



BALLOT BOX

SEPTEMBER 2024

Congresswoman Anna Paulina Luna will be September luncheon speaker



In a highly special appearance, a very distinguished former member of Belleair Women's Republican Club will grace the speakers podium at the club's meeting and luncheon on September 6. Congresswoman Anna Paulina Luna, who is serving her first term in the U.S. House of Representatives and who is running for reelection this coming November, will bring news from Washington, D.C. and share her vision for the future of America and the Republican Party.

In Congress, Rep. Luna serves on the Natural Resources and Oversight and Accountability Committees. During her first term she has sponsored 42 bills and co-sponsored 257 others. Key issues which she has addressed include student-centered and parent-guided education, preserving Florida's natural resources, American energy independence, secure borders

with no amnesty as a pathway to citizenship, government accountability and care, appreciation and honor for veterans.

Luna is the first Mexican-American woman elected to represent Florida in the United States Congress. Raised by a single mother in a low-income neighborhood in Southern California, her rough upbringing taught her the importance of independence and hard work. She also experienced firsthand devastating consequences of radical big-government policies in cities like the one she grew up in.

Rep. Luna joined the military at a young age to leave behind the life of America's low-income, inner-city communities. She would go on to graduate from the University of West Florida with a bachelor's degree in biology.

The Congresswoman believes

that the "business as usual" mentality in Washington has ruined the lives of everyday Americans, who have been failed by decades of leaders who do not truly value them for anything more than their votes. In Congress, Rep. Luna has always fought against the elitist political establishment that she believes has for far too long left the American people behind.

Congresswoman Luna resides in St. Petersburg, with her husband Andy, whom she met while serving in the United States Air Force.

The September 6 BWRC luncheon will take place at Belleair Country Club, 1 Country Club Lane, Belleair. Check-in begins at 11:30 am, with lunch starting at noon. The cost to attend is \$37 per person. Reservations and payment are due by Thursday, August 22.

SEPTEMBER MEETING INFORMATION

Friday, September 6

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 August 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.

SEPTEMBER MENU INFORMATION

Cream of Tomato Soup

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Bistro Salad

Grilled Chicken, Field Greens,
Spinach, Tomato, Cucumber,
Hearts of Palm, Red Onion,
Feta Cheese w/ Choice of
Balsamic Vinaigrette or
Honey Mustard Dressing

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Rolls & Butter

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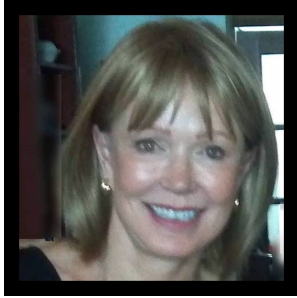
Key Lime Pie

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ALTERNATE VEGETARIAN PLATE

Bistro Salad w/ No Chicken

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

Courage is the choice and willingness to confront agony, pain, danger, uncertainty or intimidation. When I think of what courage means to politicians, I think of people like Congresswoman Anna Paulina Luna. She expresses exactly what she believes with courage, grace and reason. She does not raise her voice, she does not express unbridled anger and she speaks matter of factly. She states her position in a reasonable way. Muhammad Ali once said, "The secret to happiness is freedom. The secret to freedom is courage." Our political party has a mission to protect freedom. We do not want government to control our lives. We must decide how we want to live and must express our wishes with courage. The speaker at the September BWRC meeting is Anna Paulina Luna, an example of courage with integrity.

Voting in America is how we make social change. Founding Father Thomas Jefferson said, "We do not have government by the majority. We have government by the majority who participate." Susan B. Anthony said, "Someone struggled for your right to vote. USE IT." Not voting is not a protest; it is a surrender. We must make sure anyone who is qualified to vote and who wants to vote can do so. We all know people who need help when it comes to voting. Some need help choosing candidates, and we need to be able to educate them. Some need help with voter registration, filling out their ballot or getting to the polls. We need to provide the necessary information, assistance and, yes, chauffeur service if necessary. Volunteering a few hours of your time to make sure others can exercise their right to vote, is a very valuable service to your country.

A wonderful Pinellas County official said to me last week, "The Belleair Women's Republican Club is the county's premiere club." I feel so proud of all we do. Let's make sure we get out there and live up to our reputation. Our club has a wealth of talent, enthusiasm and knowledge. We need to use those skills to make our county, state, and country even better.

Dianne Blum
BWRC President



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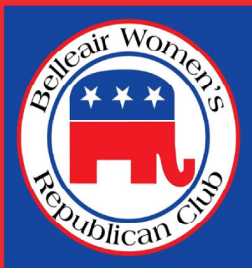
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PAINT THE COUNTY RED RALLY



August 8, 2024

Conversations with Candidates



6 FREE WAYS TO HELP A CANDIDATE

FOLLOW THEM
ON SOCIAL
MEDIA (& INVITE
OTHERS)

KNOCK SOME
DOORS

SHARE, LIKE, &
COMMENT ON
THEIR POSTS

SHARE THEIR
DONATION
LINK WITH
YOUR FRIENDS
AND FAMILY

CONTACT
VOTERS BY
CALLS AND
TEXTS

DISPLAY A
YARD SIGN

INTERESTED IN ELECTION SECURITY/ELECTION INTEGRITY?

Sign up with the RNC at: <https://ProtecttheVote.com/florida/> to get trained to be a Poll Watcher. Or reach Rich Nink @ 321-795-1883 or at RNink@FLVictory.com

INTERESTED IN BEING A POLL WORKER IN PINELLAS COUNTY?

This is a paid position at precincts on Election Day (November 5) and at early voting sites. For voters registered as Republicans in Pinellas County, contact Charlotte Smith @ 727-539-6009 or at info@pinellasRepublicans.com

SAVE THE DATE OCTOBER 5, 2024

PINELLAS GOP 2024 REAGAN DAY DINNER BLUE JEANS & BLAZERS

with Keynote Speaker
SENATOR RICK SCOTT

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WELCOME TO THE NEWEST BWRC MEMBERS

Melinda Algera
Marian Borzelleca
Marisa Fagan
Alesya Izoita
Patricia Marks

PICTURES FROM THE AUGUST BWRC LUNCHEON



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