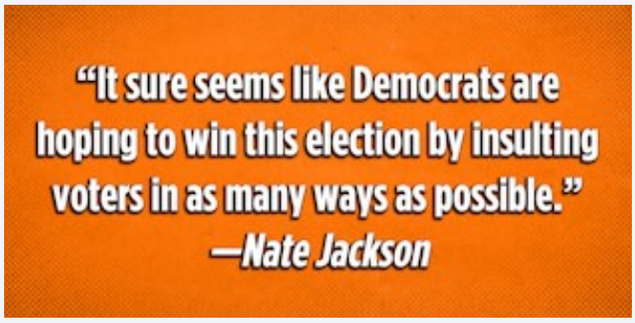
You choose to be one because in a world filled with sheep you would rather be a lion.

Rich Mazur - America First SWFLC Political Action Team has ongoing training meetings to learn how to visit Newly Registered Republicans.

- Join our team as the "Welcome Greeters" for Republicans in your precinct starting again in January.

Thanks, Rich Mazur rtmgolf04@gmail.com 860-519-6939

America First SWFLC Political Action Team



Member Engagement Committee

"Make a Difference" Meetings

You **can make a difference for the upcoming 2026 elections!**

The Make a Difference meetings will be ongoing, primarily for newer members, but all members are invited.

Come and learn about our America First SW FL Caucus, conservative organizational structure in Florida and volunteer needs for our club in the 2026 election season.

The meeting will be announced soon.

Let's "Make a Difference" by volunteering to achieve a strong conservative win in 2026!!

*A Volunteer Table is at our meetings. **Please stop by and offer to volunteer. This election was a winner take all of the Republic**.

Update On Adopt A Legislator

Meredyth Morrow 908-343-5104
Call Andy Dubois 352-933-6353 or
Meredyth Morrow for info.
andy@libertycitizen.com

Watch tracked bills here
Subscribe here

Make a Call to Action on Citizenship Verification from Meredyth. Please make your voice heard.

The next AAL meeting will be announced for the Jacaranda Library Youth Room.

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

Patriots, God woke you up for a reason.

Stay United. Stay Together. Stand Strong.

AN UPDATE FROM MEREDYTH

Poll watchers and workers deserve a huge thank you for stepping up and being an important part of our election process.

The 2A group is working on bills to get supported this upcoming session. **This takes action from the members to call and set appointments**- contact Kevin McAuliffe to get involved.
401-924-1744 km727@aol.com

Our election integrity team says there is no way to check on noncitizens who might be voting. This challenge has to be fixed.

The Adopt a Leg/Bill watch group is on hiatus till for a bit- Rest up and relax for a couple of weeks, We will be starting calling our elected officials and setting appointments to go over what our groups are concerned and fighting for in our community. If your sub committees have topics to get legislation for, NOW is the time to have your ducks in a row and plan to meet with the House Reps and Senators both in our county, but also the surrounding counties. Be ready to have a 15 minute presentation with handouts and plan to send a couple of people up to Tallahassee to walk the halls during committee weeks.

I do not have Committee weeks dates yet, but as soon as I get that, it will go on our calendar. AND gather your teams to attend as many County Delegation meetings early 2025. DON'T just go to the Sarasota County one, go to as many as you can attend. Get your project in front of the elected officials, as well as the community.

I will do a ZOOM training for anyone who is interested in navigating the House and Senate websites to see what bills are being considered in 2025. Once you start watching you can alert the group when BAD bills are gaining movement. We do not want to always be on the defense, but it's much easier to be on offense and score a win. Just reach out and we can set a date to do the training.

And lastly, Drum Roll.... the results from the GOAT 85+ GOTV challenge.

Linda Miller 200, Fedana Dorceus 180, Roxie Zeisloft 180, Michael Treni 100 These were the top callers. The calls made a big difference to get out the votel This is a very important part of our group effort. You volunteers get the praise for your persistence.

