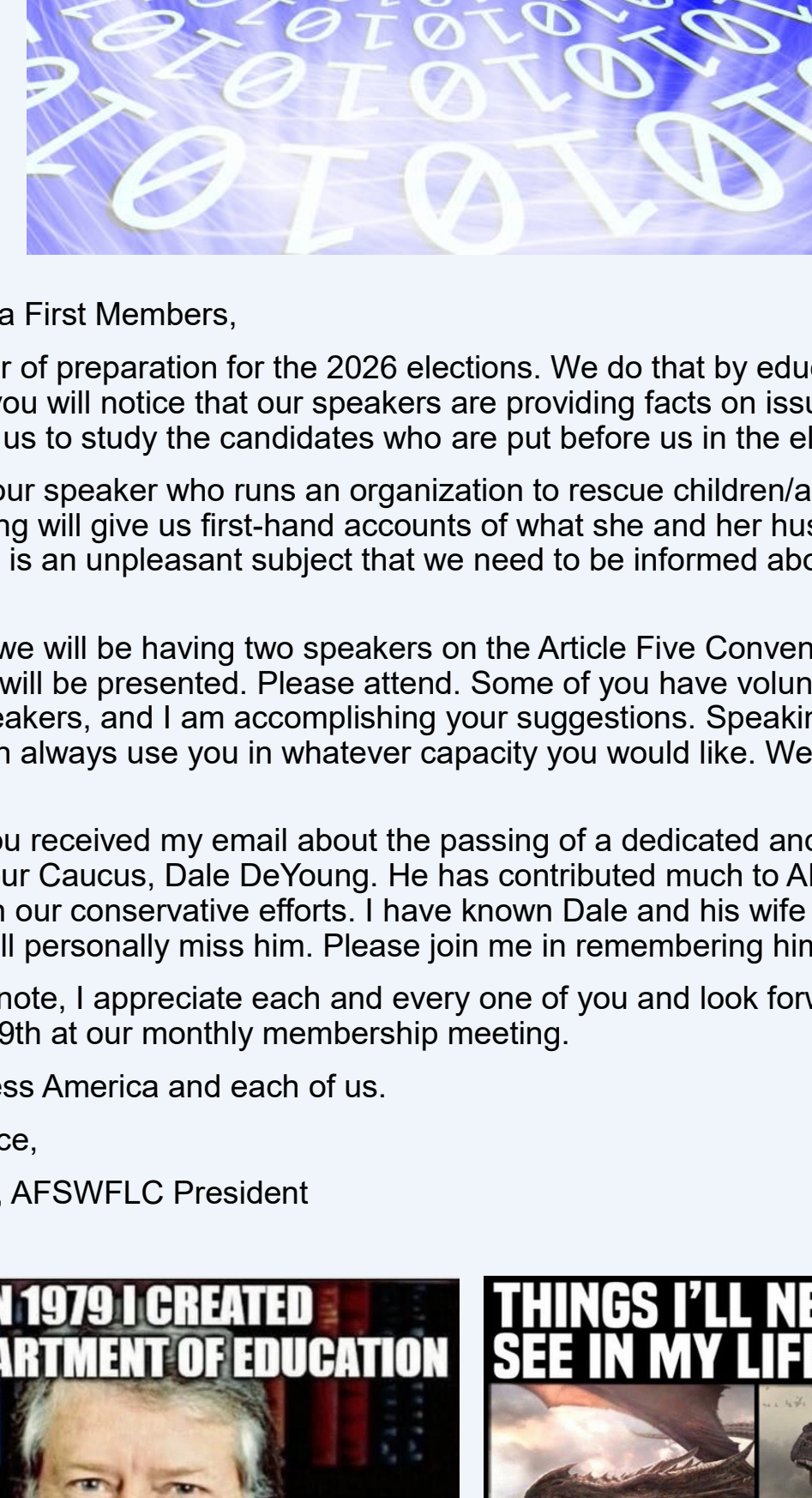




# The Patriot

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Dear America First Members,

This is a year of preparation for the 2026 elections. We do that by educating ourselves. So, you will notice that our speakers are providing facts on issues to intelligently equip us to study the candidates who are put before us in the elections.

This month our speaker who runs an organization to rescue children/adults from human trafficking will give us first-hand accounts of what she and her husband successfully do. This is an unpleasant subject that we need to be informed about in order to stop it.

Next month we will be having two speakers on the Article Five Convention. Both sides of this will be presented. Please attend. Some of you have volunteered our ideas for speakers, and I am accomplishing your suggestions. Speaking of volunteers, we can always use you in whatever capacity you would like. We will accommodate you.

