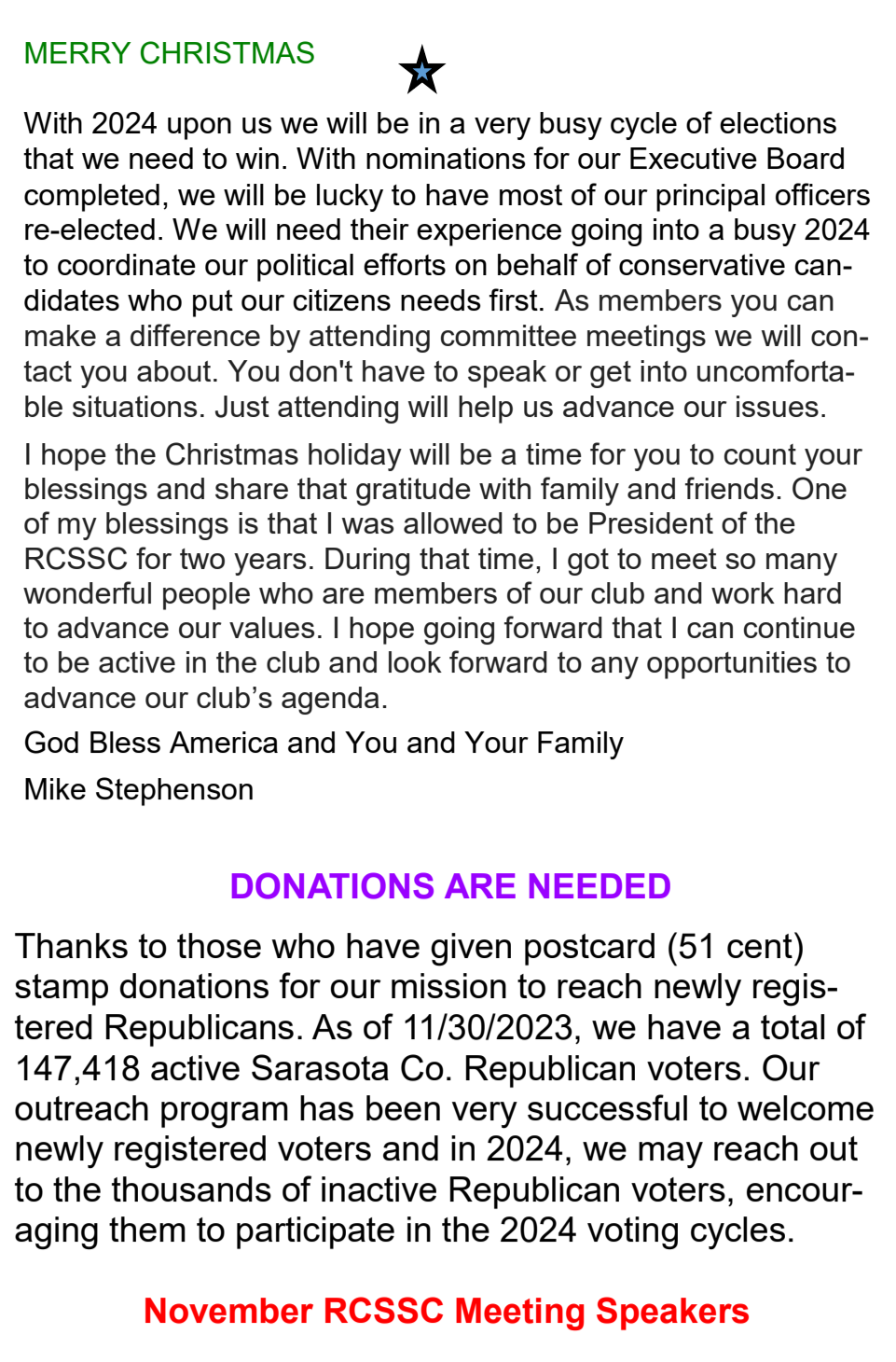


The Patriot

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From the Desk of RCSSC President Mike Stephenson



MERRY CHRISTMAS



With 2024 upon us we will be in a very busy cycle of elections that we need to win. With nominations for our Executive Board completed, we will be lucky to have most of our principal officers re-elected. We will need their experience going into a busy 2024 to coordinate our political efforts on behalf of conservative candidates who put our citizens needs first. As members you can make a difference by attending committee meetings we will contact you about. You don't have to speak or get into uncomfortable situations. Just attending will help us advance our issues.

