



BALLOT BOX

MARCH 2026

March BWRC luncheon to feature Senator Ashley Moody

On March 6, Belleair Women's Republican Club will be honored to welcome United State Senator Ashley Moody as its featured speaker. The Senator will share the latest news and views from Washington, D.C., where she has been representing the great state of Florida for slightly more than a year.

Ashley Moody is a fifth-generation Floridian raised in Plant City. She is a three-time graduate of the University of Florida, where she earned her bachelor's, master's and law degrees. She also earned her Master of Laws from Stetson University.

Raised in a family dedicated to serving others, Ashley was inspired to pursue a career in justice and public service. She began her career at the law firm Holland & Knight, where she specialized in commercial litigation. Later, Ashley became a federal prosecutor in Jacksonville and Tampa, where she prosecuted cases involving drug trafficking, firearms and fraud offenses.

In 2006, Ashley made history as the youngest judge in Florida when she was elected to serve on the Thirteenth Judicial Circuit Court in Hillsborough County at just 31 years old.

After serving as a judge for over a decade, Ashley was elected as Florida's 38th Attorney General and quickly earned national recognition for her leadership as she championed policies to enhance public safety, strengthen law enforcement and crack down on violent crime. Throughout her tenure as Attorney General, Ashley earned a reputation as a fierce leader in the fight against unelected bureaucrats in Washington who sought to undermine Florida's policies. She has also been a national leader in protecting religious freedom and the



sanctity of life.

During President Donald Trump's first administration, Ashley was appointed to serve as a Commissioner on the Presidential Commission on Law Enforcement and the Administration of Justice.

On January 21, 2025, Ashley was sworn into the U.S. Senate after being appointed by Governor Ron DeSantis. As U.S. Senator, Ashley continues her mission to uphold conservative values, strengthen national security and fight for Floridians. She is a key supporter of President Trump's agenda and remains dedicated to America First policies that promote law and order, economic prosperity and American sovereignty.

The March 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. The luncheon attendance will be capped, and no walk-ins will be accommodated so make reservations early.

The 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, February 24. Mail checks to BWRC, 1350 County Road 1 #57, Dunedin, FL 34697, or send payment using Zelle.

MARCH MEETING INFORMATION

Friday, March 6

**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 February 24.**

**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.**

MARCH MENU INFORMATION

Irish Pub Salad: Lettuce, Cucumbers,
Beets, Tomatoes, Celery, Feta Cheese
& Pistachios

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Sliced Corned Beef & Cabbage

Honey Glazed Carrots
Parsley Butter New Potatoes

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Irish Soda Bread & Butter

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Key Lime Pie

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ALTERNATE VEGETARIAN PLATE

**Quinoa Black Bean Burrito Bowl:
Quinoa, Red Onion, Garlic, Cilantro,
Lime Juice, Lettuce, Jack Cheese,
Greek Yogurt, Pico de Gallo, Avocado,
& Corn w/ Siracha Crème Drizzle**

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,

As we begin the spring season in an election year in Florida, there is a great deal for us to accomplish together. Our Republican candidates need your support . Many of them you have met at BWRC meetings throughout the years. The 2026 elections will begin with municipality races in some towns on March 10. Information for those races can be found in our newsletter. Get involved. Could you be a poll watcher or a poll worker? Julie Marcus, Pinellas County Supervisor of Elections, has information on her website about the jobs available. Visit www.voteinellas.gov/297/Get-Involved.

Through out the spring, you will read on social media many invitations to galas, parties and other events seeking to raise money for candidate campaigns. I hope you will call a friend and go. These Republican candidates need your support.

As I have informed you at BWRC meetings, Pinellas GOP President and Tax Collector and Adam Ross will begin training classes for poll watching and precinct work on April 23. Location and times will be forwarded when available. In the meantime, mark your calendar for one of the dates. The first class of four is April 23. Our party needs registered Republicans to get out and do these jobs.

I hope you all enjoyed Florida Commissioner of Agriculture Wilton Simpson at the February BWRC meeting. As our speaker, he brought so much information to us on the success of agriculture in our great state of Florida. Remember to look for Florida-grown produce when you shop in the supermarket. The Commissioner told us all of the overages of milk and dairy products are feeding communities in need. The Department of Agriculture has done a very good job of relocating these products. Years ago, much of it was wasted, and now it is being supplied to those in need in our state.