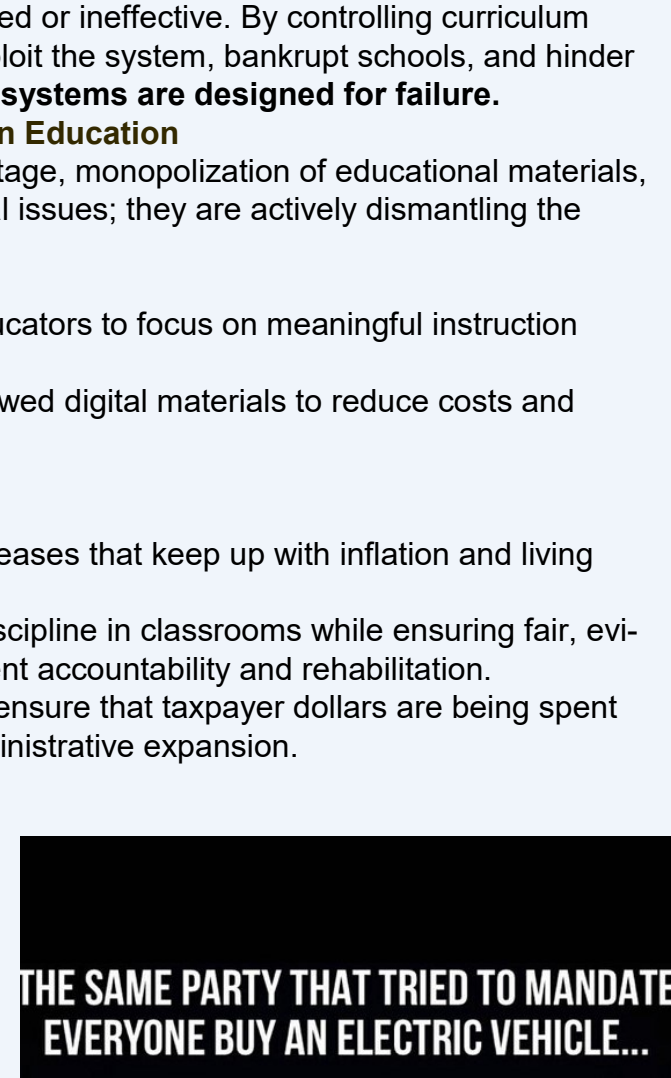
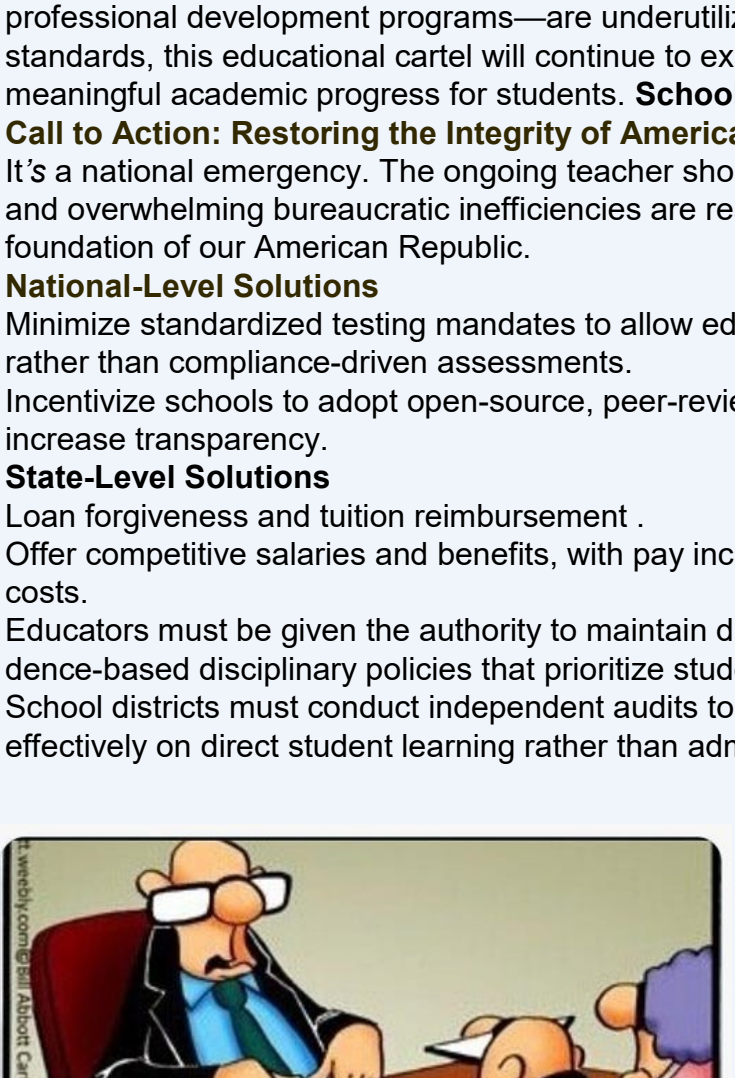
Hopefully, you received my email about the passing of a dedicated and invaluable member of our Caucus, Dale DeYoung. He has contributed much to AFSWFLC and far beyond in our conservative efforts. I have known Dale and his wife for nearly 30 years and will personally miss him. Please join me in remembering him most fondly.

