



BALLOT BOX

OCTOBER 2026



**ADAM
ANDERSON**



**KIM
BERFIELD**



**LINDA
CHANEY**



**BERNY
JACQUES**



**BRIAN
SCOTT**

FL Representative and County Board candidates to speak at BWRC luncheon on October 2

With only a month to go until the November General Election, Belleair Women's Republican Club will welcome five area candidates who will step to the podium at the October meeting to address critical issues and ask for everyone's support. The meeting and luncheon will take place on Friday, October 2, and the five office seekers who will address BWRC members and guests will be Adam Anderson, candidate for re-election to the Florida House, Dist. 57; Kim Berfield, candidate for reelection to the Florida House, Dist. 58; Linda Chaney, candidate for reelection to the Florida House, Dist. 61; Berny Jacques, candidate for reelection to the Florida House, Dist. 59; and Brian Scott, candidate for reelection to the Pinellas County Board of Commissioners. Information about each follows.

Adam Anderson was born in New York but moved to Pinellas County while a child. He was first elected to The Florida House in 2022. Since his first session, he has been a strong advocate for protecting prenatal rights, reforming social benefit programs and increasing access to affordable healthcare. Rep. Anderson serves as Chair of the Pinellas County Legislative Delegation and also chairs The Florida House Healthcare Facilities and Systems

committees. He is author of The Sunshine Genetics Act, which established its first-of-a-kind Florida institution for pediatric disease, the National Sunshine Genetics Consortium, which unites the state's top universities, hospitals and industry professionals to position Florida as a national leader in precision medicine.

Kimberly Berfield has been an active member of the Pinellas County community for more than 50 years. She served as the Florida State Representative for District 50 from 2000 to 2008 before being appointed as the Deputy Secretary of the Florida Department of Health. Kim was elected to Florida House Dist. 58 in November 2022, representing parts of Pinellas County, including Belleair, Clearwater and Dunedin. She currently serves as Republican Whip for the Education and Employment Committee and is a member of several subcommittees, including Health Care Budget, Civil Justice and Claims, and Economic Infrastructure. As she continues to serve in the Florida House, Representative Berfield remains focused on promoting positive change and transparency.

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OCTOBER MEETING INFORMATION

Friday, October 2

**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 \$40 check made payable to
BWRC or \$40 electronic
payment is due by
Friday, September 25.**

**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.**

OCTOBER MENU INFORMATION

**Belleair Salad: Greens, Cranberries,
Almonds & Goat Cheese
w/ Balsamic Vinaigrette**

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Sliced Turkey w/ Giblet Gravy

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**Green Beans
Candied Sweet Potatoes**

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Rolls & Butter

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Pumpkin Pie

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ALTERNATE VEGETARIAN PLATE

**Hummus Bowl: Greens, Cucumbers,
Tomatoes, Roasted Red Pepper,
Red Onion, Kalamata Olives, Couscous,
Hummus & Feta Cheese w/ Pita Bread**

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,

October is upon us, and it's time to get busy! The voter guide just published by the Pinellas GOP lists the preferred candidates selected by its chairman and his board along with the Republican Party of the great state of Florida. Please review it before voting on November 3. The guide is printed in this newsletter along with all the information on last minute voter registration early voting and mail in ballots. Please share this information with family and friends.

At the BWRC meeting on October 2, volunteers will make sure you all have a copy of the voter guide in hand. Also attached will be political analyst and pollster Matt Towery's list of accomplishments during our great President's administration. Keep them handy just in case family and friends might not know what they are or have possibly forgot. Enlighten them! And most importantly, get everyone out to vote. We have recently seen local county races that have been won by very small margins.

Jessica Reed, BWRC first vice president, has secured a very informative panel of candidates for us to hear from just weeks before the election at the October meeting and luncheon. Thank you Jessica.