Stay warm and begin to think what you can do to help Republicans win across the board this November.

Corinne Steinhardt
BWRC President



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BWRC members attend “Melania” private screening



Dressed in their best First Lady Melania Trump inspired outfits, more than 60 BWRC members attended a private screening of the documentary “Melania” at AMC Theaters in Oldsmar on the first day of its release. Those with the best Melania outfits were recognized and a number of auction items were offered for bids. The event was sponsored by Belleair Republican Political Committee, and proceeds will go to supporting area Republican candidates.



BWRC LUNCHEONS

- **Q—Do I need to fill out a membership registration form when I renew my BWRC membership?**
A—No, a form is not needed. Only those who are applying for membership as new members or lapsed members need to complete a form.
- **Q—Can I pay for my membership dues and luncheon fee with one check or one Zelle payment?**
A—It is preferred that two separate payments be made, one for dues and one for the luncheon fee. Luncheon reservations and payments go to Treasurer Jude Zentmeyer and dues payments go to Assistant Treasurer Janet Cameron. New member registration forms and dues payments are submitted to Membership VP Carol Abernathy.



America the Beautiful *250th Birthday Gala*

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

SAVE THE DATE

Thursday, April 23 6:30—9:30 pm

Belleair Country Club
1 Country Club Lane, Belleair

Minimum Donation: \$125

Sponsorships Available

Email BelleairRepPC@gmail.com for details

PROCEEDS BENEFIT REPUBLICAN CANDIDATES

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March 10 Municipal Elections Candidates

City of Belleair Bluffs Commissioner
(Vote for up to Two)
Joe Barkley
Ana Hale
David Roberts

City of Gulfport Councilmember Ward 1
Jennifer M. Daunch
Joe Guenther

City of Gulfport Councilmember Ward 3
Jennifer N. Webb
Keri Nelson

City of Indian Rocks Mayor-Commissioner
Denise Houseberg
Lan Vaughn

City of Indian Rocks Commissioner
(Vote for up to Two)
Matthew Barrowclough
Don House
Michael Miramesh
Kellee Watt
Janet Wilson

Town of Indian Shores Council Member
(Vote for up to Two)
Ellen A. Bauer
Michael P. Howard
Michael A. "Mike" Petruccelli

Town of Kenneth City Mayor
Robert Arrison
Bonnie A. Noble

City of Madeira Beach Commissioner District 1
Douglas Harr
Shawn Hatfield

City of Safety Harbor Commissioner Seat 4
David Gallagher
Kevin Shanks

City of St. Pete Beach Mayor-Commissioner
Adrian Petrila
Scott Tate

City of Tarpon Springs Commissioner Seat Two
Va Celia Koumendouros
Craig Lunt
Lori Weaver

There are 10 Referendum Questions on the ballot in Gulfport, and there are two Charter Amendments are on the ballot in Kenneth City and one Charter Amendment on the ballot in Treasure Island.

The deadline to request a mail ballot for the March 10 Municipal Elections was Thursday, February 26. Mail ballot status can be checked online at the Pinellas County Supervisor of Elections website. Municipal elections are non partisan.



WELCOME TO THE NEWEST BWRC MEMBERS

Margaret Dagostino

Sharleen Evans

Camille Fox

***David Gattis**

Carolyn Gibson

***Chuck Holloway**

Lynn Holloway

Bobbie Shay Lee

Danielle Marlof

Carrie Nelson

Mina Rickey

Jamie Rodriguez

Sharon Schmidt

Emily Testa

Amy Thurman

Penny Lee Todd

***Todd Wilson**

*** Sustaining Members**

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.

PICTURES FROM THE FEBRUARY BWRC LUNCHEON



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

*Hi, I'm Gil Abernathy.
I'm a proud American conservative Republican —
and I do Tax Consulting and Preparations.*

If you've worked hard, built wealth, and led your family with discipline and responsibility, your tax strategy should reflect that same strength.

