



BALLOT BOX

OCTOBER 2025

Governor Ron DeSantis will be the featured speaker at the BWRC October luncheon

Belleair Women's Republican Club is honored to announce the featured speaker at its luncheon on October 3 will be Florida's 46th Governor, Ron DeSantis. With so many issues at play in the state and country and with upcoming critical elections, the luncheon will offer a rare opportunity to hear directly from the man who is at the center of political power in Florida and who also has a national influence. As a leading figure in the conservative movement and in the Republican Party, Governor DeSantis will assuredly have many pertinent and interesting things to share during his presentation.

A native Floridian with blue-collar roots, Governor DeSantis grew up in Dunedin and worked his way through Yale University, where he was the captain of the varsity baseball team, and graduated with honors from Harvard Law School, where he earned a commission in the U.S. Navy as a JAG officer. He deployed to Iraq in support of the SEAL mission in Fallujah, Ramadi, and the rest of the Al Anbar province.

In 2018, Ron DeSantis was elected to be Governor of Florida. As such, he has led across a wide range of issues by successfully navigating Florida through the COVID pandemic, protecting Flo-

ridians from harmful impacts of illegal immigration, expanding school choice, promoting public safety (with a record 50-year crime low in the state), keeping Florida's economy strong, ensuring road improvement projects are fully funded and ahead of schedule, and making historic investments in environmental conservation and stewardship.

Thanks to the Governor's efforts, Florida ranks #1 for economy (among all 50 states); for education (two years in a row); for higher education (eight years in a row); for attracting and developing a talented workforce; for parental empowerment and educational freedom; for tourism and net in-migration; and for law enforcement recruiting and support.

Governor DeSantis is married to Casey DeSantis, an Emmy Award-winning television anchor. Together, they're the proud parents of their daughters, Madison and Mamie, and their son, Mason.

The October luncheon will not be open to the public. It will be a private event for members of BWRC and their personal guests whose names must be submitted with the member's payment. There will be absolutely no walk-



ins allowed, and members are advised to reserve a seat early as space is limited and likely to sell out. Members are also asked to not share copies of this newsletter with non club members or spread news of this luncheon to the general public, including on social media. A security detail will be present and every measure will be taken to make sure everyone is safe, so please do not bring personal firearms and obey all instructions from the Governor's staff and security force.

The October 3 BWRC luncheon will be held at Belleair Country Club, 1 Country Club Lane, Belleair. Check-in begins at 11:30 am, with lunch served starting at noon. The cost to attend is \$38 per person with reservations and payment due no later than Thursday, September 18. Mail checks to BWRC at 1350 County Road 1 #57, Dunedin, FL 34697 or send payment using Zelle.

OCTOBER MEETING INFORMATION

Friday, October 3

**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 September 18.**

**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.**

OCTOBER MENU INFORMATION

1897 Salad: Lettuce, Ham, Celery,
Tomatoes, Swiss Cheese, Onion,
Spanish Olives & Parmesan Cheese
w/ Oregano Vinaigrette

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Florida Duo: Gulf Red Snapper Citrus &
Prime Filet Mignon w/ Red Wine Au Jus

Roasted Turnips, Hericots Verts, Beets
Baby Carrots & Fingerling Potatoes

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Rolls & Butter

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Strawberry Shortcake

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ALTERNATE VEGETARIAN PLATE

**Cauliflower Steaks w/ Goat Cheese,
Basil Pesto & Red Pepper Coulis
w/ Spinach, Rice and Chickpeas**

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 the Belleair Women's Club,

My second letter to you as President is so bittersweet. There is such wonderful news to report and such a sad, horrific event to write about.

First, the good. Belleair Women's Republican Club will be so honored to host Florida Governor Ron DeSantis at the club's October luncheon. BWRC First Vice President Jessica Reed has worked tirelessly putting this engagement together. Thank you Jessica! What an outstanding accomplishment! Year after year, members of the BWRC Executive Committee have continually done all they can to bring club members the very best speakers and information the GOP has to offer in order to explain the issues facing our country, state and county and to unite the Republican Party. Members, please secure your reservations for the October luncheon as soon as possible as seating is limited, and remember we have a new post office box. It should be an outstanding event, one not to be missed.

Now, the bad. After the horrific political assassination of Charlie Kirk at the rally in Utah in September words alone are not enough to express the sadness and grief for his family and our country. Please keep him and his family in your prayers. Our collected prayers are also needed for the young Ukrainian woman who was fatally stabbed while riding a light rail train in Charlotte, North Carolina, in August. Also, as I write this, we honor the 24th anniversary of 9/11. May we never forget the lives lost that solemn day in NYC.

Back to the good. Together, our club members are working for a better place in our country with conservative values and support for those we have elected to lead us. Thank you for all you do to advance the conservative cause. Peace to you all this month.