On a lighter note, I appreciate each and every one of you and look forward to seeing you on April 9th at our monthly membership meeting.

May God bless America and each of us.

In your service,

Terry Angley, AFSWFLC President



## APRIL 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. The speaker is Sheila Gallo of Lotus-Shadows, rescuing people from human trafficking. April 9, 2025.

May 14, 2025, is the next month's AFSWFLC scheduled meeting.

## March Meeting Highlights

Presented by Dr. Chris Bonn



Dr. Bonn is equipping both learners and leaders with the tools to excel in an increasingly digitalized world, preparing them to overcome complex challenges in the evolving educational and professional spheres.

### Crisis in American Education: A System In Decline

Public education systems in the US are undergoing an unprecedented crisis that threatens students' academic success and the very foundation of American culture.

**Teacher shortage:** Dangerous working conditions Abuse (Physical, Emotional, and Mental)

**Unreasonable Paperwork & Administrative Burdens**

Compliance paperwork, teaching to standardized tests

**Earning 20% less than similarly educated professionals**

**The Textbook Mafia: Corruption in Educational Publishing**  
Bribing policymakers with luxury incentives like cruises, lavish dinners, flown to all-expenses-paid conferences. HMH is one company that controls the curriculum in states.

### Extortion Through Mandatory Purchases

The textbook industry has forced obsolescence. Every seven years, most states mandate new textbook adoptions, even though core subjects like math, science, and history do not fundamentally change. \$740 is the average spent on each student.

### Retaliation Against Dissenters

Textbook companies use aggressive lobbying and intimidation tactics against educators who challenge their monopoly. District leaders and teachers who advocate for open-source or alternative materials often face repercussions, including funding cuts, public smear campaigns, or even job termination.

**A Billion-Dollar Pipeline of Dependency**  
Schools are forced to purchase expensive supplemental materials, digital licenses, and professional development programs—are underutilized or ineffective. By controlling curriculum standards, this educational cartel will continue to exploit the system, bankrupt schools, and hinder meaningful academic progress for students. **School systems are designed for failure.**

### Call to Action: Restoring the Integrity of American Education

It's a national emergency. The ongoing teacher shortage, monopolization of educational materials, and overwhelming bureaucratic inefficiencies are real issues; they are actively dismantling the foundation of our American Republic.

### National-Level Solutions

Minimize standardized testing mandates to allow educators to focus on meaningful instruction rather than compliance-driven assessments.

Incentivize schools to adopt open-source, peer-reviewed digital materials to reduce costs and increase transparency.

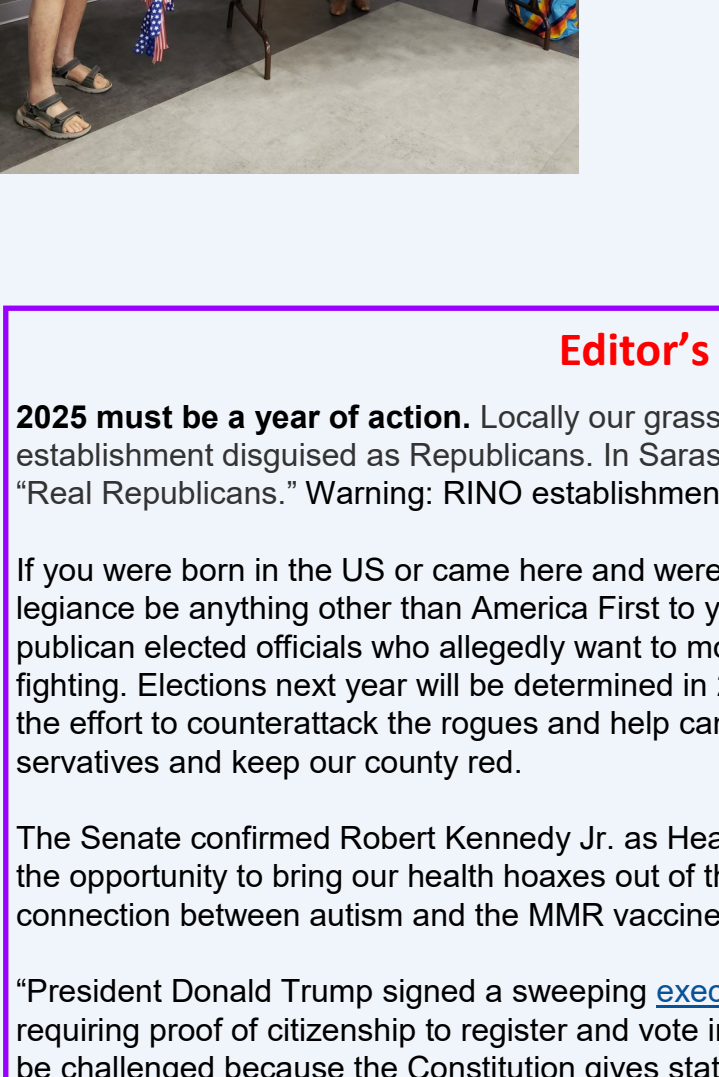
### State-Level Solutions

Loan forgiveness and tuition reimbursement.