Attend the Sarasota Memorial Hospital Board Meetings on Tuesday, Dec. 17, 2024, 2 - 4 pm SMH Main/ Boardroom, 1700 S. Tamiami Tr, SRQ 34239.
An independent review must be done. Contact Lisa Roulet: lisaroulet@proton.me

FL Surgeon General Ladapo recommended **not** to receive C0V!D-19 mRNA injections **because of documented lack of safety issues**. There is factual, well-sourced information supported by peer corroborated scientific research about the experimental shots as reasons not to receive any injections.

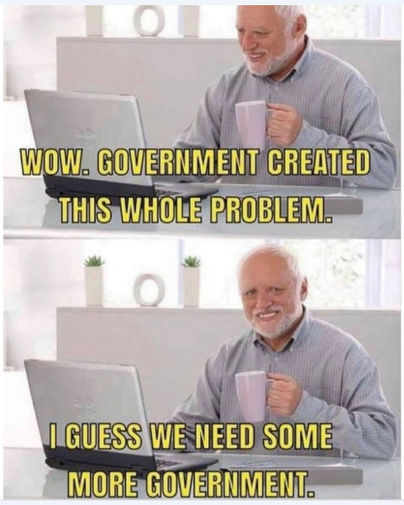
Dr. Ladapo's comments about the 2024 election: "Just as in Florida, it's time to say "No" to trampling on people's rights to gaslighting citizens about experimental vaccines that harm instead of help and to muzzling doctors who dissent with orthodoxy. Light triumphs over darkness."

Dr. Ladapo opposes community fluoridated water. **Read More**

PLAN TO ATTEND

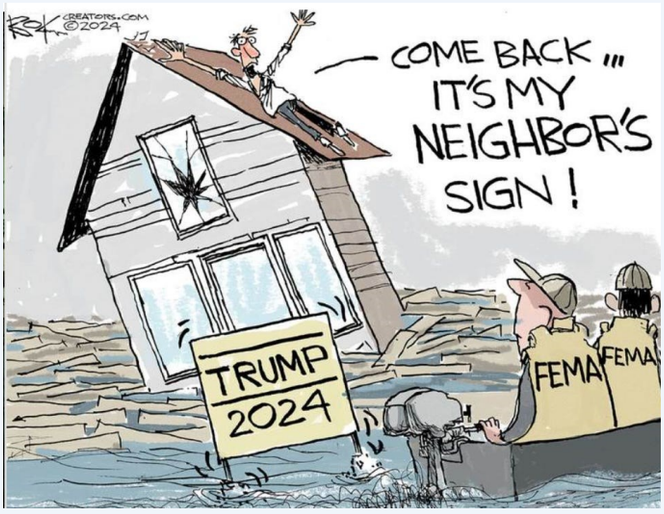
A Night With Dr. Ladapo, Florida's Surgeon General.

He is a voice of science and reason. His articles encompass implied consent, no fluoride in our public water supply, to avoiding the experimental vaccines that Big Pharma endorses.



"[Trump] falsely accused the Biden Administration of...neglecting [hurricane} areas that voted for Republicans." -The New York Times <u>last month</u>

"FEMA Fires Employee for Telling Milton Relief Workers to Skip Houses With Trump Signs." - The New York Times <u>this month</u>



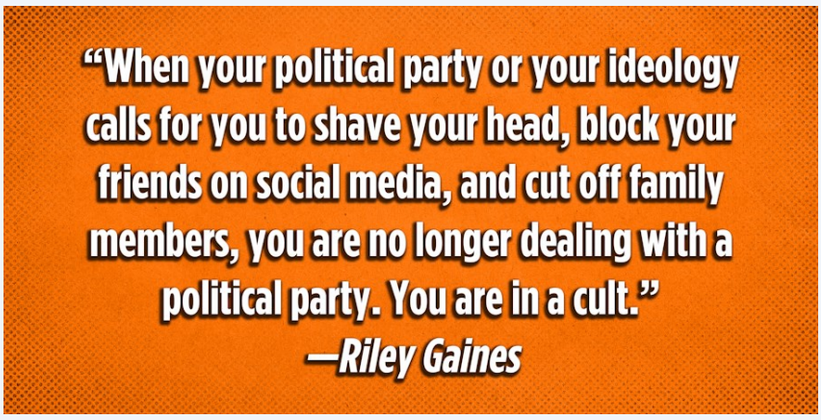
Rest in Peace Kelly

We are deeply saddened to announce the passing of our Executive Director, Kelly Erwin.

