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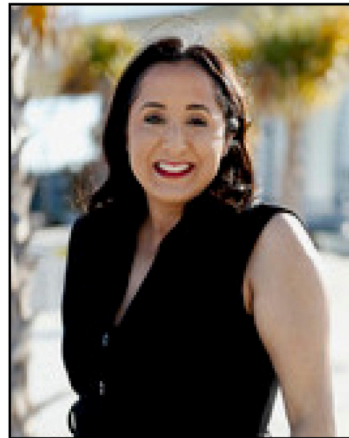
JUNE 2026



NANCY BOSTOCK



JIM LARGE



BIANCA LATVALA



SAM WILSON

Area candidates will address issues, campaign platforms

While much attention is given to state and national elections, leaders in local government actually have a more direct impact on the daily lives of their constituents. Roads, sewers, schools, flood mitigation, law enforcement—the list goes on and on. At the Belleair Women's Republican Club luncheon and meeting on June 5, four local Republican candidates will share reasons they are the best choice to deal with issues facing a variety of Pinellas County residents.

Nancy Bostock is running for the District 6 seat on the Pinellas County School Board. She is a Pinellas County native, born at Morton Plant Hospital and graduated from Clearwater High School. She graduated with Phi Beta Kappa honors from University of Florida and then earned a master's degree in education from University of South Florida. After returning home from college, Nancy jumped into community service, volunteering with the Pinellas County Young Republicans, the PCREC and many local campaigns. This experience, along with her role as an educator, led her from campaign volunteer to school board candidate in 1998, when she won her first election. She served on the Pinellas County School Board for 10 years, serving two years as chairman and three years as vice chairman. She then went on to serve on the Pinellas County Commission. Nancy has worked in the private sector the past 14 years as President/CEO of Chemical Standards Laboratory. She has volunteered with many community

groups and has served on many boards, with a focus on children and families. Inspired by the outpouring of support from friends and community members after losing her home to Hurricane Helene, Nancy is excited about the possibility to continue to serve the community on the School Board once again. Nancy is married to Craig, an aerospace engineer and a Navy veteran. The couple has three adult children and are enjoying their role as new grandparents.

Jim Large is a candidate for mayor of St. Petersburg. He is a lifelong public servant who dedicated 50 years to protecting the people of St. Petersburg through his career with St. Petersburg Fire Rescue. From an 18-year-old rookie, he rose through the ranks to become Fire Chief, with a focus on public safety, accountability, and common-sense leadership. Throughout his career, he managed complex emergency operations, oversaw large teams, and worked closely with city leaders to keep St. Petersburg safe and prepared. His experience on the front lines gave him a deep understanding of the challenges facing everyday residents—from public safety to infrastructure to quality of life. Jim raised his family in St. Petersburg and has remained deeply connected to the community he served for decades. His commitment to the city is rooted not just in his career, but in his life as a resident, neighbor, and leader. Now

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JUNE MEETING INFORMATION

Friday, June 5

**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 May 19.**

**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.**

JUNE MENU INFORMATION

Wedge Salad: Lettuce Wedge,
Chopped Bacon & Tomato,
Blue Cheese & Candied Pecans
w/ Side of Blue Cheese Dressing

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Quiche Lorraine w/ Spinach,
Mushrooms & Gruyere Cheese

Asparagus Bundles
Potato Au Gratin

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Rolls & Butter

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Chocolate Cake

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ALTERNATE VEGETARIAN PLATE

**Cauliflower Mac & Cheese:
Cavatappi Pasta, Caramelized
Cauliflower Florets, Pureed Cauliflower
& White Cheddar & Parmesan Cheeses**

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,

We have four local area Republican candidates secured as speakers for the June 5 BWRC luncheon and meeting. They are: Bianca Latvala and Sam Wilson, both of whom are running for seats on the Clearwater City Council; James Large, candidate for St. Petersburg mayor; and Nancy Bostock, candidate for the District 6 seat on the Pinellas County School Board. Election for these offices will take place during the Primary Election to be held on August 18. Every vote counts, and we need all of your help to get all Republicans out to vote for the party’s candidates.

At the June BWRC meeting, I will have more information in about the Pinellas County GOP’s June 6 training for pole watcher volunteers. Consider attending either the June class or similar classes to be held July 25, September 5 and October 3 and then help at the poles for either the August Primary Election and/or the November General Election. And please secure Saturday, July 18, on your calendars for BWRC’s With Women We Win Pinellas networking seminar which has very informative speakers scheduled. Event Chair Charlotte Smith will have more information for you at the June meeting.

Due to much negative feedback from many BWRC members, the common practice of saving seats with a napkin on a chair is coming to an end as of the club’s June meeting. Many members come to meetings only to find seats are not available. Many seats are saved but then never used, and this causes much confusion. Please come in and be seated. If your friends are eager to sit with you, they need to enter with you and secure their own seats. If you are one of the 15-20 volunteers who begin the day early please leave your handbag at a table place setting to indicate you are there and now volunteering. There will be reserved tables by the podium for elected officials and new members. At the top of the ramp, by the bar door, there will be a ten-top reserved for those who are unable to navigate the ramp. Let’s make the room a pleasant area to enter and sit. We all want everyone to feel welcome. We have become very successful with great programs, and everyone wants to come. Come early, secure a seat and meet new members .

I look forward to seeing you all in June.