Please help BWRC Second Vice President Carol Abernathy, who is in charge of new memberships, reach the goal of 400 members before the end of the year by asking family and friend's to join. United we can all make a difference. With your help we can and will do it together. In 2027, we will be celebrating our 64th year as the Belleair Women's Republican Club, another wonderful accomplishment by like-minded women working together in our great republic.

On election day, get out and bring a lawn chair and a sun hat to your precinct. Greet the voters. Say hello and thank them for coming out to vote. Offer them copies of the voter guide. We will have many candidate signs available at the October meeting. Take some home promoting your favorite candidates and put them around the precinct. These are some ways we can all help good Republicans win the election. I know because I have been doing it for years. Let's all work together to win and keep the great State of Florida ruby red.

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Membership dues for 2027 to be collected as of October

It's time renew! Starting October 1, Belleair Women's Republican Club dues for 2027 will be collected. Members can either send a check for \$30 or process a \$30 payment through Zelle. Please make separate payments for luncheon reservations and dues, i.e., write and send two checks or transact two separate Zelle payments, one for \$40 for the luncheon and one for \$30 for dues. Dues will also be collected in person at upcoming luncheons, starting in October.

Dues payments for 2027 will become delinquent after January 1. With a busy holiday season rapidly approaching, it is recommended dues be sent as soon as possible so the need to do so is not overlooked during the coming months.

Five results-based talking points to be used to inform others of the administration's accomplishments and reasons why they should vote Republican

1. Lower taxes & more money in Americans' pockets

"Republicans delivered historic tax relief for working families, including no federal tax on tips, no federal tax on overtime and tax relief for seniors on Social Security."

2. Secure border & stronger immigration enforcement

"Republicans turned border security from a campaign promise into action—with dramatically reduced border encounters, increased enforcement and legislation providing long-term funding for border security."

3. American energy & lower costs

"Republicans unleashed American energy production, cut regulations and are working to make America energy-dominant—bringing down energy costs and strengthening our economy."

4. Less government waste & more accountability

"Republicans are cutting waste, fraud and unnecessary bureaucracy and putting taxpayers first. The goal isn't bigger government—it's a government that actually delivers results for the people paying for it."

5. Stronger America & safer communities

"Republican leadership has produced major reductions in crime and homicide, strengthened our military and defense industrial base, and put American national security first."

Early Voting Schedule

Dates: October 19—November 1

Hours:

Monday-Sunday, 7 am to 7 pm

Early Voting Locations:

- **Supervisor of Elections Office**
County Building 501 First Ave. N.
St. Petersburg, FL 33701
- **Supervisor of Elections Office**
Election Service Center
13001 Starkey Road
Starkey Lakes Corporate Center
Largo, FL 33773
- **Supervisor of Elections Office**
Pinellas County Courthouse
315 Court Street, Room 117
Clearwater, FL 33756
- **The Centre of Palm Harbor**
1500 16th Street
Palm Harbor, FL 34683
- **Countryside Recreation Center**
2640 Sabal Springs Drive
Clearwater, FL 33761
- **Gulfport Neighborhood Center**
1617 49th Street S.
Gulfport, FL 33707
- **J.W. Cate Recreation Center**
5801 22d Avenue N.
St. Petersburg, FL 33710



PINELLAS GOP GENERAL ELECTION VOTER GUIDE

US SENATOR Asheley Moody	HOUSE DIST. 60 Melissa Rutland	CLEARWATER CITY COUNCIL Sam Wilson
CONGRESSIONAL DIST. 16 Sydney Gruters	HOUSE DIST. 59 Berny Jacques	DUNEDIN CITY COUNCIL Mark A. Ossian
GOVERNOR/LT. GOVERNOR Byron Donalds/Bryan Avila	HOUSE DIST. 58 Kim Berfield	LARGO CITY COMMISSION Curtis Holmes
CFO Blaise Ingoglia	HOUSE DIST. 57 Adam C. Anderson	SEMINOLE CITY COUNCIL Kadi Hendricks Tubbs
COMMISSIONER OF AGRICULTURE Wilton Simpson	PINELLAS COUNTY COMMISSION DIST. 2 AT LARGE Brian Scott	EAST LAKE FIRE DIST. Jim Downes
SENATOR DIST. 21 Chris Nocco	PINELLAS COUNTY COMMISSION DIST. 6 AT LARGE Single Member	PALM HARBOR FIRE DIST. Julie Peluso
SENATOR DIST. 18 Nick DiCeglie		SUNCOAST FIRE DIST. Elizabeth "Betsey" McKenna
HOUSE DIST. 61 Linda Chaney	PINELLAS SCHOOL BOARD Dawn Peters	EASTLAKE OAKS CDD Joshua Main