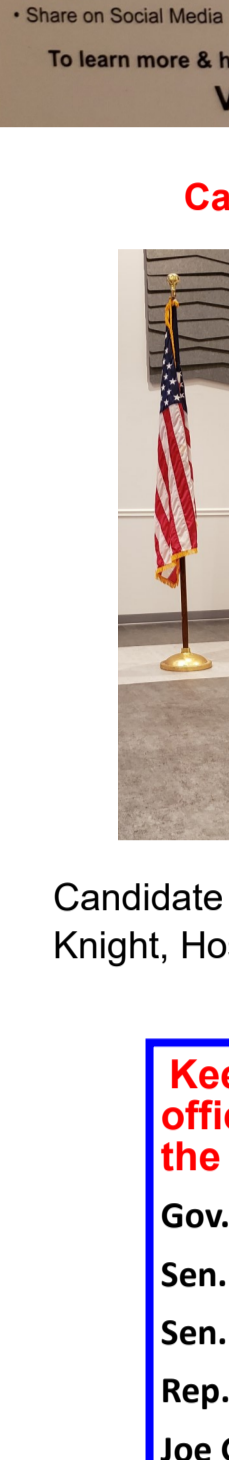
I hope the Christmas holiday will be a time for you to count your blessings and share that gratitude with family and friends. One of my blessings is that I was allowed to be President of the RCSSC for two years. During that time, I got to meet so many wonderful people who are members of our club and work hard to advance our values. I hope going forward that I can continue to be active in the club and look forward to any opportunities to advance our club's agenda.

God Bless America and You and Your Family
Mike Stephenson

DONATIONS ARE NEEDED

Thanks to those who have given postcard (51 cent) stamp donations for our mission to reach newly registered Republicans. As of 11/30/2023, we have a total of 147,418 active Sarasota Co. Republican voters. Our outreach program has been very successful to welcome newly registered voters and in 2024, we may reach out to the thousands of inactive Republican voters, encouraging them to participate in the 2024 voting cycles.

November RCSSC Meeting Speakers



Jim Foubisher from **TOGETHER-WE CAN LIVE** sponsored our lunch this month. He talked about their community service, which includes food pantries, clothing, counseling and education. Their purpose is to help people get back on their feet and achieve their goals.

Please donate clothes for the homeless to Keep Our People Warm. Boxes are around town also at Tri County A/C, 1080 Enterprise Crt., North Venice, some churches and Christ United Methodist at 1475 Center Rd.
Drop off deadline—Dec. 17. 941-485-2222

Speaker Cathi Chamberlain, author of *The Rules for Deplorables*, owned an all-female construction company, started Defend FL finding that 20 per cent of election rolls are dirty in Pinellas County. She was campaign manager for Jeremy Brown (a Jan. 6 political prisoner) for his FL District 62 race. She has a fact sheet about Jeremy Brown, a 20 year Special Forces combat vet and fund raiser at JeremyBrownDefense.com



Cathi explained the dire circumstances of Jeremy Brown's J6 unjust imprisonment, and how it will impact all of us. She gave us reasons to stand up, call our representatives and share with our friends. NOW is the time for everyone to come to the aid of their country. There is something **YOU** can do to help. **VOLUNTEER.**

Free Speech is NOT a CRIME...it's a RIGHT!



Task Force F.L.A.A.G. for January 6th TRUTH!

Fighting for Liberty and Abolishment of American Gulags
On Jan 6th, 2021, MILLIONS of Americans took part in the Largest Political Rally in American History.
Most of what you've been told is a LIE!!!