She fought valiantly against the odds to overcome a serious health issue, but succumbed November 16.

"I've known Kelly for a long time and will greatly miss her. She had been a valuable part of our team for a decade when I hired her as Executive Director. She was an incredibly valuable team member and a remarkable person," said Jack Brill, Chairman of the Republican Party of Sarasota County.

Please keep her family and friends in your prayers. We will send further information on a Celebration of Life when it is arranged.



Defend Florida has Voter Integrity ZOOM calls on Tuesday nights at 7 pm.
DefendFlorida.org **Read More**

Citizens Renewing America Alliance Phone call every Thursday, 5-5:30 pm.
https://slingofdavid.com/signup
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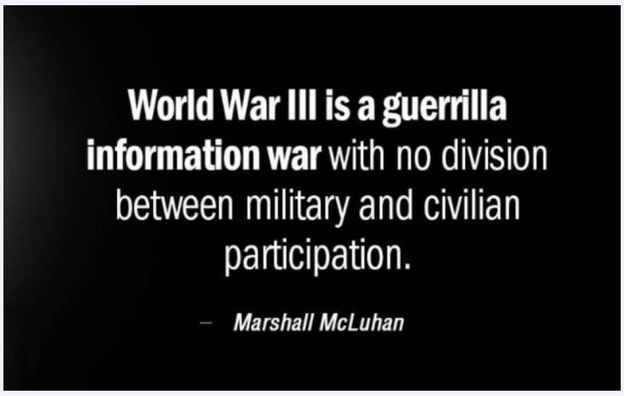
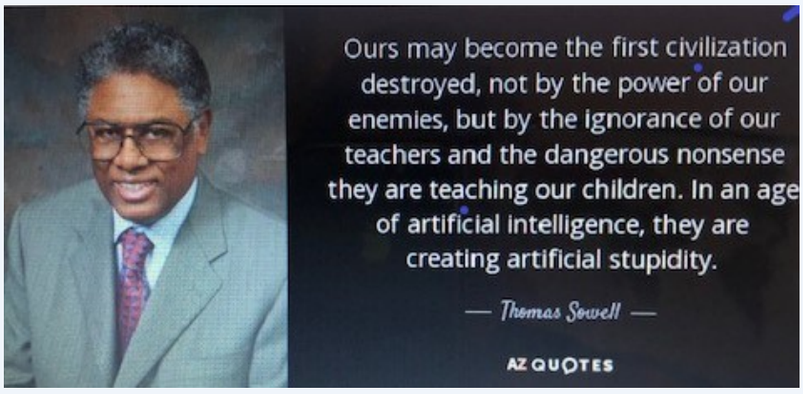
MAKE CONTACT: ***Congress at your Fingertips***

If you call 877-827-3321 you can get the ***Congress at your Fingertips*** book for $20. You can then call any governor, Senator or Representative directly. You should call, too: **202-225-5792.** Tamzin Rosenwasser

It is important to write to our officials. We the People ARE the government.

Gov. DeSantis	850-717-9337
Sen. Rick Scott	202-224-5274
Sen. Marco Rubio	202-224-3041
Rep. Greg Steube	202-225-5792
Joe Gruters	941-378-6309
Fiona McFarland	941-361-2465
James Buchanan	941-429-4560
Danny Nix	941-555-0914





Editor's Column

The election red wave showed that the majority of Americans are waking up to the radical left's attempt to use cancel culture, climate change and political correctness to bully us and make us fearful we will be punished legally for using the wrong pronoun.

