



BALLOT BOX

DECEMBER 2025

BWRC to celebrate the holidays at a festive luncheon featuring music, gifts and giving



Belleair Women's Republican Club will celebrate another successful year on Friday, December 5, it's last meeting of 2025. The luncheon promises to be a fun and festive start to the holiday season and an opportunity to enjoy fine Republican friendships.

The December luncheon will feature holiday music, beautiful décor, a delicious Belleair Country Club plated lunch and perhaps a holiday surprise or two. This last luncheon of the year will provide a few moments to just relax and enjoy one another's company before the hard work for the important election campaigns which begin in earnest in 2026.

In order to not forget the true spirit of the holiday season, gifts to benefit others will be collected. As has been the tradition for several years, the BWRC's holiday charitable collection recipient will be Hero to a Child Foundation (formerly called Guardian ad Litem Foundation). The organization is dedicated to meeting the needs of each child in the Pinellas County foster care system. Voluntary donations collected at the December luncheon of cash, checks made out to Hero to a Child Foundation or gift cards to Target, Walmart and Amazon will be used to provide some Christmas joy for foster care "late shelter" children. These are kids who have been removed from their homes during the stressful holiday season too late for foster parents to plan and purchase Christmas gifts. BWRC's collection will help assure there are presents

under the tree for these kids who are spending the holidays with strangers and are no doubt lonely, scared and sad.

Those not attending the December luncheon who want to participate in BWRC's holiday charitable collection may send checks made out to Hero to a Child Foundation and/or gift cards to BWRC at 1350 County Road 1 #57, Dunedin, FL 34697 to arrive no later than December 10 in order to support the late shelter children. Please note, donations may not be sent via Zelle.

Also in keeping with the true holiday spirit, gifts will be presented to staff members of Belleair Country Club at the December luncheon on behalf of the BWRC membership to thank them for the exceptional service they have provided over the course of the year. The club managers, chef, servers and valets do so much to keep BWRC luncheons running smoothly and offering a truly special afternoon to members and their guests. Be there to add your appreciation to the celebration.

The December 5 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 Monday, November 25. Mail checks to BWRC at 1350 County Road 1 #57, Dunedin, FL 34697, or send payment using Zelle.

DECEMBER MEETING INFORMATION

Friday, November 7

**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 November 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.
Please, no walk-ins.**

DECEMBER MENU INFORMATION

Salad: Arugula, Blueberries,
Strawberries, Candied Nuts
& Goat Cheese
w/ Balsamic Vinaigrette

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Chicken Marsala & Stuffed Shrimp

Parmesan Risotto & Roasted Broccoli

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Rolls & Butter

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Cheesecake w/ Strawberries

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ALTERNATE VEGETARIAN PLATE

**Quinoa Black Bean Burrito Bowl:
Quinoa, Red Onion, Garlic, Cilantro,
Lettuce, Jack Cheese, 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,

The days are a little shorter, and the air is cooler, as we complete our fall season in Florida. However, throughout the fall, BWRC has stayed hot, hot hot, with tremendous programs and othr activities. It started with a forum of mayors in September, all of whom were eager to report on their cities accomplishments and challenges and to answer questions from the audience. Then , who will ever forget, the day our outstanding Florida Governor Ron DeSantis came to speak to the club in October. He is one of the all-time favorite speakers in the cavalcade of wonderful speakers BWRC has featured in its 61 years. In November, the club was honored to have Florida Lt. Governor Jay Collins at the podium. It was very informative to listen to him, and he was extremely kind to take pictures with a great number of members after his presentation. This will be a hard slate of presenters to follow, but I assure you everyone can look forward to more outstanding speakers in 2026.

The BWRC Executive Committee has again chosen the charity Hero to a Child for the club to support this holiday season. Over one thousand children are placed in Pinellas County foster homes every night. BWRC will help ensure through member donations that there will be Christmas gifts for them. Hero to a Child Director Heather Reuscher will speak for a few minutes at the December luncheon to share more information about the organization and the programs it manages. Gift bags will be on the luncheon tables, waiting for donations of gift cards, cash and checks made payable to Hero to a Child Foundation which will be delivered to the charity’s headquarters the following week. If not attending the luncheon, checks and gift cards may be mailed to the club’s post office box to arrive not later than December 10.

To close, I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Stay safe and warm and enjoy the best of the holidays with your families and friends. 2026 is going to be a very exciting and busy election year. The GOP will need all of our help to ger Republican candidates elected.