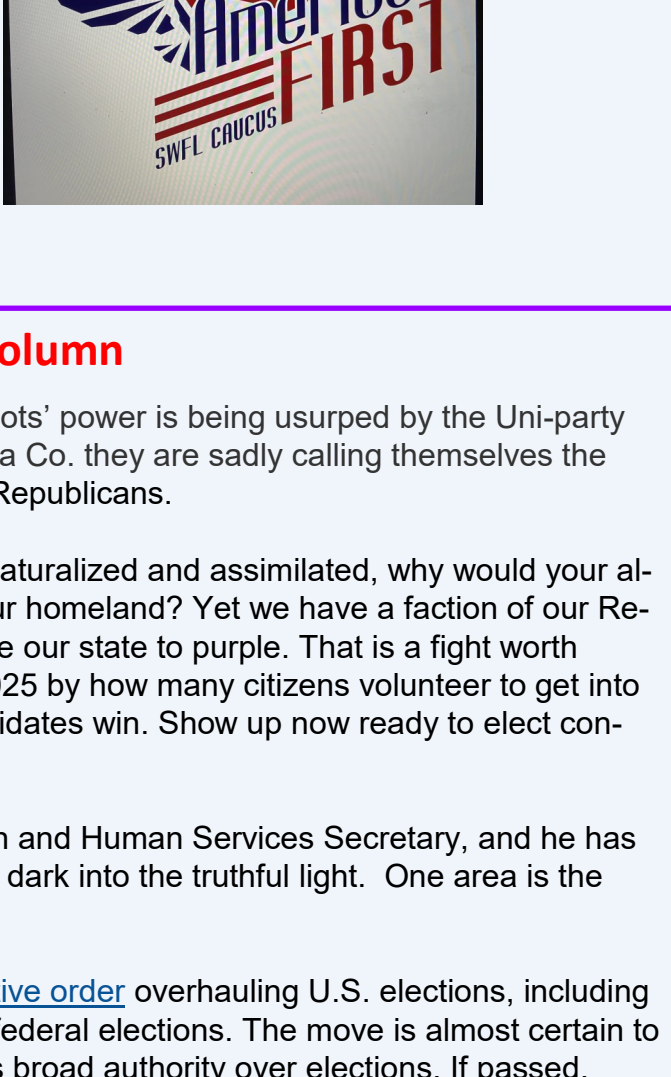
Offer competitive salaries and benefits, with pay increases that keep up with inflation and living costs.

Educators must be given the authority to maintain discipline in classrooms while ensuring fair, evidence-based disciplinary policies that prioritize student accountability and rehabilitation.

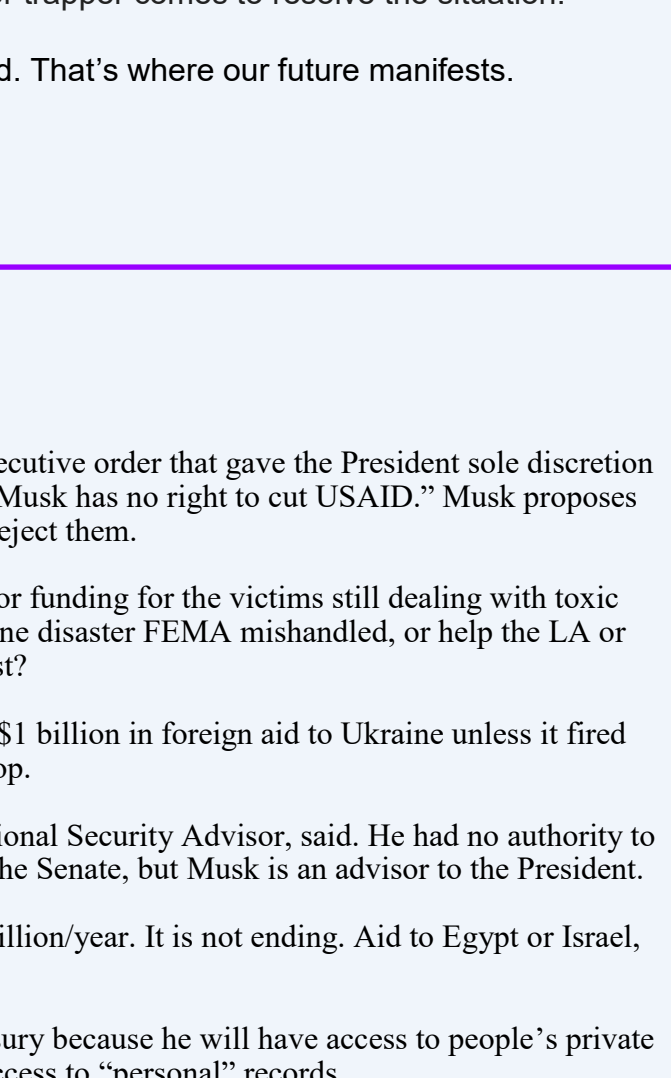
School districts must conduct independent audits to ensure that taxpayer dollars are being spent effectively on direct student learning rather than administrative expansion.



