



# The Patriot

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## Our AFSWFLC 2025 Christmas Party







# Happy New (Election) Year 2026

## A Letter from AFSWFLC President Terry Angley

Happy New Year AFSWFLC,

2025 is in our rearview mirror with President Trump setting a new standard in changes made for a better America.

The 2026 election year is now upon us with the challenge of electing candidates for office who will help President Trump carry on with his makeover of Washington D.C. by eliminating the establishment political machine that has run America into the ground.

The AFSWFLC is Sarasota County's and President Trump's primary working club, making sure candidates and any initiatives started support the President's agenda for America on the federal and state levels. All of us are members of the AFSWFLC because of an interest in how political events mold our daily lives.

That means we have our work cut out for us in the coming months in a variety of areas. Creating opportunities for everyone to give a few hours each week, is dependent upon what your schedule can afford to contribute. There are numerous, critical small jobs needing attention by someone.

We can tailor jobs available to fit your spare time to perform over the coming year. While our agenda is flexible, the next couple of months requires planning to accomplish a successful election cycle. If you have experience goalsetting, reach out to the board ASAP.

We have some very talented members and members who haven't discovered their gifts yet. This is your invitation to excel doing your part to win the 2026 elections. We need to be available to vigorously help candidates. Using our resources (that's us in the club) is doable only if you and the rest of the membership decide to be a part of the solution.

Citizens have had their authority pilfered and usurped by deceivers, bureaucrats and an unelected select few. So-called leaders shield one another while We the People suffer the consequences of their criminal actions.

We must reignite our passions to again win County positions we have successfully filled: County Commissioner, School Board, positions on the Hospital Board, Charter Review Board, and various city specific races.

By the end of November 2026, with everyone contributing, we will emerge from the "Fog of War" with many of our candidates representing us out here in the grassroots who are concerned about how our lives are impacted by events decided locally.

We need each and every one of you and the only way, we as individuals, can make a real difference is to pool together our efforts to overcome all challengers. I'm looking forward to working with each of you in the achievement of our goals in 2026.

God Bless America,

Terry Angley, President AFSWFLC

## 'Rules for RINOs: Alinsky Tactics to Fight Republicans In Name Only

Cathi Chamberlain, our November speaker, gave us a battle plan to save the Republic by using techniques to convince RINOs of the dangerous results politicians want to force on our lives.

**(727) 320-7746**

*Rules for RINOs: Alinsky Tactics to Fight Republicans In Name Only*

**ORDER:** [www.amazon.com/dp/1733274316](http://www.amazon.com/dp/1733274316)

*Rules for Deplorables: A Primer for Fighting Radical Socialism*

**ORDER:** [www.amazon.com/dp/0692170987](http://www.amazon.com/dp/0692170987)

**WEBSITE:** [www.RulesforDeplorablesBook.com](http://www.RulesforDeplorablesBook.com)

In Florida, many are being suspended or purged from the Republican Party county Executive Committees.

Cathi started a coalition of groups: the APEC - American Patriot Executive Committee. **APEC plans another rally and press conference January 29, 2026, specifically to bring attention to President Trump's daughter-in-law, Laura Trump, who is scheduled as the featured speaker.** Go to the website [www.APECunited.com](http://www.APECunited.com) for details on the meeting. Every one of you is important.

## Sign This Petition

Rich Mazur has the following crucial letter with a petition for you to sign.

Dear MAGA/America First Patriots,

Were you purged from the Sarasota REC in 2024/25? **Or** are you fed up with the Republican Party of Florida (RPOF) and its power grabs throughout the state? MAGA and America First despise politicians who profit from their power.

Read some history of the problem if you are not aware of the issues.

1. In 2024 Manatee County (MC) voters elected a slate of County Commissioners who pledged to give the public more say on how their government is run and prevent turning cow pastures into condominiums, i.e. control development. The RPOF did not like this result and suspended many of the MCREC precinct members and the MCChairwoman April Culbreath and the two elected State Committeeman/woman. Why? The developer candidates lost to the boots on the ground MAGA volunteers. RPOF Chairman Evan Power plus Executive Director Bill Helmich and their supporters in Manatee didn't like it and brought up false charges against the America First Manatee REC members.

2. To date, the following Florida counties have had either Chairs or precinct committeemen/women purged by the RPOF: Sarasota, Charlotte, Manatee, Brevard, Lee, Osceola, Pinellas, Orange, Valusia and Polk. There is no stoppage by the RPOF as yet. We are the America First and MAGA boots on the ground.