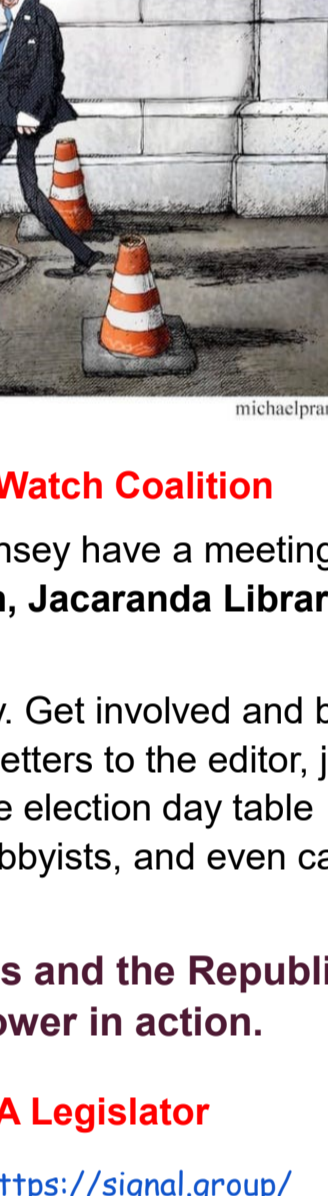
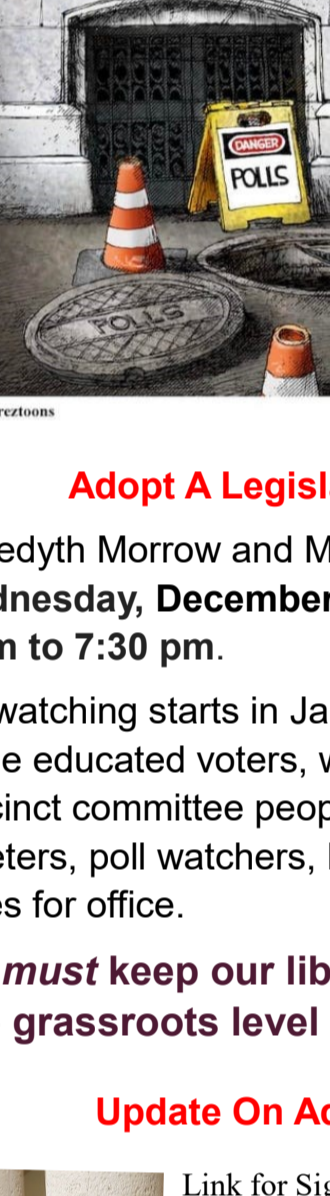
January 6th Facts (as of 8/10/22)

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| 1,5 citizens killed by Police | 4, 100+ Held without Bond | 7, 800 Vets & LEOs |
| 2, 0 weapons recovered | 5, 18 Months longest held | 8, Less than 1% female |
| 3, 860+ Arrested & Counting | 6, Americans from all 50 states | 9, 0 Police died |
| 10, Today the FBI Joint Terrorism Task Force (JTTF) is still arresting Americans for Jan 6th | | |

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| Speak Up | Act Out | Please Give |
| • Tell Friends, Families & Strangers | • Hand out Flyers & Cards | • JeremyBrownDefense.com |
| • Call, email, write, visit elected Officials | • Host Parties or Townhalls | • shopate.com/j6 |
| • Share on Social Media | • FLAAG Waves & Rallies | • W40TheFBI.com |
| | | • patriotfreedomproject.com |

To learn more & hear 20 year Special Forces Combat Vet & Jeremy Brown's Story
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Candidates and Elected Officials



Candidate for Dist. 3 County Commissioner—Tom Knight, Hospital Board—Vic Rohe

Keep the pressure on elected officials. We the People are still the government.