"I've crunched the numbers in your retirement account. It's time to figure out who will be wearing the mask and who will be driving the getaway car."



THE SAME PARTY THAT TRIED TO MANDATE EVERYONE BUY AN ELECTRIC VEHICLE...

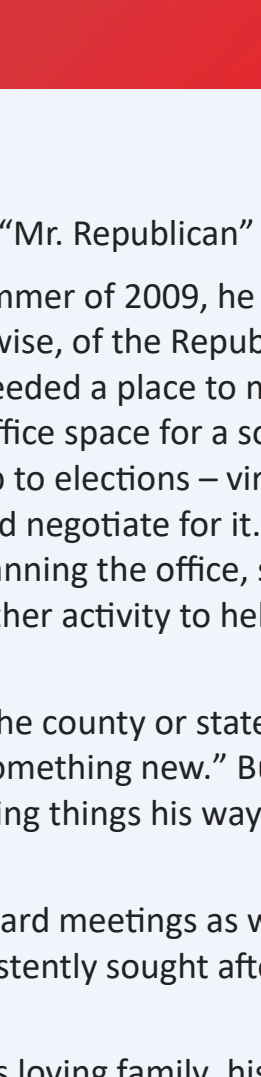


NOW HATES ELECTRIC VEHICLES AND FIRE BOMBS THEM.

## ELECTION OF OFFICERS



AFSWFLC newly elected officers to finish 2025 are Terry Angley, President and Mike Stephenson, VP. We congratulate and fully appreciate their dedication to serve our group.

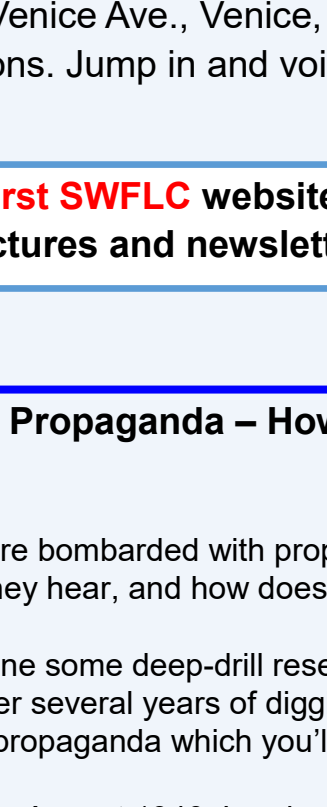


## Sarasota School Board Meeting

April 8, 1960 Landings Blvd., Sarasota 34231. The meetings are open to the public and are held on the 2nd 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](mailto:schoolboardmembers@sarasotacountyschools.net)



## Update On Adopt A Legislator

Meredyth Morrow 908-343-5104

Call Andy Dubois 352-933-6353 or

Meredyth Morrow for info.

[andy@libertycitizen.com](mailto:andy@libertycitizen.com)

**Watch tracked bills [here](#)**

**Subscribe [here](#)**

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

**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.**

The Adopt a Leg/Bill watch group is busy. We are calling our elected officials and setting appointments to go over what our groups are concerned and fighting for in our community. 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 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 momentum. We do not want to always be on the defense. It's much easier to be on Offense and score a win. Just reach out so we can set a date to do the training.

## AN UPDATE FROM MEREDYTH

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

The Florida House has passed a bill ([HB 759](#)) that would lower the age from 21 to 18 for individuals to purchase shotguns and rifles. 78-34. Similar legislation has passed in [the past two legislative sessions](#), but the Senate blocked it. Maybe this year as well. There are two proposals filed that match the House's bill, but neither has been heard in any committee yet.

**Attend the Sarasota Memorial Hospital Board Meetings.** Tuesday, April 22, 2025, 2 - 4 pm SMH Main/ Boardroom, 1700 S. Tamiami Tr, SRQ 34239. **An independent review must be done.** Contact Lisa Roulet [lisaroulet@proton.me](mailto:lisaroulet@proton.me)

**FL Surgeon General Ladapo recommended not to receive COVID-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."

State Surgeon General Dr. Joseph Ladapo announced recently: **"Due to the neuropsychiatric risk associated with fluoride exposure, particularly in pregnant women and children, and the wide availability of alternative sources of fluoride for dental health, the State Surgeon General recommends against community water fluoridation."**

**Defend Florida has Voter Integrity ZOOM calls on Tuesday nights at 7 pm**

Defend Florida [Join Read More](#)