3. To date, in Sarasota County there are 158,844-R, 80,274-D and 73,707-NPA (No Party Affiliation) & others-10,786. You would think that with over 78K more Republicans, we should lose no election. **That's not true.** In the Primary for August 2024, we lost both Republican candidates for school board. Why? 1. State law prohibits an R or D next to the name, so people do not know who to vote for. 2. Many Republicans do not think that the primary is important, so they don't vote. 3. The local Sarasota REC did not have a meeting in June, July or August to get-out-the-vote, a shameful occurrence, and Republicans sat on their couches instead of voting.

4. Also many of us chose to join the Sarasota Florida Republican Assembly in 2023/24. The RPOF felt that they had exclusive rights to the name Republican and demanded that any REC member resign from the Sarasota Republican Assembly or be purged from the REC. The REC does not believe in "freedom of assembly." Many of us would not resign from that organization and were purged.

**Do you want to help repair these wrongs? Would you want to let President Trump know what's really going on in Florida?**

Go to [APECunited.com](https://APECunited.com) website. If you are using your phone, then click on the 3-red lines in the top right corner then click on the word "Petition." If using your laptop then just click on "Petition." Read the information, and to be listed anonymously, check the "Anonymous." button on the form.

If you have any questions please email Conni Brunni or Rich Mazur.

Keep praying for our country,

Rich Mazur: [rtmgolf04@gmail.com](mailto:rtmgolf04@gmail.com)

Conni Brunni: [SarasotaMAGAPatriots@gmail.com](mailto:SarasotaMAGAPatriots@gmail.com)

## **Charter Review Board**

**Jose Jimenez, our CRB member from District 5, reminded members that the CRB is the constitution of our county, and we must defend it to keep it.**

Meetings of the Sarasota County Charter Review Board (CRB) will be held at the Sarasota County Administration Center, 1660 Ringling Boulevard, Sarasota and at the Robert L. Anderson Administration Center, 4000 S. Tamiami Trail, Venice. Meetings are held in January 15, May and October. 6 pm. 941-861-5000 [Jose.jimenez@scgcrb.net](mailto:Jose.jimenez@scgcrb.net)

## Sarasota School Board Meetings

The board, Vice Chair Robyn Marinelli, Karen Rose, and Chair Bridget Zeigler, have recently changed the meeting times for board meetings from 6:00 p.m. to **10:00 a.m.**, a decision that has drawn mixed reactions from the public. Tom Edwards and Liz Barker dissented, citing concerns about reduced public attendance, particularly from working parents, students, and teachers. The board's next regular meeting is scheduled for **January 14, 2026, 10 a.m.** 1960 Landings Boulevard, Sarasota, FL 34231.

**To email all School Board members:**

[schoolboardmembers@sarasotacountyschools.net](mailto:schoolboardmembers@sarasotacountyschools.net)

<https://catholicvote.org/report-public-school-enrollment-across-country-in-freefall/>

## Sarasota Memorial Hospital Board Meetings

There is a meeting on **January 27, 2026, 2 pm**. Contact Lisa Roulet [lisaroulet@proton.me](mailto:lisaroulet@proton.me) for any information.

Vic Rohe, Hospital Board member, announced that he will not be running again for the SMH board. It takes about \$250K to get elected to this seat that pays no salary.

## Michelle Pozzie - Candidate for School Board

**Michelle Pozzie** is a candidate for Sarasota County School Board District 5, and she will need our help and energy to win this seat.

## The John Birch Society

The JBS provides many easy-to-read brochures to hand out to reach others and to take back control of Congress.

**Educational Materials** - books; literature; the *New American Magazine* - a monthly printed and online publication with timely articles about current events

<https://thenewamerican.com/> **SUBSCRIBE**

**Action Alerts** - personal notifications via email or phone with details on critical upcoming legislation.

Action Alerts, available regardless of membership, contain a link to automatically contact your representatives. Sign up at: <https://jbs.org/subscribe/> Be informed and **SUBSCRIBE**.

**A Scorecard** - a voting record score of Congresspersons based on legislative adherence to the U.S. Constitution <https://thenewamerican.com/freedom-index/report/scorecard-119-1/>

Many such tools are provided for free to non-members.

<https://www.congress.gov/bill/119th-congress/house-bill/3245>

Take advantage of these free tools to educate the low information voters.

**The next Constitution class is January 17, at The Hollow, 826 S. Hollow Dr, Venice from 9 to 5. Bring a lunch. 941-877-0796**

### **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>

### **CALL TO ACTION**

<https://wltreport.com/2025/12/22/tucker-carlson-reveals-five-pillars-maga-save-this/>

**Read this article & watch the video. Then Share it. Bookmark it. Save it. Keep it.**

“Because from almost Day 1, the RINOs and Neocons in the Republican Party have tried to co-opt MAGA, tried to take it over as their own — nothing more than fancy wrapping paper to put over their toxic platform.