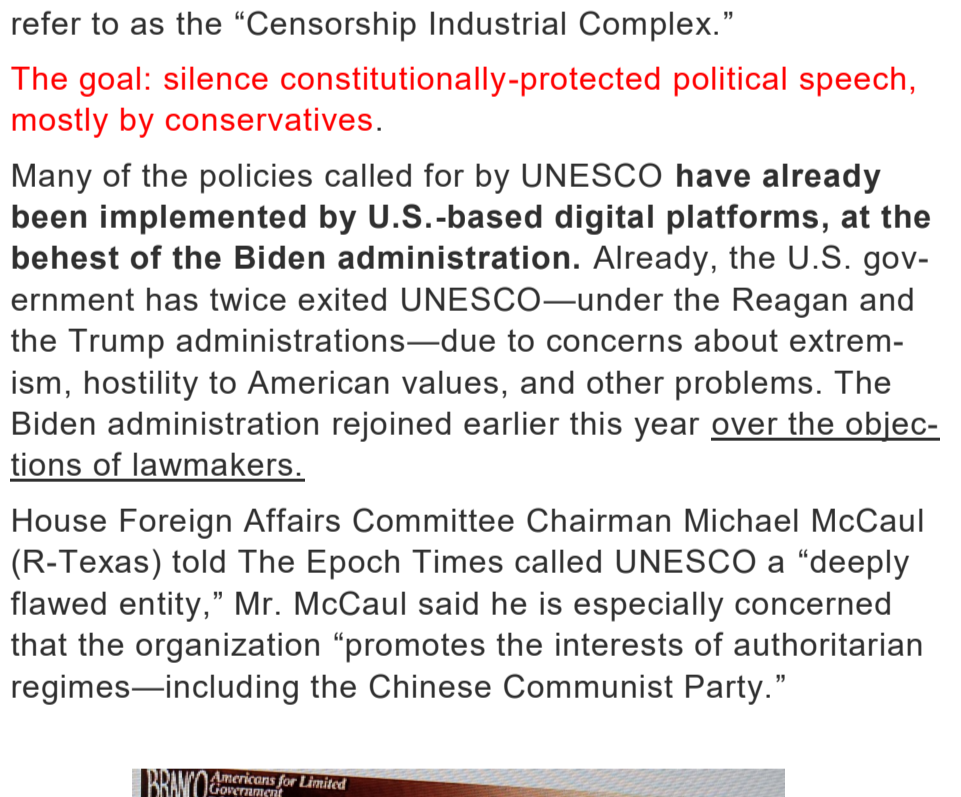
Gov. DeSantis	850-717-9337
Sen. Rick Scott	202-224-5274
Sen. Marco Rubio	202-224-3041
Rep. Greg Steube	202-225-5792
Joe Gruters	941-378-6309
Fiona McFarland	941-361-2465
James Buchanan	941-429-4560
Michael Grant	941-613-0914



UPCOMING EVENTS AND NOTICES

The RCSSC Christmas Lunch is on Wednesday, Dec. 6, 11:30 am at Plantation Golf and Country Club, 500 Rockley Rd., Venice.

Menu: chicken francese in lemon caper sauce, green beans almondine, roasted red potatoes, or maple/mustard glazed salmon, rice pilaf, broccoli and red peppers and lemon blueberry cake. **\$35 Call Terry Angley for tickets by Dec. 1 941-223-2879**



Attend a Sarasota School Board Meeting

Dec, 12, 6 to 8 pm, 1960 Landings Blvd., Sarasota 34231. The meetings are open to the public and are held on the 1st (from 3pm-5pm) and 3rd (from 6pm-8pm) Tuesdays of each month, except for one meeting in July and December. Citizens are welcome to speak under "Hearing of Citizens" after any Special Presentations and/or the Superintendent's Report. Hearing of Citizens cards can be found in the lobby, which should be filled out prior to the meeting with your name, contact information, and topic and handed to the Sarasota County School Board Representative. 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

Attend the Sarasota Memorial Hospital Board

Meetings on the third Mondays. **December is a closed meeting.** 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm SMH Main / Boardroom, Auditorium. 1700 S. Tamiami Trail, Sarasota 34239. An independent review of hospital COVID policies must be done.
Contact Lisa Roulet lroulet@comcast.net