Corinne Steinhardt
BWRC President



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Louise Davis receives award



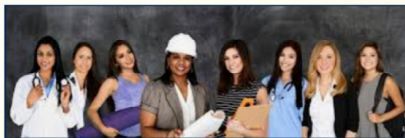
Shown after the Belleair Women's Republican Club Outstanding Member Service Award presentation at the May BWRC luncheon are, from left, 2026 award recipient Louise Davis, BWRC President Corinne Steinhardt and BWRC Chaplin and BWRC Outstanding Member Service Award Selection Committee Member Patti Wagner. Nearly 100 nominations were received by the Award Committee, with Louise a clear choice to receive this year's honor. The award is presented every two years to a BWRC member who has made significant contributions of time and talent to the club. Louise, a long-tenured BWRC member, is in her second term as assistant treasurer and first term as parliamentarian. She is known for her gracious greetings at the luncheon check-in table, her astute financial acumen, her understanding of all facets of the organization's operations, her sincerity, her dedication to making BWRC shine and her total devotion to the club and its members.



ALTERNATE MEALS

- **Q—I always order an alternate meal by informing Treasurer Jude Zentmeyer of my choice when I send in a check or pay with Zelle. Is there anything else I should be doing?**
A—Yes, there is a very important final step! When you check in the day of the luncheon, be sure to pick up one of the tall table signs and place it in front of your plate. This will notify your server of your alternate menu selection.

SAVE THE DATE



With Women We Win Pinellas
Member-Guest Event for Registered Republicans

Women are natural networkers.
Let's use it for good.

Saturday, July 18, 2026
10:00 am to Noon
Check in 9:30 am

Belleair Country Club
One Country Club Lane
Belleair, FL 33756

Learn to become a
change-maker
right where you are.

Please join us for
Conversation
Strategy
Coffee and Pastries

Hosted by
Belleair Women's
Republican Club

RSVP
dpblum@mindspring.com
or 772-442-8196
no later than July 13

Volunteers need to staff North Pinellas Election Office

To assist Republican candidates and prepare for the 2026 Election Cycle, North Pinellas Republican Club will open a North Pinellas Election Office on June 1 at Guju Law Office, 31564 US Hwy 19 N, Palm Harbor. Volunteers are needed to staff the office during morning shifts, 9 am to noon, and afternoon shifts noon to 3 pm, Monday through Friday. Saturday shifts are 10 am to 1 pm. Volunteers will talk with voters and perform a variety of tasks to help candidates with their campaigns. To sign up for one or more shifts, visit the club's website: www.northpinellasrepublicanclub.com.

For questions, contact NPRC President Mike Carroll at northpinellasrepublicanclub@gmail.com.

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Jim Large (cont.) as a candidate for St. Petersburg mayor, Jim is focused on bringing practical, results-driven leadership to City Hall—prioritizing public safety, responsible growth and affordability, while ensuring St. Petersburg remains a city that works for everyone.

Bianca Latvala is seeking election to Seat 4 on the Clearwater City Council. Bianca holds both undergraduate and master’s degrees in Political Science and began her career experience in Washington, D.C., gaining valuable insight into public policy and advocacy during her five-year tenure. After returning to Florida, she worked for her alma mater, the University of Central Florida, where she further developed her expertise in nonprofit operations and fundraising. Today, she brings that background into her work in digital marketing and communications, where she focuses on effectively helping her clients deliver their message through strategic, data-driven outreach. She serves on the boards of the Rotary Club of Clearwater, PACE Center for Girls, and the Lyla Goode Foundation, where she is deeply engaged in service and advocacy. Through Rotary, she lives the guiding principle of “Service Above Self”, committing her time and leadership to strengthening neighborhoods and supporting community-based solutions. Her nonprofit work includes supporting organizations that provide victim services and education. She is also a graduate of the Pinellas County Sheriff’s Citizens Academy and Pinellas County Citizen University, experiences that expanded her understanding of public safety, county operations and the responsibilities of local government. Bianca is running for Clearwater City Council to bring balanced judgment, community-driven leadership and a steady voice focused on progress and trust in local government.

Sam Wilson is a candidate for Seat 5 on the Clearwater City Council. Sam moved to Pinellas County with his family, splitting his early years between Clearwater and Safety Harbor, and attending Cavalry Christian High School. He has since made Clearwater his lifelong home. Sam became deeply intertwined with the community through his church, volunteering at the Sheriffs Youth Ranch and with the Cajun Navy, a relief group focused on providing disaster relief and support during emergencies. He deepened his community ties when he met and married his now wife, Kalea. Sam currently serves on the board of the Clearwater Housing Authority and has spent the last four years working with local, state and congressional leaders to address the problems plaguing Clearwater residents. As a Congressional staffer, Sam has a keen grasp of the challenges facing Clearwater constituents and the necessary steps to move the city forward. He is running for Clearwater City Council to make Clearwater more affordable and more resilient, and to protect the unique character of the community. He promises to fight for lower property taxes, a revitalized downtown and improved infrastructure for all Clearwater citizens. Above all, Sam promises to bolster local government transparency and accountability and protect residents’ First Amendment Right to make their voice heard when important decisions are made in City Hall.

The June 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, May 19. Mail checks to BWRC, 1350 County Road 1 #57, Dunedin, FL 34697, or send payment using Zelle.

WELCOME TO THE NEWEST BWRC MEMBERS

Cecelia Burke

Ken Burke *

Maryellen Crowder

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Karen Micklitsch

Kathleen Thompson

Valerie Timmis

Colleen Tuttle

Theresa Raftery

Sandra Von Stetina

Diane Weller

Stephanie Wessel

*** Sustaining Memeber**

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PICTURES FROM THE MAY BWRC LUNCHEON



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