**Citizens Renewing America Alliance** Phone call every Thursday, 5-5:30 pm <https://slingshotdavid.com/slignup>

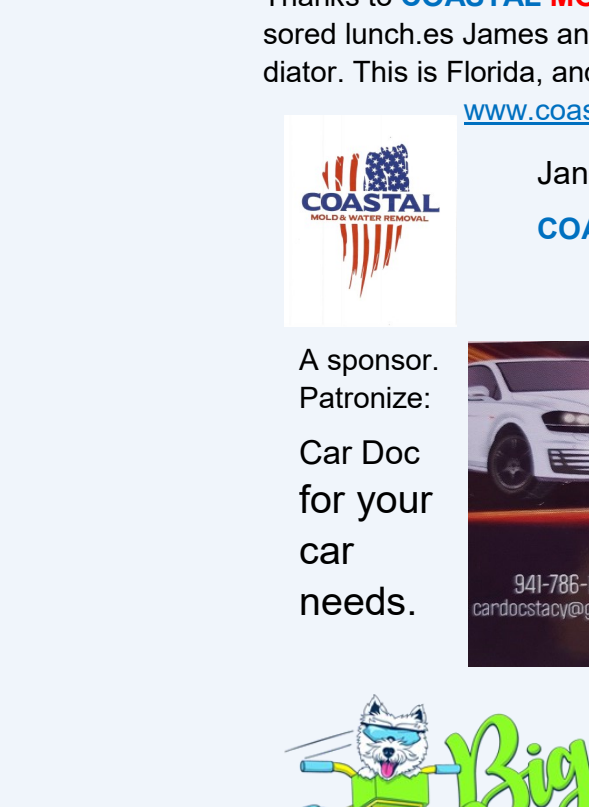
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**Sarasota Patriots** meets at 6:30 pm on the 2nd Monday of each month at Covenant Life Church, 8490 McIntosh Rd., Sarasota, FL 34238. Carpool with other members.

## MAKE CONTACT: Congress at your Fingertips

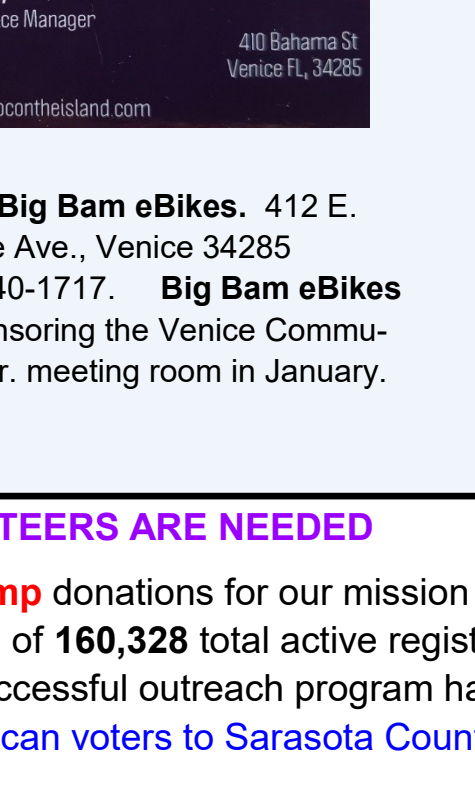
If you call 877-827-3321 you can get the **Congress at your Fingertips** book for \$20. You can then call any governor, Senator or Representative directly. You should call, too: **202-225-5792.** Tamzin Rosenwasser

<b>It is important to write to our officials.</b> <b>We the People ARE the government.</b>	
<b>Gov. DeSantis</b>	<b>850-717-9337</b>
<b>Sen. Rick Scott</b>	<b>202-224-5274</b>
<b>Sen. Ashley Moody</b>	<b>202-224-3041</b>
<b>Rep. Greg Steube</b>	<b>202-225-5792</b>
<b>Joe Gruters</b>	<b>941-378-6309</b>
<b>Fiona McFarland</b>	<b>941-361-2465</b>
<b>James Buchanan</b>	<b>941-429-4560</b>
<b>Danny Nix</b>	<b>941-899-0810</b>



John Leogrande is looking at the assortment of AFSWFLC t-shirts, polos and cups on display.

Stop by the table at the meeting on April 9 to find something that suits your political style.



## Editor's Column

**2025 must be a year of action.** Locally our grassroots' power is being usurped by the Uni-party establishment disguised as Republicans. In Sarasota County, they are sadly calling themselves the "Real Republicans." Warning: RINO Establishment Republicans.

If you were born in the US or came here and were naturalized and assimilated, why would your allegiance be anything other than America First to your homeland? Yet we have a faction of our Republican elected officials who allegedly want to move our state to purple. That is a fight worth fighting. Elections next year will be determined in 2025 by how many citizens volunteer to get into the effort to counterattack the rogues and help candidates win. Show up now ready to elect conservatives and keep our country red.

The Senate confirmed Robert Kennedy Jr. as Health and Human Services Secretary, and he has the opportunity to bring our health hoaxes out of the dark into the truthful light. One area is the connection between autism and the MMR vaccine.

