



# BALLOT BOX

JUNE 2024



## Annual Fashion Show & Luncheon



The woman above is well turned out, sophisticated, savvy and going places with a purpose. She is, of course, wearing Republican red! There is no doubt she can bring Republican "Glory Days" to Pinellas County, the State of Florida and America through her active, loyal support for conservative candidates in the August and November elections.

To honor and shine a light on all the loyal, active and involved Belleair Women's Republican Club members, the theme "Glory Days" has been chosen for this year's annual BWRC fashion show luncheon, which will take place Friday, June 7, at Belleair Country Club. Check-in begins at 11:30 am, with a brief meeting, followed by lunch and then the fashion show, starting at noon. The cost to attend is \$37 per person with reservations and payment due by Thursday, May 22.

Fashions for this year's show are being provided by women's clothing store Citrus Styles, and store owner Jennifer Dorr will moderate. Citrus Styles offers chic, in-style misses clothing and accessories at a convenient downtown location, 481 Main Street, Dunedin. The store features an exciting array of casual merchandise for the discriminating female shopper and prides itself on superb customer service. All those attending the BWRC "Glory Days" Fashion Show will receive a 20% off coupon good through the month of June.

Models for the special event will be club members Dianne Blum, Candace Gardner, Bea Pacelli, Carol Pugliese-Hillier, Jessica Reed and Claudia Walker. Each of these lovely ladies will show two different outfits as they stroll through luncheon tables, giving everyone a close look at the fabulous ensembles.

The models will have very special male escorts. BWRC is honored to have Florida Senator Ed Hooper and Dunedin City Commissioner Rob Walker participating in the show. Also, to add to the fun and excitement, this year's luncheon and fashion show will include music provided by DJ Glen Z who will provide a play list sure to put every one in a Glory-ous mood!

As usual, there will be a 50/50 raffle, a Belleair Country Club brunch certificate raffle and the gently-used jewelry sale to enjoy. Be sure to bring a bit of cash to take advantage of these exciting opportunities.

Guests are welcome to attend, and members are encouraged to invite relatives, neighbors and other friends to join them at this enjoyable special event. Members and guest are also urged to wear red, white or blue to reflect the show's patriotic theme.

# JUNE MEETING INFORMATION

Friday, June 7

Belleair Country Club  
1 Country Club Lane  
Belleair, FL 33756

Luncheon Fee: \$37

Registration & networking  
begin at 11:30am.

Event begins  
at 12 pm

To RSVP:  
A \$37 check made  
payable to BWRC is  
due by May 22.

Mail check to:  
BWRC  
P.O. Box 1117  
850 E. Lime Street  
Tarpon Springs, FL 34688

If paying at the luncheon,  
please no \$100 bills.

Alternate meal must  
be requested  
with your RSVP.

No substitutions  
may be made  
the day of the luncheon.

Reservations required.  
Please ,no walk-ins.

# JUNE MENU INFORMATION

## Wedge Salad

Lettuce wedge, chopped tomato,  
chopped bacon, blue cheese &  
candied pecans w/ side of  
blue cheese dressing

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## Quiche Lorraine

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## Asparagus Bundles

## Fresh Fruit w/ Berries

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## Rolls & Butter

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## Carrot Cake

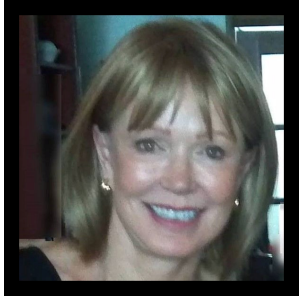
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## ALTERNATE VEGETARIAN PLATE

Gilled vegetables w/ acorn stuffed  
Squash w/ quinoa, cubed fired tofu  
& a Thai chili drizzle

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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

I am worried. I believe there are local issues that Democrats could make worse. We have some influence on national election results, but we can decide local outcomes. We need to elect Republican candidates up and down the ballot in both August and November by volunteering our time and financial support.

