



BALLOT BOX

JUNE 2025

State, local officials to speak to BWRC in June



Belleair Women's Republican Club will have not one but two speakers at its June 6 meeting and luncheon. Taking the podium will be State Committeewoman Pam McAloon and Dunedin Councilor Rob Walker. Each will have interesting insight to share, and both will also participate in the installation of BWRC officers for the coming biennium.

Speaking first will be Pam McAloon, who is currently serving as State Committeewoman for the Pinellas County Republican Party. In that role, she represents the County on the State of Florida Republican Executive Committee, attending RPOF meetings and participating in its decisions about the direction of the Party in Florida.

Other duties include helping develop a strong and informed Republican Party in Florida, helping secure the election of GOP candidates, supporting GOP principles, encouraging able and qualified Republicans to seek office and helping regulate the use

of the name "Republican" by clubs and other organizations through a formal chartering process.

In addition, Pam is president of Pinellas Federated Republican Women's Club and is a member of BWRC. Previously, she served as secretary and then vice chair of the Pinellas County GOP and was secretary and then president of the North Pinellas Republican Club. A former registered nurse, she first became involved in politics in 1998 when Jeb Bush was running for governor, joining the Pinellas County Republican Executive Committee that same year, thereby becoming a precinct committeewoman.

Speaking second will be Rob Walker, a sustaining member of BWRC and a City of Dunedin Commissioner, Seat 2. He was first elected in 2022 and is currently running for a second term. Rob has served on several community and academic boards and is currently community service coordinator for Dunedin North

Rotary and is also Dunedin Boat Club city liaison. Other community affiliations include the Elks Club and the VFW, where he is a lifetime member. Additionally, Rob, a former Navy commander, is a US Coast Guard licensed captain with the Caladesi Connection Ferry serving Honeymoon and Caladesi islands, where he has worked closely with the Pinellas Sheriff's Office, the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission and the Florida State Parks Department to advocate for safe boat operation and to protect the environment. He is founder and owner of a small business with previous corporate experience in project management, marketing, communication and public relations.

The June 6 luncheon will be held at Belleair Country Club, 1 Country Club Lane, Belleair. Check-in begins at 11:30 am, with lunch served at noon. Cost to attend is \$38 with reservations and payment due Thursday, May 22. Mail checks to BWRC at P.O. Box 1117, 850 E. Lime Street, Tarpon Springs, FL 34688.

JUNE MEETING INFORMATION

Friday, June 6

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

Luncheon Fee: \$38

**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 May 22.**

**Mail check to:
BWRC
P.O. Box 1117
850 E. Lime Street
Tarpon Springs, FL 34688**

**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.**

JUNE MENU INFORMATION

Salad w/ Greens, Almonds,
Cranberries, and Feta Cheese
w/ Balsamic Vinaigrette

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Chicken Marsala
w/ Parsley New Potatoes
& Vegetable Mixed Medley

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Rolls & Butter

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Chocolate Cake

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ALTERNATE VEGETARIAN PLATE

**Butternut Squash Ravioli w/ Cream
Sauce & Vegetable Mixed Medley**

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

Words cannot adequately describe the experience I have had as president of BWRC. When the previous president resigned and I was asked if I would take over as president, I was fearful I could not handle the job as well as previous presidents. They are a hard act to follow. I made my share of mistakes and was pleasantly surprised at how supportive, welcoming and patient our club members have been. I am so grateful for your support and understanding, and I owe all of you a heartfelt thank you.

Some members of the previous BWRC board resigned when the club's leadership changed. I decided it was time to ask some of younger BWRC members to participate on the board. Members who had served on the board for many years became mentors to the new board, and new board members taught some wonderful lessons to the seasoned members. The new board was amazing; they were extremely helpful and supportive. The most pleasant surprise and reward for me has been the comradery and friendship that developed. We became friends, and I became protective of this board and realized how much each board member meant to me.

I will never forget this part of my life and will always remember what a great experience this has been. Thank you to the club's members and the executive committee for all you have done to keep this club great and for contributing to this great personal experience.

