The Patriot

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Message From President James Hoel

The America First Caucus of Southwest Florida consists of prominent residents of all ages of Southwest Florida who have actively participated in local elections for many years.

AFSWFLC is facing legal persecution, much like President Trump, in the sense of unknown persons using the legal system to file frivolous lawsuits. The goal is to cast a negative shadow over our board members, club and to drain our resources with lawfare.

The caucus was recently served with a lawsuit that lacks merit or evidence. However, this lawsuit has become a significant distraction during an election year when the focus should be uniting the Conservative majority community.

The old analogy holds true. “When you’re taking flak, you know you’re over the target.”

The caucus's commitment of supporting America First values and candidates is unwavering. In a show of dedication, the Executive Board members are trying not to use funds currently in our treasury to combat litigation.

Those unknown individuals who have filed this action against us did so with the intent to exhaust our club treasury with legal fees, which would hinder us from having the necessary funds to be effective in the upcoming elections.

The Executive Board, up to this point, has paid for legal representation out of pocket. We are now reaching out to the local SWFL community for help, establishing the AFSWFL Legal Defense Fund instead.

We are grateful for any support you can provide to continue pushing forward for a better future for our community and our county.

LEGAL DONATIONS (LEGAL FUND DONATIONS (americafirstswflc.org)

*Please make checks payable to AMERICA FIRST SWFL CAUCUS and mail to: AFSWFLC. PO Box 352, Venice, FL 34285

Regards,

James Hoel
President
America First SWFL Caucus, Inc.

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Mother's
Day

MAKING A DIFFERENCE
America FIRST
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AT THE GRASSROOTS
MEMBERS MEETING
PROTECT YOUR COUNTRY'S HONOR.
EVERY SECOND WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH.
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ALEXANDRA COE
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MICHELLE MARTIN
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
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11:00 AM
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11:30 AM
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VENICE, FL 34285
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April 5, the AFSWFLC had the distinction of premiering Gen. Flynn's story that challenged the US intelligence agencies' testimonies.

We discovered that the Republican National Committee was part of the deception to get rid of Gen. Flynn as President Trump's National Security Advisor.

Thanks to AFSWFLC members who supported the premiere. It was a one-of-a-kind way to spend an evening with our fellow Patriots.

MONTHLY MEETING REMINDER

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

Guest speakers in May will be: Alexandra Coe running for Co. Commission Seat 1 and Michelle Martin, State Director

of Citizens for Renewing America. Both are phenomenal speakers with a great message for all of us.

Our next meeting is May 8, 2024.

April's AFSWFLC speaker/candidates were

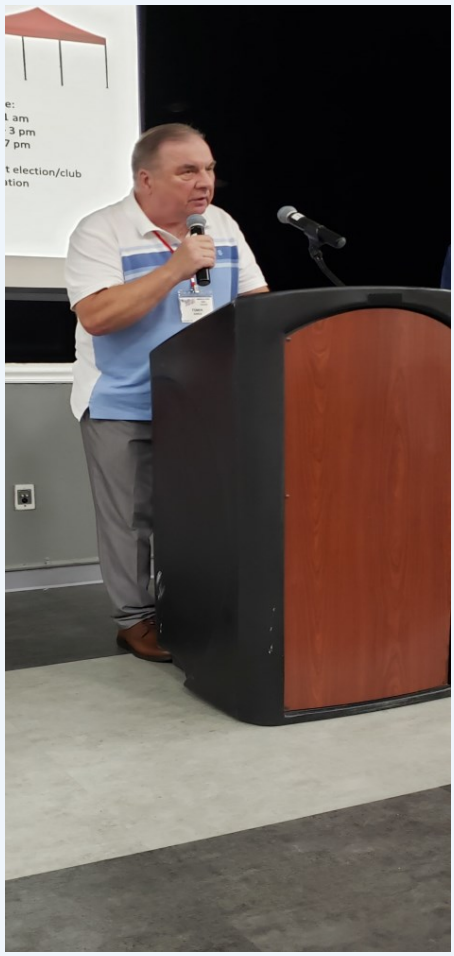
Hospital Board Mary Flynn O'Neill (At Large, Seat 3), Tamzin Rosenwasser (At Large, Seat 1), Tanya Parus (Central District, Seat 1) and Dr. Stephen Guffanti (At-Large Seat 2), and FL House Dist. 74 Michelle Pozzie,

Michelle Pozzie came to engage Rep. James Buchanan to answer questions from our AFSW audience, but Mr. Buchanan was a no show.