"President Donald Trump signed a sweeping [executive order](#) overhauling U.S. elections, including requiring proof of citizenship to register and vote in federal elections. The move is almost certain to be challenged because the Constitution gives states broad authority over elections. If passed, House Bill 831 would restrict voter access by creating new requirements for verification of citizenship during voter registration. It would also increase voter ID requirements for some first-time voters and requirements related to voter registration at the DMV." What will Florida do?

**Swamp fever:** Alligator mating season starts now. Remember: Keep a safe distance if you see an alligator. If someone is concerned about an alligator, call FWC's toll-free Nuisance Alligator Hotline at 866-392-4286, and a contracted nuisance alligator trapper comes to resolve the situation.

Nobody gets to live their lives backward. Look ahead. That's where our future manifests.

## And Volunteer!

Allyx Young, AFSWFLC Newsletter Editor

## U.S. Agency for International Development

Submitted by Rich Mazur

USAID was created in 1961 by President Kennedy by executive order that gave the President sole discretion to execute the statute. Democrats have been saying that "Musk has no right to cut USAID." Musk proposes cuts, and the President holds the authority to approve or reject them.

Do you support \$15 million for the condoms for the Army or for funding for the victims still dealing with toxic East Palestine, Ohio, train derailment, or the N.C. Hurricane disaster FEMA mishandled, or help the LA or Maui wildfire victims? Do we take care of Americans first?

Remember that V.P. Biden publicly bragged to withhold \$1 billion in foreign aid to Ukraine unless it fired Viktor Shokin who was looking into Hunter Biden's laptop.

"No one elected Musk." Jake Sullivan, former Biden National Security Advisor, said. He had no authority to make decisions. He neither elected or confirmed by the Senate, but Musk is an advisor to the President.

"Foreign aid is ending." Their budget is still nearly \$80 billion/year. It is not ending. Aid to Egypt or Israel, famine and natural disaster relief will remain.

Democrats feel Musk should not be able to audit the treasury because he will have access to people's private records. Recall he helped start PayPal, which gave him access to "personal" records.

JFK Jr., Tulsi Gabbard and Elon Musk were respected Democrats until they wanted to help President Trump. Why are Dems opposed to cuts in wasteful spending and the legal auditing of government agencies unless there is something to hide?



You should not be gracious or humble towards those who, for 10 years, have called half the country racist, misogynist, Nazis.



**Dale DeYoung** has always been "Mr. Republican" to me.

Since I moved to Venice in the summer of 2009, he was always in charge, officially or otherwise, of the Republican Club of South Sarasota County. If we needed a place to meet, Dale would find it. When we needed office space for a south county headquarters during the run-up to elections – virtually all elections - Dale would locate it and negotiate for it. He was always lining up volunteers for manning the office, stuffing envelopes, sign waving and any other activity to help get our candidates elected.

The "higher-ups" in the Party, at the county or state level frequently tried to get Dale to "try something new." But Dale had been winning elections by doing things his way for a couple of decades and he was usually right.

He rarely missed a membership meeting and usually attended board meetings as well. He was a well respected president emeritus, and his input was consistently sought after. He was definitely the voice of experience and time-tested advice.

Dale DeYoung, a/k/a "Mr. Republican" will be sorely missed by his loving family, his many, many friends, and those blessed to have worked with him in his quest to Make America Great Again. - Barbara Vaughn

**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](http://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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## Propaganda – How Much Does the Public Really Believe?

By Randy Wedin

Today, we are bombarded with propaganda on every subject. But just how much do people believe what they hear, and how does it impact us in the years following?

Well, I've done some deep-drill research on a piece of propaganda I've heard since I was a young boy, and after several years of digging into various historical sources, this is the factual beginning into a bit of propaganda which you'll probably be able to relate to.

The time was August 1940, London, U.K., right when the British were in the middle of the Battle of Britain with the German Luftwaffe. The Germans had just switched from daylight bombing to nighttime bombing and had London's full attention. The Germans had no radar, as yet, but had a target vision problem at night. So, to better see their nighttime targets, the first wave of bombers dropped non-flammable incendiary bombs and set the city on fire. The follow-on waves of bombers were then able to easily see specific targets of interest.

The British, at the time, were the world leaders in the area of radar, but their radar antennas needed to be huge in order to observe incoming bombers. British pilots, so the Nazis thought, were unable to downsize the radar to an onboard aircraft with enough speed to intercept the speedy German bombers and fighters. That is, until British scientists developed the Beaufighter, a medium-sized, twin-engine fighter with a crew of two – one pilot and one navigator/radar man.

Of course, this capability was so advanced, it was above Top Secret, with only a few people possessing this knowledge beyond the pilots and ground crews. But the Beaufighters' successes in downing bombers and fighters each night could not be ignored. The people of London wanted to know details.

A press-briefing was scheduled, a German twin-engine, night fighter (BF 110c) was the backdrop, downed the night before, smoke still emanating from its engines, a splash of blood still visible on the cockpit plexiglass where the pilot would normally sit.

