



BALLOT BOX

APRIL 2026

Congressman and candidate Byron Donalds to speak at April BWRC luncheon

In April, Belleair Women's Republican Club will once again be honored to welcome a U.S. Congressman to its luncheon as a very special guest. Byron Donalds, who represents Southwest Florida District 19 in the legislature and who is also running to become Florida's 47th governor will, no doubt, have a great deal of insight and information to share with BWRC members and their guests at the April 10 luncheon. (Please note the date change for the luncheon which is one week later than usual, on the second Friday of the month instead of the first, due to Good Friday.)

Born and raised in Brooklyn, New York, Byron Donalds is the product of a single-parent household. Throughout his life, his mother made every sacrifice possible to give him the best opportunity to live the American Dream. That philosophy his mother taught him, striving to leave future generations better than the current, is what leads him in his work, his home life and as a Member of Congress.

Byron attended Florida State University and graduated in 2002 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in finance and marketing. His career path has included working in the finance, insurance and banking industries in Southwest Florida.

While serving in the Florida House of Representatives, Byron made his mark as a champion for school

choice and protecting parental rights in education. Donalds led the effort to enact Hope Scholarships that empowered parents with school choice and passed a first-in-the-nation bill to that allowed parents and community members to review instructional materials in schools.

Donalds chaired the prominent House Insurance and Banking Subcommittee, working to improve Florida's business and insurance policies. Governor Rick Scott also appointed Byron to the Board of Trustees for Florida South Western State College.

Since 2020, Donalds has served the people of Florida's 19th Congressional District. Donalds quickly distinguished himself as a conservative warrior on Capitol Hill. In the 119th Congress, Donalds sits on the Oversight and Accountability and Financial Services Committees. As a rising star in the Republican Party, he has stood in the trenches against the rise of woke culture in schools, corporate America, the financial services industry and our military. Byron is also a staunch advocate for the Second Amendment, School Choice, Fiscal Sanity, Secure Borders, Law and Order and a Limited Federal Government. He has consistently received the highest ratings possible from conservative groups for his reliable



voting record.

Donalds served as a top surrogate for the 2024 Donald Trump for President Campaign and fought to hold the corrupt Biden Administration accountable.

Byron Donalds lives in Naples, Florida, with his wife, Erika, and their three sons, Damon, Darin and Mason.

The April luncheon will be a private event for BWRC members and their guests whose names must be submitted with the members' payment. Please do not share information about the luncheon on social media. Luncheon attendance will be capped, and no walk-ins will be accommodated so make reservations early.

The April luncheon will take place at Belleair Country Club, 1 Country Club Lane, Belleair. Check-in begins at 11:30 am, with lunch served at noon. The cost to attend is \$40 per person. Reservations and payment are due to arrive no later than noon on Tuesday, March 31. Mail checks to BWRC, 1350 County Road 1 #57, Dunedin, FL 34697, or send payment using Zelle. If using Zelle, please make sure to include your full name and any guest's name.

APRIL MEETING INFORMATION

Friday, April 10

**Belleair Country Club
1 Country Club Lane
Belleair, FL 33756**

Luncheon Fee: \$40

**Registration & networking
begin at 11:30am.**

**Event begins
at 12 pm.**

To RSVP:

**A \$38 check made payable to
BWRC or electronic payment
is due by Mach 31.**

**Mail check to:
BWRC**

**1350 County Road 1 #57
Dunedin, FL 34697**

**Scan this code to pay with Zelle
or send via Zelle bank transfer to
bellemessages25@gmail.com.**



**Alternate meal must be
Requested with your RSVP.**

**No substitutions may be made
the day of the luncheon.**

**Reservations and
advance payment required.
Please, no walk-ins.**

APRIL MENU INFORMATION

Belleair Salad: Lettuce, Almonds,
Cranberries and Feta Cheese
w/ Balsamic Vinaigrette

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Salmon in Phyllo Dough w/ a Light
White Sauce

Orzo Pilaf w/ Baby Peas
Mixed Vegetable Medley

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Bread & Butter

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Cheesecake w/ Strawberries

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ALTERNATE VEGETARIAN PLATE

**Cauliflower steak w/ goat cheese, basil
pesto and red pepper coulis**

BWRC is privileged to host meetings and social events at Belleair Country Club. Members and guests must comply with BCC's dress and conduct code. Dresses, skirts, blouses, dress slacks and pantsuits are appropriate for women. Men must wear shirts with sleeves and remove caps in the dining room. Blue jeans are not permitted.



FROM THE BWRC PRESIDENT

Dear Members of Belleair Women’s Republican Club,

Happy Spring to all of you! I wish you all a Happy Easter and Passover with quality time to spend with your families. Many family members and friends always make sure to come down to Florida during our beautiful spring weather.

We have just received the results for the recent municipality elections, and congratulations go out to Michael Howard, elected to be a council member of Indian Shores; Scott Tate, elected as the new mayor in Saint Petersburg Beach; Bob Arrison, elected mayor of Kenneth City; and Lan Vaughn, elected as the new mayor of Indian Rocks Beach. There was a small turnout with much needed votes for each of them. Thank you to all the BWRC members who worked tirelessly on their campaigns. The primaries are ahead of us in August and the governor’s race in November, and we need even more tireless workers and voters to insure Republican victories.