Dianne Blum
BWRC President



BWRC OFFICERS

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Dianne Blum

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Recording Secretary
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Patricia Wagner

Past President
Deb Walker

Parliamentarian
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You are invited

Saturday, June 7, 2025

6 - 9 PM



Belleair Republican Political Commitee

\$65 minimum donation

**Make checks payable to
"BRPC" and mail to:**

**Jessica Reed
P.O. Box 1117
850 E. Lime St.
Tarpon Springs, FL 34688**

Pearls & Republican Girls

**Break out a strand of pearls and come celebrate Republican Girls!
Guys are invited too.**

Music by Quinton Dean, Lead Guitarist and Vocalist for Prince

**Clearwater Yacht Club
830 Bayway Blvd.
Clearwater, FL 33767**

***Tickets only available for
the first 100 responses!**

Buffet with Carving Station. Cash Bar

Pearls & Republican Girls is a fundraiser to support Republican Candidates

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address 625 Court Street #200, Clearwater, FL 33756**

Executive Committee 2025-27 officers elected

At May's BWRC meeting and luncheon, club members unanimously elected the following women to lead the club during the 2022-2027 biennium:

Corinne Steinhart—President
Jessica Reed—1st Vice President
Carol Abernathy—2nd Vice President
Jo Nichols—Recording Sec'y
Patti Wagner—Corresponding Sec'y
Judy Zentmeyer—Treasurer
Marian Borzelleca—Asst. Treasurer
Janet Cameron—Asst. Treasurer
Chaplain—Patti Wagner
Claudia Thomas—Dir. Communications
Carol Hillier—Dir. Hospitality
Charlotte Smith—Dir. Ways & Means

The new officers are already planning for the coming term and will be sworn in at the June 6 BWRC meeting and luncheon.

Hispanic Outreach initiative starting

Dr. Sirena Pellarolo and BWRC member Jessica Reed will be co-leading the Hispanic Republican Outreach Caucus and are starting strong with summer activities around the community. The mission of The Hispanic Republican Outreach Caucus is to encourage Pinellas County Hispanics of all races and nationalities to get involved in the political process and actively participate in the decision making of county, state and federal issues that impact the community. Contact RepublicanHispanicCaucus@gmail.com to join Caucus activities and events. English, Spanish, and/or bilingual speakers are all welcome.

BWRC PR CHAIR

Thank you and a fond farewell to Sandra Sockwell, who has been handling publicity for BWRC for a number of years and is now moving to Atlanta. Welcome and thank you to Bianca Latvala who will now be fulfilling the important publicity role.

WELCOME TO THE NEWEST BWRC MEMBERS

Barbara Fogarty
Laura Ann Gargiulo
Joanne Hiller
Mimi Hidalgo
Penelope Chicles

Newsletter Ads

\$200 per month for a full-page ad in the BWRC Ballot Box newsletter.

Submit copy ready, full-color ads via email to jessicareed6462@me.com as pdf or jpeg files by the first Friday of the month.

Payment by mailed check or by Zelle.

THERE WILL BE NO BWRC LUNCHEON MEETINGS IN JULY OR AUGUST. THE NEXT LUNCHEON MEETING WILL BE ON FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 5.

It is with great sadness we announce the death of long-term Belleair Women's Republican Club member Ann Muller, who passed away Monday, April 14, after a brave battle with cancer. Ann was a teacher, a successful travel agent, a gracious member of the BWRC Hospitality Committee for a number of years, a loyal friend and a staunch Republican. She will be greatly missed.

Rest in Peace, Dear Friend



IN MEMORIAM

BWRC has been notified of the death of recently approved new member, Kathleen "Casey" Long, a retired police detective and resident of Belleair Beach. She, too, will be missed.

PICTURES FROM THE MAY BWRC LUNCHEON



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

Alma's Wellness

ABOUT MY BUSINESS

I started Alma's Holistic Wellness to create handcrafted, organic products that truly nourish the body. From my Magnesium Night Cream to herbal tea blends, each product is made with care and backed by both modern science and traditional healing. If you're looking for non-toxic, wellness-focused essentials made with intention and love, I'd love for you to try Alma's Holistic Wellness!



Magnesium
Night Cream



Loose leaf herbal
tea blends

My website



CONTACT

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almaswellness.com

ABOUT ME

My journey into health and wellness started with a deep passion for natural living, which led me to naturopathic medical school in Arizona! As I study holistic medicine, I'm constantly learning how to support the body with pure, effective ingredients—without the toxins found in so many everyday products.