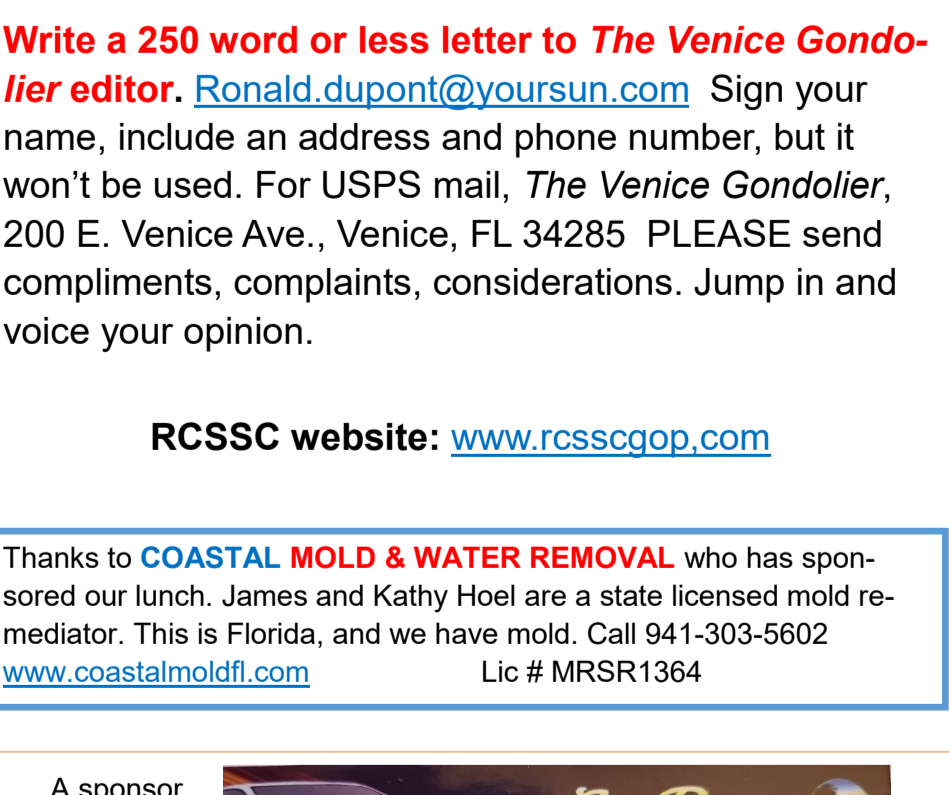
Rich Mazur - RCSSC Political Action Team

ongoing training meetings to learn how to visit Newly Registered Republicans.

- Join our team as the "Welcome Greeters" for Republicans in your precinct.
- Visit between 5-10 voters/month. It is **not door-to-door**, but an A/C car to the front door. Minimal walking.
- Work as a 2-member team to pass out an introductory informational letter, contact information for federal, state and local officials, Comparison of Democrat/Republican on issues and "the Inconvenient Truth of the Democrat Party to make your welcoming experience 100% enjoyable. It's fun to see Republican faces light up when you greet them.

Next meeting: **Rich Mazur**, Dec. 5 at 6:30 pm at 959 E. Venice Ave. at General Flynn's office. On the right side of the building a 5 foot tall American eagle statue is by the front door. **Please let me know if you will be able to attend or not.** Special materials are prepared for you with your precinct number, so please send Rich your precinct number.

Thanks,
Rich Mazur RCSSC Political Action Team
rtmgolf04@gmail.com 860-519-6939



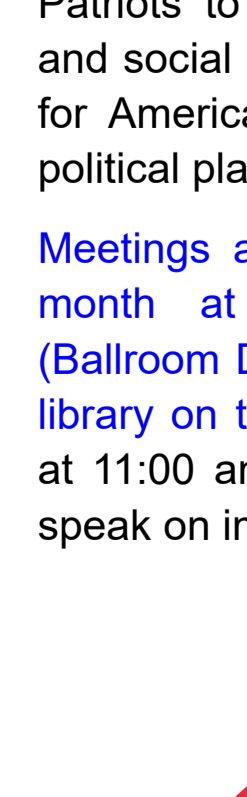
Adopt A Legislator Watch Coalition

Meredyth Morrow and Mia Kinsey have a meeting on **Wednesday, December 27th, Jacaranda Library, 6 pm to 7:30 pm.**

Bill watching starts in January. Get involved and become educated voters, write letters to the editor, join precinct committee people, be election day table greeters, poll watchers, bill lobbyists, and even candidates for office.

We must keep our liberties and the Republic. The grassroots level is power in action.

Update On Adopt A Legislator



Link for Signal: https://signal.group/#CjQKl-TdZxKcA6K_xEIZA12tfPXyoUNINObThongAVKDFzdaWEH8t1cTbdeDpWudQ1wZzx8H1

Last night at our meeting we discussed the local issues, the successes we have had A/LA removal, the Medical Freedom Resolution adopted by our county commissioners! Yay! These are things that would never have happened if citizens did not stand up and get involved.

