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May – Memorial Day – Mother’s Day

A Letter from AFSWFLC President Barbara Vaughn

Hello AFSWFLC Members and Friends,

This is...THE GREAT ADVENTURE!

If you begin counting on May 1st, there are 110 days until the August 18th primaries. There are 187 days until the general election, and the future of our great nation is up to YOU and ME!

Many of you were around in the old days of the RCSSC and might remember me giving a talk on “The Great Reset.” I had a sort of Deja vu yesterday when I watched a podcast by Glenn Beck on pretty much the same topic.

I’m so happy that Glenn is talking about the “one world government” - that is, the new government that’s supposed to be accomplished via The Great Reset – but it drives me crazy that none of our elected leaders are talking about it!

Of course, they’re all familiar with it, so what’s the problem? Are most of them in on the game? Are some of them just deluded into thinking it’s not “real,” that it’s just another Conspiracy theory? Or maybe they think the general public would be too frightened and confused if they knew what was really going on way above their heads?

Well, I’m a member of the general public and so are you. I am frightened, but I’m not so confused anymore. That’s because the evil conspiracies have made their way into our state and local politics, and elected and appointed officials at every level have been drawn in.

That's what really frightens me: the one world government crowd is not working from the top down anymore. They've figured out that they need to work from the bottom up, draw the grassroots into their webs.

I'm sure you've heard the talk about George Soros and his Open Societies companies; they've been financing quite a number of district attorneys general (AG) candidates, supervisors of election candidates, state party officials, and, who knows? Maybe our town council or county commission candidates are next. They've certainly infiltrated some of the local political groups that have suddenly been uncharacteristically bold in their public demonstrations. Have you noticed?

I am not trying to scare you! What I'm trying to do is make you aware, so none of us become victims the same way you've been made aware of the various internet, telephone or mail scams. Now that you're aware, you're not likely to fall for them.

Now, it's up to you. Know about the candidates you're considering voting for. Get online, check out the Sarasota County Supervisor's web site. Go to the candidates' own websites; go to hear them speak. Come to our AFSWFLC meetings and bring your friends. Go to Rightvotes.com. We're going to show you the best conservative candidates.

As the song says, "Saddle up your horses, we've got a trail to blaze! This is The Great Adventure." It's not an easy trail, but with hard work, and God's help we can do it – we can rid ourselves of corrupt, incompetent or even just plain evil leaders - at least here in our community of Sarasota County and Florida. If other communities of "We The People" will do the same, we can change our nation!

Be a part of that. Aren't you ready for The Great Adventure?

Yours truly,
Barbara Vaughn, President AFSWFLC

108 Days Until the August 18th Primary

In the end, elections aren't won by the side with the best arguments.

They're won by the side that shows up, puts in the work, and follows through to convert voters. It's a proven fact.

But will the right and the **AFSWFLC act on it?**

May Meeting Date

May 13, 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> **The speaker this month is Chris Gleason.**

As of 5/2/2026, Sarasota County has 325,408 total active voters, with nearly half (160,484) registered Republicans.

So how is it that so many Democrats win?

Too many Republicans are lazy couch potatoes, too busy complaining about how things are instead of voicing how things should be. It is shameful that Republicans don't win every election.

Maybe that is a good indication of a big change needed at the Republican Executive Committee (REC) Chairman and other REC leadership levels – a few less Uni-Party running things and a few more America First leaders representing the majority of the Republican grassroots America First and MAGA voters.



Sarasota School Board Meetings

The board's next meeting time is **10 am** scheduled for **May 20**.

- June 10, 2026 (3:00 pm)
- July 22, 2026 (3:00 pm)
- August 19, 2026
- September 16, 2026
- October 21, 2026
- November 18, 2026
- December 16, 2026

Note: The June and July meetings start at 3:00 pm due to summer schedule adjustments. 1960 Landings Blvd, Sarasota, FL 34231

To email all School Board members:

schoolboardmembers@sarasotacountyschools.net

Sarasota Memorial Hospital Board Meetings

Contact Lisa Roulet lisaroulet@proton.me for any information.

Meeting schedule:

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

2026 Candidates

Michelle Pozzie Is a candidate in District 5 School Board

Teresa DeWitt Is a candidate in District 1 School Board

Free: Sat. May 9, 4-8 pm, Teresa will have a booth at Sunset Pavilion at Siesta Beach Bash

Frank DiCicco Is a candidate in District 4 School Board

Joe Neunder for Sarasota County Commission District 4

Mark Smith for Sarasota County Commission District 2

Greg Steube for US Congress District 17

Vic Rohe for FL Senate District 22



Let's get a convoy going to this event May 16th.

<https://maps.app.goo.gl/ZrHKcSHc8gJzHJZY7> Charlotte Co. Fairgrounds

New Event: Mon., May 11, 5 pm, 1105 Taylor Rd, Punta Gorda at Beef 'O' Brady's

Visit our America First Southwest Florida Caucus website at:

www.AFSWFLC.ORG

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>

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 **Teresa DeWitt and Michelle Pozzie**.