Corinne Steinhardt
BWRC President



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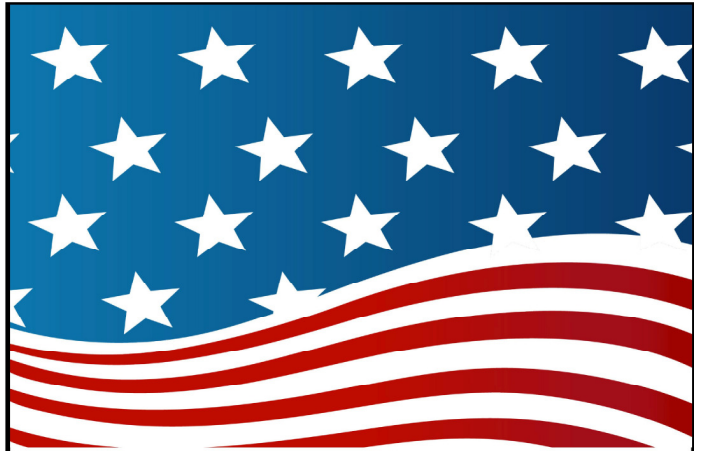
Parliamentarian
Louise Davis



Outstanding ruling

At the September BWRC luncheon, BWRC President Corinne Steinhardt, right, presented retiring club Parliamentarian Renatta Cochran with flowers and words of praise and gratitude in honor of her many years of service to the club. As parliamentarian, Renatta, a registered parliamentarian, attended monthly meetings of the BWRC Executive Committee meetings to advise officers of proper procedure and correct interpretation of the club's bylaws. Always diligent in her duties, Renatta provided a great deal of wisdom and gracious advice over the years and contributed to keeping the club operating smoothly. A parliamentarian is appointed by the sitting BWRC president with approval by the Executive Committee. She is bound by the same requirements as club officers but is not a voting member of the Executive Committee.

ITEMS NEEDED: Make room in your jewelry box by donating unwanted items to the BWRC Jewelry Sale.



Voter Information

Important Dates

NOVEMBER 4, 2025

MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS

Registration Deadline: October 6, 2025

Mail Ballot Request Deadline: October 23, 2025

MARCH 10, 2026

MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS

Registration Deadline: February 9, 2026

Mail Ballot Request Deadline: February 26, 2026

AUGUST 18, 2026

PRIMARY ELECTION

Registration Deadline: July 20, 2026

Mail Ballot Request Deadline: August 6, 2026

NOVEMBER 3, 2026

GENERAL ELECTION

Registration Deadline: October 5, 2026

Mail Ballot Request Deadline: October 22, 2026

NOTE: ALL MAIL BALLOT REQUESTS EXPIRED

December 31, 2024. Voters must renew their request to vote in elections now through 2026.

Call the Pinellas County Supervisor of Elections Office 727-464-VOTE (8683) or go online to www.votePinellas.gov/VoteByMail.





Belleair Women's Republican Club has lost one of its longest-term and most loyal members. Carol Bumiller, a member of BWRC for more than 30 years, died August 10. Carol held many offices and filled numerous other leadership roles in the club over the years. She was a passionate Republican, she supported countless state, county and national candidates contributing funds and doing whatever needed to get them elected. She rarely missed a BWRC meeting, and even when quite ill made the effort to attend if at all possible. She could always be found holding court in a specific seat at what everyone knew was "Carol's table". She was also an active and loyal member of the Pinellas Republican Executive Committee, held membership in its Ivory Club and was a board member of the Suncoast Tiger Bay Club.



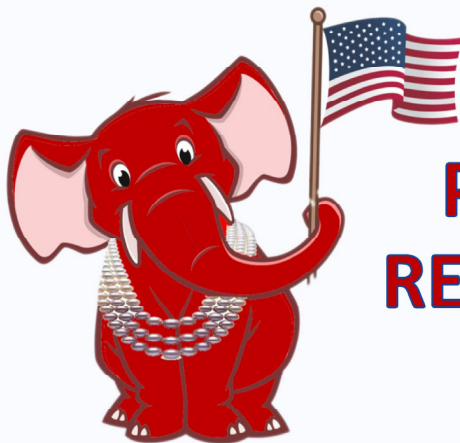
A strongly opinionated woman, Carol could seem tough, but at her core she was a caring, compassionate person. In her community, Carol, a retired nurse, was a consistent force for good throughout her life. Among other things, she was a member of the Mid County Council of the Juvenile Welfare Board; a Boley's Angel supporting the work of St. Petersburg's Boley Center which helps individuals with mental disabilities, the homeless and veterans; was a member of the Children's Home Society; was very active with Parc Center for Disabilities; and served on the development board of LiFT, a school for autism in Seminole.

Services were held August 30 at Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church, and Carol's life was also celebrated and honored at the September BWRC and Pinellas GOP meetings.

We are all so fortunate to have known you. Rest in peace, dear friend.

IN MEMORIAM

SAVE THE DATE



PEARLS & REPUBLICAN GIRLS

A fundraiser to benefit
Republican Candidates

Saturday, February 7, 2026

WELCOME TO THE NEWEST BWRC MEMBERS

Elaine Davis

Jessica Huffman

Linda Libunate

Kathleen Monahan

Nikki Rogers

Karen Travis

ATTENTION NEW MEMBERS

ALL THOSE WHO HAVE JOINED BWRC
OVER THE PAST YEAR AND WHO HAVE
NOT PREVIOUSLY ATTENDED A NEW
MEMBER ORIENTATION MEETING

SAVE THE DATE: OCTOBER 16

FOR THE NEXT NEW MEMBER EVENT

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\$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.

PICTURES FROM THE SEPTEMBER BWRC LUNCHEON




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

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