I know we are still way behind on the over development issue but that is a work in progress, and there are ways we can tackle that, but it will take time. Let's team up with other groups already in the fight. Sally Nista says there are committee openings that need to be filled at county level. We may feel defeated at times- but we CANNOT GIVE UP. We must stay in this fight and keep trying, supporting each other's efforts and battles. We don't have to tackle every topic ourselves, but we can offer support and our bodies when a show of force is needed at meetings.

I appreciate you all. I am amazed at everyone's interest and dedication-XO Meredyth

-The bills are coming in fast in Tallahassee- we need ideas on what our group wants to focus on watching. What are your areas of concern that you will step up to watch for good/bad bills being sponsored? There is plenty of room for a crowd in this area - reach out to me and we can get you started. It's easy; can be done 24/7 anytime, even in your pj's.

- Is anyone good at organization skills? I am not, I need someone to track meeting dates and keep our calendar updated with ALL the events going on in our area.

-Election Issues- I will hopefully be working soon for the election season and my time will be limited. I want to be as invisible and less vocal making it uncomfortable to keep working in that position. I will still be involved but hoping we can form a team to break into areas we can work. 1. Vulnerable Voter protection 2. Election Worker positions- sign up NOW to work. These jobs can be very part time, but you will have eyes on the process. 3. Help out with data processing. Contact SOE/Jennifer Fett, HR at 941-861-8643

- I know you are attending meetings around the county, but if you can send a short update afterwards on anything we need to know about, that would be helpful.

No meeting in December-
Next meeting- Jacaranda Library on Jan. 24, 2024 at 6 pm. Lobby days in Tallahassee - January 16-17th Advocate for liberty in Tallahassee! This is a lot of fun and a great opening as to what we are all about. Email me, and I can send you the link amdmorrow@gmail.com

Zoom Bill watching calls - Next Thursday 12/7 at 7pm, Monday 12/11 6pm (if you cannot make any of these, let me know, and we can do a 1 on 1 on I don't mind.) Meeting ID: 846 5881 3948
Passcode: 955036
Find your local number: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/kljvTcMc>

Bills to watch:

- HJR 19
- HB 135
- HB 459
- HB279
- HB 291
- HB 489
- SB 190
- SB 236
- SB 562
- SJR 582
- SB 112
- SB 150
- SB 206
- SB 518

Topic: Legislative Bill Watching Training Description: Every year we hear about bills good and bad coming through our state legislature. Do you want to know how to find out what our elected officials are voting on before it becomes "law"? This zoom training will walk you through the steps to get started. It will empower you to know what and how our elected Representatives are voting so you can call or email them about topics you want them to pass or what bills are horrible and want killed.

CALL TO ACTION!

1. Speaker Johnson, needs to lead the charge on HR 79-the WHO WITHDRAWAL ACT EXIT THE WHO! Call Speaker Johnson and other congressmen/women and demand they support HR 79. We won't give up our sovereignty to the WHO or the UN. 202-224-3121

CALL members of congress Vote YES on HR 1425. Re-qualified constitutional 2/3 Senate vote for a foreign treaty.

NEVER agree to this take over of our nation.

UNESCO (U.N. Educational, Cultural, and Scientific Organization) outlined "concrete measures, which must be implemented by all stakeholder: governments, regulatory authorities, civil society, and the platforms themselves."

This includes the imposition of global policies, through governments and businesses, designed to stop the spread of various forms of speech while promoting objectives such as "cultural diversity" and "gender equality."

In particular, the U.N. agency aims to create an "Internet of Trust" by targeting what it calls "misinformation," "disinformation," "hate speech," and "conspiracy theories."

Examples of expression flagged to be stopped or restricted include concerns about elections, public health measures, and advocacy that could constitute "incitement to discrimination."

Just this month, the U.S. House Judiciary Committee released a report blasting the "pseudoscience of disinformation." Among other concerns, the committee found this "pseudoscience" has been "weaponized" by what lawmakers refer to as the "Censorship Industrial Complex."

The goal: silence constitutionally-protected political speech, mostly by conservatives.