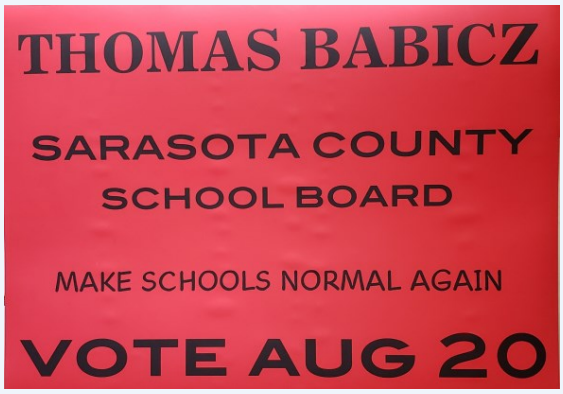
Michelle emphasizes she plans to listen to the voters, hold legislators accountable for their actions related to government that influences the lives of our families, standing with Patriots.

Support Michelle with your time and importantly your money.

Donate



Tom Babicz in Sarasota School Board Dist. 3, wants to make Sarasota schools normal again. Academic education is his top priority. Therefore, improve reading and math scores with supplemental help for struggling students, increase AP classes, hire the best teachers, keep kids safe to learn, zero woke tolerance, and this will help boost the graduation rate.



Jim Coler in Dist. 3 (Charter Review Board) supports our Constitutions, especially the Charter Review Board. As a NY State Fire Investigator and now in construction and facility management, Jim understands county policies. He backs medical freedom and a mask-free Florida.

Michelle Martin, Florida State Director of Citizens Renewing America, has spent the past few years building relationships with accidental activists within the conservative movement in an effort to educate and engage voters and restore a principled perspective on politics and politicians. She returns in May for an in-depth view of how members can get involved to keep our Republic.

We met **Kathleen "Katie" Pellegrino**, candidate for Charlotte County State Committeewoman.

April 23, 2024, Tampa **"Let's be real clear: There's one person responsible for this nightmare, and he's acknowledged, and he brags about it: Donald Trump," the President said.**

"Folks, in a sense, I don't know why we're surprised by Trump. How many times does he have to prove *we* can't be trusted?" **A Freudian slip by Let's Go Brandon Joe.**

More truckers are standing up to protect medical freedoms than the doctors and nurses that swore to uphold them

YOU MIGHT BE A NURSE IF...

You've ever had a patient look you dead in the eye and say, "I don't know how that got stuck in there."

You firmly believe that "too stupid to live" should be a diagnosis.

You don't believe 90% of what you're told, and 75% of what you see.

You believe every waiting room should have a Valium salt lick.

You believe the government should require a permit to reproduce.

You believe the problem with the gene pool is that there is no lifeguard.

UPCOMING EVENTS AND NOTICES

Sarasota School Board Meeting

May 7 & 21, 1960 Landings Blvd., Sarasota 34231.
The meetings are open to the public and are held on the 1st Tuesdays monthly (from 6 - ? pm) and 3rd, 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 are 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 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

Barbara Vaughn: "**We need numbers present!** The left always has about 20 to 30 people there, and most of them speak."

Attend the Sarasota Memorial Hospital Board Meetings on Tuesdays. May 21, 2024, 2 - 4 pm SMH Main/ Boardroom, 1700 S. Tamiami Tr, SRQ 34239. **An independent review must be done.** Contact Lisa Roulet **lroulet@comcast.net.**

FL Surgeon General Ladapo recommended **not** to receive C0V!D-19 mRNA injections **because of documented lack of safety issues**, but the Sarasota Memorial Hospital board stalled a decision until May on that motion made by Vic Rohe.

The motion provided factual, well-sourced information supported by pharmaceutical companies and peer corroborated research about the experimental shots.

TX Attorney General Ken Paxton sued Pfizer alleging the drug maker made “false, misleading and deceptive claims” about its C0VID-19 vaccine efficacy, duration of protection and tried to intimidate and censor critics who questioned those claims or cited facts that countered them and concealed negative data.

SHOCKING: NO OATHS OF OFFICE TAKEN IN THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

According to law, elected officials must swear an oath that they will support, defend, and bear true faith and allegiance to the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic.