WELCOME TO THE NEW BWRC MEMBERS

Rene Marie Bauer
Barbara Branseum
Olga Cruz
Jeraldine Davis
Carol DiMura
Micha Eisenhauer
Michelle Hendry
Anna Paulina Luna
Elizabeth Traverso

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Linda Chaney started her time in Tampa Bay as a student at the University of South Florida. She developed into a local community and business leader who built a mobile mammography business which helped save hundreds of women's lives through early detection of breast cancer. She also worked with the Pinellas County Sheriff's Office where she founded a charitable program joining business and religious communities to help women trapped in prostitution and drug addiction. She made the leap to a full-time position in the non-profit sector, working at Eckerd College and helping adults complete their degrees, positioning them for better and higher paying jobs. Shortly thereafter, she answered the call to public service, winning a position on the St. Pete Beach City Commission. In 2020, she was elected to the Florida House of Representatives and was reelected in 2024. During her time in the Florida House, Rep. Chaney has championed a number of issues ranging from healthcare to animal welfare activism. This past legislative Session, she carried House Bill 1509 which serves as the country's largest Pharmacy Benefit Manager reform act to date.

Berny Jacques holds a Bachelor's in History and Political Studies from Washington Adventist University and a Juris Doctor from Stetson University College of Law. Berny's legal career spans roles as an Assistant State Attorney and as a civil litigation attorney. Since his election in 2022 and reelection in 2024, Rep. Jacques has been active in championing reforms through impactful legislation. For the 2025-2026 Legislative Session, he serves as chair of the Intergovernmental Affairs Subcommittee, leading efforts to expand economic opportunities and workforce development. He is a member of the State Affairs Committee, Security & Threat Assessment Committee, Careers & Workforce Subcommittee, Higher Education Budget Subcommittee, Justice Budget Subcommittee and Insurance

& Banking Subcommittee. These assignments reflect his commitment to public safety, education and economic growth for Floridians. A proud Seminole resident, Rep. Jacques remains focused on creating a safer, stronger, and more prosperous Florida.

Brian Scott was elected to the Pinellas County Board of County Commissioners in 2022. A graduate of Seminole High School, he attended St. Petersburg College and the University of South Florida's Bayboro campus. He is President of Escot Bus Lines and formerly served as the President of TRAX Insurance, LTD. His industry leadership includes serving as president of associations both nationally and internationally. Since taking office, Commissioner Scott has focused on strengthening and preserving Pinellas County's neighborhoods. He championed updates to the County's short term rental ordinance to improve accountability and address community concerns, and he introduced the County's Resolution reaffirming support for fulltime residential communities. He was also a key driver behind recent partial rollbacks at both the County and PSTA, reinforcing his commitment to responsible, efficient governance. He has served in several public service roles, including work with PSTA, Forward Pinellas, Historic Preservation, Tampa Bay Water, the Value Adjustment Board and Business Technology Services. A fiscally conservative leader, he prioritizes transparency, collaboration and keeping Pinellas County affordable while protecting its unique charm.

The October 2 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 Friday, September 25. Mail checks to BWRC, 1350 County Road 1 #57, Dunedin, FL 34697, or send payment using Zelle.

PICTURES FROM THE SEPTEMBER BWRC LUNCHEON



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