Judicial – Numerous

Visit 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](#)

Mark Your Calendars

Deadline to request a vote-by-mail ballot be mailed: **Thursday, Aug. 6, 5 p.m.**

The Sarasota County Supervisor of Elections is looking for poll workers, and the training schedule is posted. The newsletter is in the link: <news@sarasotavotes.ccsend.com>

June 8th is the deadline to file as a candidate; the 12th to qualify for the office.

August 18, 2026: Primary Election

Training window:

July 20-25; 27-31 (Sarasota)

August 3-7 (Venice)

August 10-13 (North Port)

Early Voting: August 8 - 16

November 3, 2026: General Election

Training window:

October 5-10; 12-16 (Sarasota)

October 19-23 (Venice)

October 26-29 (North Port)

Early Voting: October 19 - November 1

Calendar of Events – May



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

Stay informed.

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

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

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

12 Govt Operations House committee bills all passed last Nov. or Dec. that take away freedom of information. It is very concerning that with every single bill this committee passed this session, more is hidden from us. **We need to be diligent and vocal.**

Link to the Government Operations Subcommittee site:

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

FastDemocracy <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

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

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
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

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Sharia-Free America Caucus

The newly organized Sharia-Free America Caucus stated purpose is to oppose the influence of **Sharia law** in U.S. legal and immigration systems, promoting legislation like the **No Sharia Act** and the **Preserving a Sharia-Free America Act**. However, the **Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR)** has designated the caucus as an **anti-Muslim hate group**, citing what it describes as dehumanizing rhetoric and policies targeting Muslims.

Co-Chairman Keith Self (R-Texas) has over 50 members in the Caucus. **Call and ask Rep. Greg Steube and other Representatives to join this group. 202-224-3121**

FL Republicans Lose Two House Seats in Special Elections

TAKE THIS AS A WARNING! Again, Democrats are motivated to win and Republicans stay home on their couch. One election was in President Trump's precinct.

https://patch.com/florida/across-fl/s/k5k0n/fl-dems-flip-2-seats-including-mar-a-lago-s-district-in-special-election?user_email=8e4043fc783bc2308a37fb384182bfa133b7f53f717d9258310d83056c0f4f4c&user_email_md5=17cb6c91b86ba8387ede80c5c93aeb0e&lctg=65ea21dc04c2e7b31702ddd4

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 **160,484** total active registered Republican voters as of 5/2/2026. Our outreach program has welcomed over 10,000 newly registered Republican voters to Sarasota County. **First class stamps are \$.78.**

America First SWFLC website: <http://www.americafirstswflc.org> or www.afswflc.org.

Visit the website to see our pictures and newsletters, plus updates throughout the month.

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

State Department Slashes Fee to Renounce U.S. Citizenship by 80%

The State Department has cut the fee to renounce a US citizenship from \$2,350 to \$450 after it was promised in 2023. The rule takes effect now driven, in part, by new U.S. tax reporting requirements for American expatriates.

<https://wltreport.com/2026/03/14/state-department-cuts-fee-renounce-citizenship/>

AFSWFLC Members Meet Matt the Welder Running for
Ag Commissioner

Eddie Speir for Congress Team 941-726-9956

Master Gardeners Plant Clinic – Jacaranda Library

On Thursdays between 1:30 to 3:30 drop-in for gardening advice from the Sarasota County Extension Services' Master Gardeners. Get started on your Victory Garden this spring. 4143 Woodmere Park Blvd., Venice 34293.

Socialism is a philosophy of failure, the creed of ignorance, and the gospel of envy, its inherent virtue is the equal sharing of misery. Winston Churchill

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.

Rick Ross's Letter to the Editor

Trump is doing what he promised

Editor: "No Kings" demonstrations were held recently with the goal of labeling our president's behaviors as those of a dictatorial king.

Our forefathers wanted our country to be a Constitutional Republic whereby the President should govern according to the majority wishes of our citizens rather than as a "King."

During the Trump campaign, he made promises that he would close our borders to illegal immigrants, drill for low-cost energy, reduce inflation, build our military for peace through strength, protect our country from foreign threats, help end wars, reduce fraud in government, make safe cities through stricter enforcement of laws, restrict voting to citizens only, no men in women sports, biological gender affirmation and many other common sense solutions to make our country great again.

Based upon those promises, the citizens agreed and voted in record numbers to make Mr. Trump our 47th president.

As he fulfilled those promises, powerful groups and individuals were unhappy with his success. Past Democrat presidents and administrations ignored immigration laws to create open borders, approved massive inflationary government spending with minimal oversight, fought fossil fuels, instituted more governmental regulations, promoted higher taxes, men in woman sports, no proof of citizenship to vote, no deportation of illegal, criminal immigrants, soft on crime policies and international peace through appeasement.

The majority of citizens do not agree with these policies.

So ... has President Trump represented the majority wishes of our citizens? Have past Democrat presidents supported a Constitutional Republic or have they acted as kings? Rick Ross

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 are 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> or www.afswflc.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. AFSWFLC, 2357 S. Tamiami Trail Ste. 3, PMB# 200, Venice, FL 34293
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