Corinne Steinhardt
BWRC President



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New member event is informative, enjoyable

A total of more than 60 new Belleair Women's Republican Club members and Executive Committee officers enjoyed each other's company at a new member orientation and social event held in October. Membership Vice President Carol Abernathy, who organized the evening along with Past President and Hospitality Committee Member Dianne Blum, warmly welcomed the enthusiastic group of new members and then each of the club officers present shared information about BWRC and their positions. All of the new members were encouraged to find ways to get involved as all hands are needed to ensure Republican victories at the polls.



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



2025
White
House
Christmas
Ornament
\$35

A limited number of 2025 White House Christmas Ornaments will be available for purchase at the December BWRC luncheon. The ornament celebrates the 150th anniversary of State Dinners at the Executive Mansion. Hand-assembled, the ornament design is cut from brass, etched and printed with enamel ink and finished with 24K-gold. It features two highly recognizable plates from the White House State China collection. Adorned with a red and gold twist cording, it comes packaged in a keepsake giftbox.



FIRST LADY, ICON AND MOVIE STAR

Belleair Republican Political Committee cordially invites you to a private preview event for the highly anticipated upcoming film "Melania", premiering in late January 2026.



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Dress to impress in your most Melania-inspired outfit. Seating is limited. Reservations will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis. RSVP by December 15, 2025, via email to BelleairRepPC@gmail.com and follow the instructions below to submit your contribution and secure your spot! More details with date and location to follow. Call Jessica Reed, 571-236-1023 with questions.



A minimum contribution of \$40 per person will reserve a seat and will help secure essential funding in support of Republican candidates during upcoming 2026 elections. Scan the QR code to submit a contribution or send a check to Belleair Republican PC, P.O. Box 20252, St. Petersburg, FL 33742. Occupation, phone number and current address must be included on the check.

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Nina Pilon, Belleair Women's Republican Club's 29th president, passed away on October 31. A stalwart Republican, her loss will be felt by countless individuals who worked with her over the years to promote the party and its candidates.



In addition to serving BWRC in numerous positions, Nina was a long-term member of the Pinellas County Republican Executive Committee and was instrumental in founding and managing several political committees. Born on Veterans Day, she was a true patriot, and she and her late husband Lee, a former Marine, worked with the American Legion to insure the funerals of area veterans were graced with honor guards. One of her favorite social events of the year was the area's Marine Corps Ball.

Nina was constantly on the move, attending events, visiting or hosting family, helping a friend or volunteering for a cause. She was adventurous and willing to consider a different approach or to try something new. She had a wonderful deep laugh, which she implemented often, choosing to find the humor in even the most challenging moments. She was extremely kind and thoughtful, constantly checking on friends to make sure they were doing well.

A graveside service will be held on Friday, February 13, 2026, 2:30 pm, at Bay Pines National Cemetery, 10000 Bay Pines Blvd., St. Petersburg. There will be a Celebration of Life following the service at 4:30 pm at the American Legion, 600 American Legion Drive, Madiera Beach. All are welcome.

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

IN MEMORIAM

TAKE NOTE



Important Information

- ◆ BWRC **dues of \$30** should be paid on or before January 1, 2026.
- ◆ The cost of BWRC luncheons will be raised to **\$40** starting in January, 2026.
- ◆ The January BWRC luncheon will be held one week later than usual due to the New Year's holiday weekend. The luncheon will be on **January 9** instead of January 2.

WELCOME TO THE NEWEST BWRC MEMBERS

Justine Agosto

Taunya Haire

Anita Roberts

Brooke Anderson

Janic Hil

Linda Smith

Cheryl Anderson

Sandra Houser

Christine Spilker

Laura Busch

Joanne Manolakis

Sherry Sultenfuss

Tamra Camillieri

Carol Mears

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Victoria Motil

CeCe Wells

Nicholas Ferrentino *

June O'Brien-Silva

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(* Sustaining Members)



BECOME A MEMBER TODAY!

VARIOUS MEMBERSHIPS AVAILABLE

MEMBERSHIP PERKS

- Waterfront Dining • Extensive Menu Offerings •
- Craft Cocktail Specials at our 3 Bars • Heated & Chilled Pool •
- Weekly Social Events • No Monthly Minimums •

No boat needed—just your passion for water, good food, and great friends!



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