The transgender issue was one of the biggest areas of resistance that voters had. They didn't want a false reality forced on them. Trans people want you to accept them for who they are when they can't accept who they are.

A poll on radio station WFLA asked listeners why they voted for Trump. They overwhelmingly said cancel culture, the economy, the lies told by the media, and the leftist politicians' fearmongering. Many of the older voters had never voted before. Bless them.

This election brought out Americans who had thought about what America was becoming under the Obama/Biden/Harris regime, and they wanted a cure. So we voted and got "Too big to rig."

I have made a plea for volunteers to send me their opinion and review of the campaign. What worked, what didn't, how do we improve our organization and make it more effective, get volunteers, work smart, training, etc. PLEASE send me your suggestions now while you still have them clear in your memory. Thanks.

Even though we won the elections, the threat of The WHO/UN is ever present. All the celebration and anticipation will be short-lived if Biden/Harris sign over our sovereignty to the communists. Call the senators and remind them of the oath they took to defend America against enemies both foreign and domestic. 202-224-3121.

America First must be a meaningful, emotional effort on our part to stay focused, find excellent candidates for the school board, Charter Review Board, the County Commission, our club, and other offices in our county. "Local elections have national consequences."

Get your reservations in for the Christmas party as a deadline is looming. Come have fun with us at Plantation Country Club December 11, 11:30 am.

Let Rich Mazur train you to meet your newly registered Republicans in your precinct. Go to a Make a Difference meeting with Linda Miller and Rick Ross. Join the Library Outreach helpers. Become a candidate for the school board. BE BOLD! DO SOMETHING!!

Happy hugs to you this Christmas. Good cabinet choices, good riddance, good health, and good peace for the new year to come.

The Uni-party is alive in Sarasota County. We can beat them.

America First SWFLC

Allyx Young

LOST AND FOUND DEPT.

11-13-24 Starbucks green stainless drink cup.

2-14-24 Black and beige shawl is still unclaimed.

To claim it send an email to mail@americafirstswflc.org

Graham Ledger Start the morning with **The Ledger Report, "Cracker 82.5" - Live & Local 8 am-9 am Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday** (maybe Thursday/Friday soon). Graham analyzes Florida news (politics) and national news (politics), with the help of Largo resident, "Special" Ed, who gives his unique, conservative opinion of the news. Read More

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 www.americafirstswflc.org

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 send compliments, complaints, considerations. Jump in and voice your opinion.

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Shop Big Bam eBikes. 412 E. Venice Ave., Venice 34285 941-240-1717. **Big Bam eBikes** is sponsoring the Venice Community Ctr. meeting room in January.

DONATIONS AND VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED

We appreciate and welcome volunteers' **stamps** donations for our mission to reach new registered Republicans. We have a total of **160,719** total active registered Republican voters as of 12/1/2024. Our very successful outreach program has welcomed over 10,000 newly registered Republican voters to Sarasota County.

America First Southwest Florida Caucus

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WE MAKE A DIFFERENCE AT THE GRASSROOTS FOR YOU THE VOTERS

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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 office. We need 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 at The 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.

Annual 2024 membership dues: $25 individual, $40 couple, and $15 each additional family member.

Dues are increasing for year 2025 to $35 individual, $60 couple, and $25 additional family member on January 1, 2025. Renew your membership before 1/1/2025 for 2025 dues at 2024 prices.

Time to renew your membership dues. Bring cash or a check to the meeting, or use the link below to pay by credit card. Dues are currently the same. Be advised, we may have to slightly increase the price of membership dues soon due to increased prices in our monthly meeting hall and other operational expenses. So now is the time to pay for 2024 while prices are at their lowest. Send checks to our P.O. Box 352, Venice, FL 34285-0352.

To pay by credit card click **HERE:**

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