Through the Freedom of Information Act, US attorney Todd Callender, along with his team at Project Proper Oath, found that not a single member of the existing cabinet has a valid oath of office. **What Are the Consequences for the Republic?**

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.
- 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.

Please let Rich know if you will be able to attend or not and give him your precinct number. Special materials are prepared for you with your precinct number.

Thanks, Rich Mazur

America First SWFLC Political Action Team
rtmgolf04@gmail.com 860-519-6939

Member Engagement Committee

"Make a Difference" Meeting

You **can make a difference for the upcoming Primary Election August 20 and on Election Day November 5!**

The Make a Difference meetings will be announced. Hold your spot by calling Linda at 941-486-0022 or call/text Rick Ross at 810-599-2973.

The Make a Difference meetings will cover the following:

- **Volunteer opportunities that need your help as we approach the 2024 elections.**
- **Information about the America First SWFL Caucus and the Republican organization in the state of Florida.**

Let's "Make a Difference" by volunteering to achieve a strong conservative win in 2024!!

Volunteer Survey forms will be given out and discussed.

*A Volunteer Table is at our monthly meetings. Please stop by and offer to volunteer. This election is a winner take all of the Republic.
Linda Miller 941-486-0022
Rick Ross 810-599-2973

Clean up on aisle 46

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 Wednesday, May 29, 6 pm at 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

Session has ended, and it was pretty much a dud, but there is a new Sheriff in the House and Senate so we will soon see what their focus will be on. Hopefully we can be influential with some of the bills that get heard next session. Now is the time to plan and activate our groups. I am working with several across the state to put some together, but YOUR ideas are needed as well. This is our state and we want the elected to know what we care about, and more importantly, who we are. As you know, the relationship aspect is the hardest thing to do. It's easy to hate and blast them but harder to step back and work within the crazy system.

The next Legislative session is slated to start on March 4th, 2025 and end May 2, but all regular committee meetings will stop on April 22. Let’s get busy.

IF you can't be a relationship person, that is OK!! We need you for other things, so don't think you get off easy.

Here's what has happened this 2024 session:
Senate had 961 bills filed
House had 941 bills filed
Total of 1902 bills
Only 146 bills passed through both chambers
102 bills so far have been signed by the Governor into law. Here is the 👉 link for those bills.
28 bills are still outstanding and were just signed by both chambers and presented to the Governor on 4/16.

Areas we had people working were Medical Freedom, Grooming, 2A and Elections- other bills we were monitoring and responding as needed with a group effort.

Elections Security- Clay has a group that is starting that will focus on this within the RAC membership. I am reaching out to some legislators to discuss the possibility of carrying a Citizenship bill, and we will need help with that. Other areas if anyone is interested- I have a list of dead people and need help checking to see if they are still 100% on our voter rolls. Check the Death Certs or obits and get them removed. (This area is busy work and most can be done from home,- but I am also thinking if we have the manpower we can expand to other counties where we do not have anyone to do the same there.) Think about it, and let's chat.

Locally- what is happening? School board is crazy from what I've seen, Sarasota City is funding "affordable" housing??
WHAT? The county- I would love to hear what's going on from the people who've been attending those meetings. What do we need to do here? And we all know it's a wild time because of the elections.

And to finish off, in case you did not hear this before during the session, the election worker Harassment bill was successfully stopped thanks to the hundreds of emails, calls and letters that were sent to the legislators in the key committees that were hearing this bill. I watched each committee meeting and was shocked at the first one passing this bill on without 1 question about the damage this could cause. **NOT 1**.

But the next meeting we had rallied the troops across the state and100's called and emailed asking our reps to kill this bad bill. We also asked them to challenge the sponsor and provided real questions that they could ask. Our elected officials do NOT always know or understand all the bills that get passed in their committees. It is up to us, the grassroots, to keep them informed about the good and bad.

If you have a relationship with them, you can ask them to challenge the bills and provide them background and details they might otherwise not know. That 2nd committee meeting went MUCH differently- several house reps asked our questions, and they made it clear this bill wasn't what it appeared on the surface. But it continued through various committees, and I thought it was going to pass. Behind the scenes there were people working to kill it, and when it came to Rep. Gregory's FINAL committee- he heard loud and clear and did not put that bill on the calendar to be voted on! It died right there.

You might not think you make a difference, but each one of you does matter. **So from the bottom of my heart, THANK YOU!! You did good....**

Finally, I have a ZOOM set up for navigating our state legislature website - link meredyth morrow is inviting you to a scheduled ZOOM meeting.