### Local:

- We've been fighting to remove extreme ideology from schools and demanding they stop withholding information about children from their parents. We've also been fighting pornography in school libraries. It was only after state laws were passed that progress was made, and there are challenges to the laws all the way to the Supreme Court. This battle is not over, and a majority of Pinellas County School Board members are not conservative. There are excellent conservative candidates on the August 20 ballot to replace them.
- Pinellas County Commissioners determine how a \$4 billion budget is spent. Currently, there is a slim majority of Republican-affiliated commissioners. We must support all conservative Commission candidates on the November ballot to strengthen our majority.

### State:

- We need to continue to stop the sale of land to China, to fight illegal immigration and to hold ground with voting improvements.
- Insurance issues continue to plague Florida citizens.

Had it not been for Republican legislators, the Biden regime would have taken a stronger hold in Florida. Never take these legislators for granted and don't miss an opportunity to retain them and increase our conservative majority in Tallahassee.

### National:

- Anna Paulina Luna is a strong, award-winning, conservative woman in Congress who is being challenged by Democrats with support from local Democrats. Local Democrats are working together against conservative values as an active political force. We need to do the same!

How can you help? Check your voter registration to be sure you are still an active voter. If you will be away during the August or November elections, renew your request for a mail ballot. Help candidates with fundraising, handing out literature, getting petitions signed, knocking on doors, making telephone calls, stuffing envelopes, and waving signs or simply by posting a sign in your yard or window. BWRC has literature about candidates at meetings. Take some home and share these items with neighbors and friends. We all can do something to insure Republican leadership for the coming terms.



## BWRC OFFICERS

President  
**Dianne Blum**

First Vice President  
**Sara Mollo**

Second Vice President  
**Claudia Walker**

Treasurers  
**Jessica Reed**  
**Louise Davis**

Hospitality  
**Candace Gardner**

Ways & Means  
**Corinne Steinhardt**

Corresponding Secretary  
**Jessica Reed**

Recording Secretary  
**Carol Abernathy**

Historian  
**Deb Walker**

Chaplain  
**Patricia Wagner**

Parliamentarian  
**Renatta Cochran**



# Social held to welcome, educate new members

BWRC Board Members entertained the club's newest members at an evening social event in April. Besides enjoying delicious food and friendly conversation, the new members were treated to information about the club, duties of club officers, volunteer opportunities and voting regulations. They were encouraged to get involved and support Republican candidates in every way possible with signup sheets passed to capture volunteering preferences.

The successful event was organized by BWRC 2nd Vice President Claudia Walker with assistance from other Board members and Membership Team members Volunteer Coordinator Alicia Palonis, Renee Radalinsky and Angie Buschelmann.





# BWRC officers are capable, dedicated leaders



BWRC Board Members took time out from their hostess duties at April's new member social to pose for a group picture. The awesome leaders shown above are, from left, 2nd Vice President Claudia Walker, Chaplain Patty Wagner, Director of Hospitality Candace Gardner, President Dianne Blum, Treasurer Jessica Reed, Recording Secretary Carol Abernathy, Director of Ways & Means Corinne Steinhardt and Assistant Treasurer Louise Davis.

## Voter Registration Scoreboard

### Pinellas County - 5/8/2024

- Democrat: 203,233
- Republican: 236,145
- Other: 182,081

### State of Florida - 3/31/2024

- Democrat: 4,351,265
- Republican: 5,243,299
- Other: 3,877,081

## Florida GOP Takes Stance On Proposed Florida Constitutional Amendments

At its quarterly meeting in May, the Republican Party of Florida Executive Board unanimously passed a resolution opposing proposed Florida Constitution amendments 3 and 4 and supporting the balance of the proposed Constitutional amendments that will appear on the November 2024 ballot. The six proposed amendments are:

- ◆ Amendment 1 — Partisan Election of Members of District School Boards
- ◆ Amendment 2 — Right to Fish and Hunt
- ◆ Amendment 3 — Adult Personal Use of Marijuana
- ◆ Amendment 4 — Limit Government Interference with Abortions
- ◆ Amendment 5 — Annual Adjustment to the Value of Certain Homestead Exemptions
- ◆ Amendment 6 — Repeal of Public Campaign Financing Requirement



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# PICTURES FROM THE MAY BWRC LUNCHEON



(To see more pictures from BWRC events, visit [bwrc.us](http://bwrc.us) > Photo Gallery)