The One Big Beautiful Bill Act created real opportunities — but only for those who understand how to use them correctly.

Protect What You've Built

You didn't create financial success by accident. You built it through smart decisions, sacrifice, and consistency.

My job is to make sure:

- ◆ You legally minimize your tax burden
- ◆ Your investments are structured efficiently
- ◆ Your retirement withdrawals are optimized
- ◆ Your estate planning aligns with current law
- ◆ Your financial legacy remains protected

Strategic Tax Planning for Successful Women

For more than 40 years, I have worked with:

- ◆ Business owners and 1099 professionals
- ◆ Real estate investors
- ◆ High-income earners
- ◆ Widowed or divorced women managing wealth independently
- ◆ Women preparing to transfer wealth to the next generation

What Makes My Approach Different?

Proactive Planning — Not Just Filing

We plan before year-end. Not after it's too late.

Audit-Strong Documentation

Clean. Organized. Defensible.

The One Big Beautiful Bill Act Strategy

I stay current on deductions, depreciation, qualified business income provisions, and estate positioning — so you don't leave money on the table.

Direct Personal Service

No call centers. No rushed appointments. No confusion.



Keep more. Plan smarter.
Protect your legacy.

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BELLEAIR WOMEN'S REPUBLICAN CLUB OUTSTANDING MEMBER SERVICE AWARD

In 2015, the Bylaws of The Belleair Women's Republican Club were revised by a vote of the membership to provide for a BWRC Outstanding Member Service Award.

The BWRC Outstanding Member Service Award has been awarded every two years beginning in 2016.

A Special Committee oversees the nomination and selection process. The Committee is formed and operates by the directives in Article VII Special Committees, Section 3. of the Belleair Women's Republican Club Bylaws, which reads:

SECTION 3. The BWRC Outstanding Member Service Award Committee shall consist of three (3) members; two (2) from the Executive Committee and (1) member from the General Membership, all of whom shall be appointed by the President with approval of the Executive Committee by the January Executive Committee meeting in even-numbered years.

The BWRC Outstanding Member Service Award Committee shall operate according to the following policies and procedures:

- a. There shall be only one award given every other year in even numbered years.
- b. Nominations should be solicited starting in January from all Club Members (including Sustaining Members) and should be due by March 15.
- c. In order to be eligible for the award, a woman must have been a member at least three (3) years.
- d. Nominees should be evaluated by the number of volunteer hours given in support of the Club, the number of Club positions held, the number of new members referred, the number of nominations received and any other Club-related service deemed pertinent by the Award Committee. Only in the event of a tie should activities outside the Club be considered.
- e. The presiding Club President is not eligible for the award nor are previous award recipients*.
- f. The Award Committee shall notify the President of a chosen recipient by March 31 in even numbered years.
- g. The award should be presented at the April or May General Meeting of the Club and should take the form of an engraved item selected specifically for the recipient at a cost not to exceed \$200.

**Previous BWRC Outstanding Member Service Award recipients are Debby Whisenand, Norma Stalions, Claudia Thomas. Lee Hooper, Dianne Blum and Deb Walker.*

BELLEAIR WOMENS REPUBLICAN CLUB
OUTSTANDING MEMBER SERVICE AWARD

NOMINATION FORM

(All Belleair Women’s Republican Club members are entitled and encouraged to submit nominations.)

NOMINATION DEADLINE IS MARCH 15

I nominate the following member of Belleair Women’s Republican Club to receive the 2026 BWRC Outstanding Member Award:

I believe this individual is worthy of the honor of being the recipient of the 2026 BWRC Outstanding Member Award because:

(Please refer to the selection criteria. Use an additional blank sheet of paper if desired.)

Mail this nomination form to: Belleair Women’s Republican Club
Attn: Outstanding Member Award Committee
1350 County Road 1 #57
Dunedin, FL 34697

Or submit it in person or by email to any of the following members of the 2026 Outstanding Member Award Selection Committee:

(Nominations must be in writing and cannot be taken over the phone.)

Jo Nichols	ren426938@aol.com	727-366-2862
Denise Vought	deevo2@verizon.net	
Patti Wagner	patti@x-tech.com	727-504-0755