Topic: Getting to know your state legislature
Time: May 6, 2024 07:30 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join ZOOM Meeting
https://us06web.zoom.us/j/9083435104?omn=86099078631

Meeting ID: 908 343 5104
I will need to know who is attending this so I only let in friendlies to our cause. Please RSVP

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Join Arizona Patriot calls. EZAZ.org has a Sunday evening call with Merissa Hamilton.

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

Voting and Registration Deadline—2024

July 5 Vote-by-mail ballots are mailed out for the August primary. So this is a deadline for door knocking in precincts to alert voters which candidates we support. Door knocking

can continue, but many voters will have mailed in ballots already. We can do our best to discover who has not voted and tell you.

The American Legion NO-VEL Post 159 will host a Memorial Day Service Ceremony for military who passed while serving their country. The ceremony will be held at Patriots Park, 800 Venetia Bay Blvd,. 10 AM on Monday, May 27, 2024. The VFW, DAV, Marine Corps League and Veterans Organizations will be participating. The public

”You can't have a "circus" without "clowns" - and unfortunately here in the U.S. we seem to have an unlimited supply” Gary Weglarz

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**
Michael Grant	**941-613-0914**

Editor's Column

Candidates' signs are going up. Please be generous with your time and volunteer for them. Drive down Shamrock Dr. and see the Tom Knight and Tom Babicz yard signs!!

Rich Mazur is getting volunteers for the **Red Tent** election schedule tables. Voter's Guide and information about our new America First SWFLC club will be distributed there.

CALLS TO ACTION. Get on your phone and make the calls. Please everyone volunteer for something. The same group does all the work, and they could use your help, no matter how small the effort. The Volunteer table has suggestions.

In a unanimous vote, the Louisiana Senate passed Senate Bill 133 to create a legal barricade against a globalist takeover by the United Nations (UN), the World Health Organization (WHO) and the World Economic Forum (WEF). **Let's get FL on board. Call our Gov., FL and congressional representatives. In DC call 202-224-3121.**

Here's a shocker. In July 2023, a Forever stamp rose from 63 cents to 66 cents. USPS is jumping the price of a Forever stamp to 73 cents on July 14, 2024.
The USPS expects price changes twice a year, at least through 2024. Why? Inflation and the Democrats are in charge. Let's stock up. Thanks congress.

If Bidenflation, witch hunt Trump trials, the WHO sovereignty-stealing, and local Uni-party disloyalty aren't enough, cacao trees in West Africa, where 50% of the world's chocolate originates, are threatened by a virus by mealybugs that may jeopardize the global supply of chocolate. Forget new Crocs or Birkenstocks. It's time to go chocolate shopping.

Thomas Babicz needs a yard sign in as many yards as possible in the county. His effort to defeat socialist Tom Edwards for a school board seat is immense. We can't let fear or intimidation rule us. Our kids deserve a superior education, which they aren't getting now according to test results. Send checks to Thomas Andrew Babicz Campaign, PO Box 2111, Venice 34284 www.electbabicz.com Please donate time and money.

America First SWFLC

Allyx Young

May the 4th be with you.

Celebrating the 37th anniversary of

Star Wars.

TOBY KEITH

1961—2024

An American Patriot—God, family and country

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

If you missed the donate button above for donating to our legal fund to help us fight this ridiculous "Lawfare" lawsuit, press the green button below.

Press here to donate

Your support is very much appreciated !!

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.

SUPPORT OUR SPONSORS

America First SWFLC website: www.americafirstswflc.org **Visit the website to see our pictures and newsletters.**

Thanks to **COASTAL MOLD & WATER REMOVAL** who has sponsored lunch.es 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

January's lunch was sponsored by

COASTAL MOLD & WATER REMOVAL.

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Car Doc for your car needs.

Support Together-wecan.life with food for their community pantry. Visit the web-site if you have a need or can donate.

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** dona-tions for our mission to reach new registered Republi-cans. We have a total of **151,131** total active registered Republican voters as of 4/30/2024. 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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OF CONSTITUTIONAL REPUBLIC PATRIOTS

WE MAKE A DIFFERENCE AT THE GRASSROOTS FOR YOU THE VOTERS

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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 Jervey Library on the island. Light refreshments served at 11:00 am. Guest speakers are scheduled.

Annual membership dues: $25 individual, $40 couple, and $15 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. 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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