BWRC will be honored to have Florida Representative Byron Donalds as its speaker for the April 10 meeting. Our sincere thanks to First Vice President Jessica Reed in securing this appearance. Members of the BWRC Board heard him speak in the fall, and we have been hoping he could stop by to meet all of our members. Luncheon seats will be available to BWRC members and their guests. Please make sure your dues are paid for the 2026 year to insure you can make an April luncheon reservation.

BWRC is growing by leaps and bounds, making luncheon seating somewhat challenging. Come a little early to seat yourself comfortably. And try to sit with new acquaintances. I have been a member for the last decade, and I still meet new friends each month. Wear your name badge. It helps me to get to know all of you by name and face. I will ask, as you know, if you do not have one on.

Note that BWRC is not meeting on April 3, Good Friday, so I look forward to seeing you all on April 10, a week after our usual first Friday meeting. At that luncheon, we will be celebrating the club’s 62 year! BWRC was originated on April 24, 1964. Let’s all celebrate the great success of our club together!

Corinne Steinhardt



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TAKE NOTE



Important Information

- ◆ The April BWRC luncheon will take place one week later than usual. It will be on **Friday, April 10**, due to Good Friday.
- ◆ April marks the club's 62nd anniversary of its founding. **Come celebrate!**



BWRC LUNCHEONS

- **Q—If I have not paid my 2026 dues can I sign up for the April luncheon and bring a guest?**
A—Sorry, no. The luncheon is limited to members, and anyone who has not paid 2026 dues by March 31 will be dropped from the membership roles and will not be able to attend the April luncheon. Further, dropped members will longer receive the newsletter or other communications from the club.
- **Q—May I take the lovely centerpiece from my table at the BWRC luncheon home with me?**
A—No, please do not! The club reuses the centerpieces on a rotating basis, and when one or two go missing, it makes for more work and greater expense.

America the Beautiful
250th Birthday Gala

Come celebrate 250 years of freedom and opportunity at an elegant evening of dining, dancing and discovery.

Thursday, April 23 6:30—9:30 pm

Belleair Country Club
 1 Country Club Lane, Belleair

Minimum Donation: \$125 per person

RSVP by April 13 via email at BelleairRepPC@gmail.com

Dress Code: Evening Attire

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SAVE THE DATE

PINELLAS GOP
MAY 30, 2026
LINCOLN DAY DINNER
 SHERATON SAND KEY RESORT
 5PM VIP
 6PM DINNER & EVENT

March 10 Municipal Elections Results

City of Belleair Bluffs Commissioner		Town of Redington Shores Commissioner Dist. 1	
Joe Barkley	207*	Douglas Harr	100*
Ana Hale	147	Shawn Hatfield	81
David Roberts	192*		
City of Gulfport Councilmember Ward 1		City of Safety Harbor Commissioner Seat 4	
Jennifer M. Daunch	1,484*	David Gallagher	932
Joe Guenther	1,254	Kevin Shanks	1,832*
City of Gulfport Councilmember Ward 3		City of St. Pete Beach Mayor-Commissioner	
Jennifer N. Webb	1,910*	Adrian Petrila	1,019
Keri Nelson	769	Scott Tate	1,978*
City of Indian Rocks Mayor-Commissioner		City of St. Pete Beach Commissioner Seat 2	
Denise Houseberg	321	Al Causey	460*
Lan Vaughn	687*	Betty Rzenicki	424
City of Indian Rocks Commissioner		City of Tarpon Springs Commissioner Seat Two	
Matthew Barrowclough	159	Va Celia Koumendouros	990
Don House	124	Craig Lunt	553
Michael Miramesh	347	Lori Weaver	1,289*
Kellee Watt	625*		
Janet Wilson	555*	Eight of 10 Referendum Questions on the ballot in Gulfport passed. Two Charter Amendments on the ballot in Kenneth City passed. One Charter Amendment on the ballot in Treasure Island passed.	
Town of Indian Shores Council Member			
Ellen A. Bauer	185*		
Michael P. Howard	193*		
Michael A. "Mike" Petruccelli	99		
Town of Kenneth City Mayor			
Robert Arrison	342*		
Bonnie A. Noble	178		
City of Madeira Beach Commissioner District 2			
Charles "Chuck" Dillon	342*		
Ray Kerr	188		

* Elected

VOTER TURNOUT

TOTAL	26.22%
Ballots Cast	15,225
Registered Voters	58,059

WELCOME TO THE NEWEST BWRC MEMBERS

MaryAnn Bair
 Nancy Bostock
 Maurenn Cambier
 *Fred Camero
 Carolina Conner
 Sharleen Evans
 Ellen Feldman
 Patricia Grady
 Patie Ann Marks
 Lauren Masters
 Jeanine Oliver
 Sharon Zvanych

* Sustaining Member

PCREC TRAINING SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, MAY 23

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 5

SATURDAY, JUNE 27

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3

SATURDAY, JULY 25

IN 2026, LEADING UP TO THE ELECTIONS, THE PINELLAS COUNTY REPUBLICAN EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE WILL BE OFFERING POLE WATCHER TRAINING. PLEASE REVIEW AND RETAIN THESE DATES AND PLAN TO ATTEND ONE OF THE CLASSES. INFORMATION ON TIME, PLACE AND HOW TO REGISTER WILL BE FORTHCOMING.

WANTED:

A volunteer is needed to take over the task of collecting and placing orders for BWRC name badges. Call President Corinne Steinhardt, 727-946-3960

PICTURES FROM THE MARCH BWRC LUNCHEON



(To see more pictures from BWRC events, visit bwrc.us > [Photo Gallery](#))