A British Public Relations officer stood at the podium under strict orders not to divulge the Beaufighters' secret radar capabilities. Some say he wasn't cleared to know the truth either.

The briefing started out well, with the press absorbing all the statistics the British "Night Fighters" had accumulated. The officer told the press that to stop the Nazis from dropping their bombs on London, the Night Fighters had pushed their initial enemy engagements into the middle of the darkened English Channel.

Immediately a lady's hand shot up from the crowd of journalists. The officer knew her well as Clara, a small mousy woman with pointy glasses, a reporter for one of the major London newspapers, and well-known for her ability to see the big picture and mold her questions accordingly. She asked the dreaded question, "How are British pilots able to identify and target Nazi aircraft out over the dark Channel when the Nazis pilots are not?"

Nobody knows for sure whether the briefing officer anticipated the question and preplanned his answer, but his answer turned the warring world into a lizzy of research among all the warring nations, impacting certain world prices, and even turned a non-rationed item into a strict rationed item in the U.K. – with soaring black market price implications in the U.K. and US. Germany temporarily delayed final development of their radar while they pursued this cheaper option, and certain military soldiers and navy personnel in all the warring militaries were impacted, with even Japan and Russia starting strict programs for certain military members required to see better at night, like lookouts on ships at night.

Unable to announce to the world that British researchers had improved and downsized radar to a size small enough to go onboard an aircraft, the P.R. Officer winged it and told a white lie that **Beaufighter crewmen consumed huge amounts of carrots each day**, substantially improving their eyesight and critical night vision.

The impact was beyond belief. British commandos and snipers were ordered to eat tons of carrots – the British army was not cleared for the secrets of their own air force. A vegetable grower in Camarillo, California, said his father couldn't give away the carrots he grew until September 1940 and then was ordered by the government to increase his carrot production ten-fold – every carrot purchased by the U.S. government for an unbelievable price. Nowhere in the world was spared, even pilots flying the Hump for Chiang Kai Shek in South China had increased proportions of carrots in their diets when they were available.

Maybe even you have been told by your mother or grandmother to eat your carrots so you can see better, especially improving your night vision.

In fact, just a few months ago, this writer actually overheard a conversation at a local restaurant between a young boy playing with his veggies and his mom telling him to eat his carrots, that they'd make him see better.

The little boy looked up in disbelief and asked the older lady at the table, "Is that right Grandma?" Grandma responded, "Yes, and they'll even allow you to see better at night!"

The little boy immediately attacked his carrots with a vengeance, because if Grandma says something, it has to be gospel.

So, after all these years, you now know the factual origin of where this bit of propaganda originated, propaganda that is still passed on from generation to generation as gospel for 85 years and counting. Of course, there's nothing wrong with a few more carrots in our diets, is there?

**Spend Cash on Fridays! Support our economy by using cash, not cards.**

**President Trump Has Declared Wed. 2 April 2025 Liberation Day For America! This Historic Date Will Be Known As The Day America Started Taking Back The Vast Wealth That Was Stolen and Looted By The Robber Baron, Globalist, Neo-Feudalist Empire That Has Been Hell Bent On Destroying Western Civilization!**

## Gmail Upgrade Puts Privacy of Billions at Risk — Protect Your Data

### Newsweek reports:

Google is launching a new AI-powered search function that could give its Gemini assistant access to personal information. The new upgrade will "show you the most relevant results, faster," but critics warn that it could also be used for AI training if users are not aware of the company's terms and conditions.

Its AI assistant, **Gemini**, competes with other home assistants, Alexa, and the company has ramped up its AI features as other competitors continue to move ahead in the race for effective AI. Users will have the option to switch between the current system, which displays search terms by most recent, and the new **AI-powered** system, which sorts by "most relevant."

The update was met with skepticism from some, with cybersecurity expert Zak Doffman writing in Forbes that "this is AI set loose on your personal information." There's no suggestion that your data is being syphoned off to train models or enhance marketing profiles, but it is being analyzed."

## Florida Law Requires Voters Request New Vote-by-Mail Ballots Every Voting Cycle

• Vote-by-mail ballots give you the option to vote by mail. In-person voting from early voting until 7 pm election day is still your choice. The vote-by-mail ballot is "insurance" that you get your vote counted by delivering it in person to 4000 S. Tamiami Tr., Venice, at the Supervisor of Elections office. Deadline to request a vote-by-mail ballot be mailed is: Thur., Aug. 8, 5 p.m.

Request a vote-by-mail ballot by at

<https://www.sarasotavotes.gov/Voter-Information/Vote-by-Mail>

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## 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 **160,328** total active registered Republican voters as of 3/27/2025. Our very successful outreach program has welcomed over 10,000 newly registered **Republican voters to Sarasota County.**



## America First Southwest Florida 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 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 Jerry Library on the Island.** Light refreshments served at 11:00 am. Guest speakers are scheduled.

**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.

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