Many of the policies called for by UNESCO have already been implemented by U.S.-based digital platforms, at the behest of the Biden administration. Already, the U.S. government has twice exited UNESCO—under the Reagan and the Trump administrations—due to concerns about extremism, hostility to American values, and other problems. The Biden administration rejoined earlier this year over the objections of lawmakers.

House Foreign Affairs Committee Chairman Michael McCaul (R-Texas) told The Epoch Times called UNESCO a "deeply flawed entity," Mr. McCaul said he is especially concerned that the organization "promotes the interests of authoritarian regimes—including the Chinese Communist Party."

Co. Commissioners Pass American Library Association Defunding Resolution 4-1

ALA President Emily Drabinski called herself a Marxist on social media after being elected last year. Much damage can happen to library book resources in her one year term. Thank you Sarasota Co. Commissioners in spite of false, leftist objections of book banning.

Sarasota County Charter Amendment

There is currently a move afoot to significantly amend our Home Rule Charter in Sarasota County, and one that has already resulted in an apparent diminishing of citizen's rights for self-governance in our county. Submitted by Rick Miklusak.

We enjoy a relatively unique ability as a "Charter County" in our great state under these Home Rule provisions of the Florida Constitution, and both citizen awareness and involvement in any proposed changes is critical to retaining that ability to govern ourselves.

ALL good government is LOCAL, and to borrow from our founding documents, We the People ARE the government in a functioning and self-governing, constitutional republic. But we have a problem with a mistake that was made with one of the November 2022 ballot questions to amend the Sarasota County Charter.

There were two (2) questions on that ballot regarding our charter, both of which would have diminished the ability of the electorate to amend or change the way our county government operates. One of them was defeated however the other was approved, in spite of the oxymoronic and contradictory language of that amendment.

Why is this problematic? The recently amended language of 7.1A essentially prohibits ANY proposed amendment that would conflict with the existing provisions of the SC Charter. One can argue about who may have the legal authority to decide what may constitute a "conflict", but that decision should ultimately rest upon the consent of the governed; i.e. We the People.

Therefore, the only legal remedy available to us to restore our right to govern ourselves under the Home Rule provisions of the Florida Constitution and the Sarasota County Charter is a ballot measure to repeal or amend the contradictory language.

Editor's Column

The U.N. and The WHO are squeezing Biden/Obama into demanding the US relinquish our "Constitution and sovereignty to the One World Order. It's no secret. The plot to destroy America is in high gear. Expect an increase in censorship as the 2024 election date grows near. UNESCO has the agenda for it.

Democrats have a long history of being allergic to the truth! They know what's happening to America and jump on to ride the steamroller over the Constitution. They foolishly think China will be gracious and let them coexist here once they move their people into our homes, farm our land, and exploit our natural resources. Fat chance!

To fight for your homeland, spend cash not credit cards, call congress and tell them to stand up for America, quit using QR codes that become digital IDs for our control, create a neighborhood network for trusted help in troubled times (like now), dump gmail and get a proton mail email address, buy American-made products, and read Children's Health Defense to get the facts on the vaccines.

Keep God first and Merry Christmas
Alyx Young

Have at least a month's supply of food, water, cash (Small Bills), and essential supplies for your family, friends, and pets.

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](#)

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Thanks to **COASTAL MOLD & WATER REMOVAL** who has sponsored our lunch. James and Kathy Hoel are a state licensed mold remediator. This is Florida, and we have mold. Call 941-303-5602
www.coastalmoldfl.com Lic # MRSR1364

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"If you're really a mean person, you're going to come back as a fly and eat poop." —Kurt Cobain

In January, the RCSSC will elect new officers for the 2024 year. They will lead us into the GOP Primary election in March, the Sarasota Co. School Board election in August and the national presidential election in November.

Be a part of that excitement by volunteering to **Do Something.**

REPUBLICAN CLUB OF SOUTH SARASOTA COUNTY

We invite you to join the Republican Club of South Sarasota County (**RCSSC**) – an active grassroots organization dedicated to traditional economic and social conservative Republican 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 to speak on important recent issues.

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

(PLEASE NOTE: If you pay your dues before January 1st, your dues are paid through 2023 and 2024. Also, unless you are a paid member in good standing, you cannot vote in January's RCSSC's Election of Officers.)

Click here to become a member of the RCSSC! We make it happen! We are the RCSSC!

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