People like Lindsey Graham and Ted Cruz and John Thune and Mike Johnson. They’re not MAGA.

They’re trying to ride the MAGA coattails because they know it helps them stay in office, but they don’t stand for anything MAGA actually stands for.

**Which begs the question....what is MAGA?**

MAGA will perish if we all don’t constantly make clear these are the values and principles and ideals that MAGA is built upon.

1. **America First** — the government must act for the benefit of its own citizens.
2. **Borders** — a nation has the right to decide who enters.
3. **No More Pointless Wars** — only defend our own.
4. **Bring Back Real Jobs** — rebuild the productive economy.
5. **Free Speech** — the cornerstone of liberty.”

## Nominations for 2026 AFSWFLC Officers

Barbara Vaughn and Mike Stephenson were nominated for President, John Hallowell and Tom Babicz were nominated for First Vice President. There were no nominees nominated yet for Second Vice President or Secretary. In January, at our monthly membership meeting, final nominations will be held. The elections will be held at our February 11, 2026, membership meeting

## 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 Robyn Marinelli and Michelle Pozzie.

Judicial – Numerous

## Sarasota County Commission District 2 Challenger for Mark Smith-R

**A Republican challenger** to incumbent Sarasota County Commissioner Mark Smith, District 2, has emerged in the 2026 race. Kristina Sargent, an attorney at Burger, Meyer & D'Angelo and former prosecutor in Baltimore and Sarasota, has filed for the Primary.

Kristina Sargent served 15 years in the Army National Guard, rising to the rank of sergeant before retiring in April 2021. Sargent moved to Sarasota during COVID-19 in September 2021, taking a job in the State Attorney's Office.

Unlike the 2024 election with no Democrat opposition for three district seats, whomever emerges from the District 2 Republican primary will face a general election opponent. Andrew Bevan has filed for the Democrat nomination.

<https://www.youobserver.com/news/2025/oct/16/challenger-sarasota-county-commission-district-two/>



Visit [RightVotes.com](https://RightVotes.com) for Conservative Voting Information.  
**Join AFSWFLC Telegram**

Click the link to join our club's Telegram social media messenger.

[https://t.me/+ixEA4y\\_ep94wNTkx](https://t.me/+ixEA4y_ep94wNTkx)

### **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 **133,850** total active registered Republican voters as of 10/23/2025. Our outreach program has welcomed over 10,000 newly registered Republican voters to Sarasota County. **First class stamps are \$.78.**

**Please Donate to the Lawfare Suit**  
**<http://www.americafirstswflc.org>**

**[LEGAL DONATIONS](#)** \*Please make checks payable to AMERICA FIRST SWFLCAUCUS and mail to: AFSWFLC. PO Box 352, Venice, FL 34285. As yet, we still have no decision from the judge.

**America First SWFLC website:** **<http://www.americafirstswflc.org>**  
Visit the website to see our pictures and newsletters, plus updates throughout the month.

### **Call Our Officials**

<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>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>

## Legislation on Florida Bills

The season is starting soon, and to keep you informed here is some information.

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

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

The 2A group is working on bills to get supported. - **this takes action from the members to call and set appointments**- contact Kevin McAuliffe to get involved.  
401-924-1744 [km727@aol.com](mailto:km727@aol.com)

**FastDemocracy** [notifications@fastdemocracy.com](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.

**Lobby Days in Tallahassee are January 21 & 22, 2026. Plan to go.**

**Meredyth Morrow:** HB133 this summary from the committee is really good and gives a detailed background, basically it will revert back to pre- Marjory Stoneman Douglas era of big money donations to key leadership (Republican) in Florida to pass the restricted age limit bill.

<https://www.flhouse.gov/Sections/Documents/loaddoc.aspx?FileName=h0133c.JDC.DOCX&DocumentType=Analysis&BillNumber=133&Session=2026>

In this, the summary is very good, and locals must get on board with it. The key point is that it has passed favorably in both committees, and will probably go directly to the House floor for a vote (if I am not mistaken). What's interesting is that it has no Senate companion bill so far filed. BUT if leadership wants this to pass, then it's possible that once passed in the complete House, it will be sent to the Senate to vote. Here is the AI version of my answer:

If a Florida House bill passes without a Senate companion, it goes to the Senate as a House Bill (H.B.), where it faces the *same committee process* as it did in the House, then Senate floor debate and a *simple majority vote* for passage; if it passes the Senate without changes, it goes to the Governor, but if amended, it might go to a conference committee or back to the House for concurrence to get identical versions before becoming law.

Here's the breakdown of the Senate's role:

1. **Assignment & Committees:** The bill (now an H.B.) is sent to the Senate, assigned to relevant committees (like its origin in the House), where it's reviewed, debated, and potentially amended.

2. **Floor Debate & Vote:** If released by committees, it goes to the full Senate for debate and a final vote.
3. **Simple Majority:** A simple majority (half plus one of Senators present and voting) is needed for passage, just like in the House.
4. **If Passed (No Changes):** If the Senate passes the *exact* House version (no amendments), it's sent to the Governor.
5. **If Amended:** If the Senate makes changes, the bill goes back to the House (often for "concurrence") or to a Conference Committee (with members from both chambers) to iron out differences and create one identical bill for both to pass.
6. **Becoming Law:** Once both chambers pass the identical bill, it goes to the Governor for signature or veto.

Bills will start to come out hot and heavy now so it will get crazy with the last minute bills that are important to know.

**Defend Florida has Voter Integrity ZOOM calls on Tuesday nights at 7pm.** [DefendFlorida.org](https://DefendFlorida.org)

**Citizens Renewing America Alliance** Phone call every Thursday, 5-5:30 pm  
<https://slingofdavid.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. You can then call any governor, Senator or Representative directly. You should call, too: **202-225-5792**. Tamzin Rosenwasser

**The word “retard” is not meant for people with handicaps. It’s meant for non-handicapped people who are stupid. If you don’t understand that, you’re a retard.**

### **Luke OBrien Pens a Letter to *The Gondolier* Editor**

#### **Why does nobody care about the chemtrails?**

Editor: The spraying of our skies, killing the trees, insects, plankton, whales, (and ultimately everything except Covid) — how is this any less of an atrocity than sending citizens to the gas chamber?

Is the blocking out of the planet’s life force less critical than a parking violation?

If the country were to be attacked by Chinese/Russian/ Democrat drones dropping lethal chemicals on the population, would that garner attention?

Where is Sheriff Kurt Hoffman?

Where is Gov. DeSantis? Where are the candidates for the mid-term elections? Don't the developers care if no one wants to buy houses doused daily in endocrine disruptors and neurotoxins?

**Luke Obrien**

**General Flynn <[newsletter@generalflynn.com](mailto:newsletter@generalflynn.com)> wrote:**

Dear Mr. POTUS,

I know you are listening to We the People. This message is sent on behalf of a very frustrated 79 million Americans who voted for you and millions more who refuse to be ignored.

Therefore, we are designating 2026 as THE YEAR OF ACCOUNTABILITY!

Why now? Because the country is at a breaking point. Our freedoms are being chipped away in plain sight. Our government has grown bloated, arrogant, and unaccountable.

Public trust has not merely declined; it has been obliterated. Power has been stripped from citizens and hoarded by bureaucrats, agencies, and unelected elites.

Those who call themselves leaders protect each other while the American people pay the price.

Civic duty has vanished from classrooms, replaced by obedience and ideology.

The family, once the backbone of this nation, has been systematically weakened and devalued.

Enough is Enough! At its core, this is not partisan.

All Americans are demanding ACCOUNTABILITY.

We the People reject the lies, the gaslighting, the censorship, and the deliberate erosion of our lived reality over the past decade.

We remember what was done. We know who did it. We are no longer willing to move on without consequences.



The message is unmistakable and unstoppable.

Americans demand ACCOUNTABILITY.

So Mr. POTUS, the question for you to answer is simple.

Will you stand with We The People or will you protect the system that failed us?  
Make 2026 the year of ACCOUNTABILITY.

We will stand with you through thick and thin like we always have, but you must respect our wishes.

If you don't, as our founders warned, the deep state concentration of power in government will lead to greater corruption and eventual tyranny.

And your legacy in history will be tarnished beyond repair.

Respectfully,

1 of the 79 million voters

cc:

Vice President JD Vance

Susie Wiles

Stephen Miller

Secretary Marco Rubio

DNI Tulsi Gabbard

Secretary of War Pete Hegseth

AG Pam Bondi

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

**The problem today is that too many of us want to win without making heartfelt sacrifices. ...we don't want to ruffle any feathers. The sacrifices made today aren't for nothing, our current sacrifices are for everything." Gen. Mike Flynn (Ret.)**

## **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>

## **We make it happen! We are America First SWFLC!**

**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. <http://www.americafirstswflc.org>

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 served at 11:00 am. Guest speakers are scheduled.

**Write a 250 word or less letter to *The Venice Gondolier* editor.**

[Ronald.dupont@yoursun.com](mailto: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.

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