



BALLOT BOX

NOVEMBER 2025

Lt. Governor Jay Collins to speak at BWRC luncheon

How do you follow the spectacular Belleair Women's Republican Club October luncheon where the state's governor was the featured speaker? Well, BWRC did not have to look far away from the governor's office to find its November special guest. BWRC is once again very honored to announce the speaker at the November 7 luncheon will be Florida's 21st Lieutenant Governor, Jay Collins, who was appointed to the position by Governor Ron DeSantis on August 12, 2025. His duties include serving as acting governor in the absence or disability of the governor and performing tasks assigned by the Governor such as overseeing specific departments or projects.

Florida Lieutenant Governor (LG) Jay Collins is a highly decorated Army Special Forces combat veteran who sustained a number of debilitating injuries that led to the loss of his leg. Remarkably, he continued to serve five additional years as a Green Beret post-amputation, ultimately retiring after more than 23 years of service.

Following his military service, LG Collins took a position with Operation BBQ Relief, overseeing the distribution of millions of meals to Americans following natural disasters and helping veterans and their families by creating culinary delights together. Through his nonprofit work, he heard the concerns of Americans, Americans who want their families to succeed, and their children to have better lives than they did. With this in mind, Jay Collins took the chance and answered the call to public service by running for Florida State Senate, in District 14.

During his tenure as a Florida State Senator, Collins distinguished himself through strategic leadership and legislative impact. As Chair of the Agricultural and Transportation committees, he championed



infrastructure initiatives vital to Florida's economic connections. As a Senator, Collins authored and passed over 55 pieces of legislation and secured more than \$120 million in funding to uplift the Tampa Bay region, support Florida's First Responders and Veterans and invest in premier educational institutions. His proven record of results and vision for Florida's future culminated in his appointment as the 21st Lieutenant Governor of the State of Florida.

A committed family man, Collins has been married to his wife Layla, a retired veteran with 20 years of service in her own right, for 25 years. They have two young sons, Gabe and Colt.

The November luncheon will be a private event for members of BWRC and their personal guests whose names must be submitted with the member's payment. Please do not share information about the luncheon on social media. There will be no walk-ins allowed, and members are advised to reserve a seat early as space is limited and likely to sell out.

The November 7 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, October 27. Mail checks to BWRC at 1350 County Road 1 #57, Dunedin, FL 34697, or send payment using Zelle.

NOVEMBER 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 October 27.

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.

NOVEMBER MENU INFORMATION

Salad: Lettuce, Cranberries,
Almonds & Goat Cheese
w/ Balsamic Vinaigrette

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Sliced Turkey w/ Giblet Gravy

Green Beans w/ Cranberries & Almonds
Candied Sweet Potatoes

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Rolls & Butter

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Pumpkin Pie

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ALTERNATE VEGETARIAN PLATE

Hummus Bowl: Baby Greens, Cucum-
ber, Tomatoes, 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 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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DAY TO REMEMBER

For the first time in Belleair Women's Republican Club's 60 years, the state's governor came to call, and it was a very special day indeed. Governor Ron DeSantis honored BWRC by speaking at the October luncheon to a large and enthusiastic crowd. The club managed to seat 253 persons, a record number of attendees, one of whom was also an honored guest, the Governor's dad Ron DeSantis Sr.

Anticipation built as everyone waited for the Governor to arrive, and finally, after a few quick pictures with the BWRC Board, he entered the dining room to a standing ovation. Quickly called to the podium, he spoke for nearly an hour, outlining his accomplishments during his time in office. He said he is most proud of the policies and actions he took during the Covid-19 pandemic but also referenced gains in education, the economy and personal liberties among many other things.

At the conclusion of his presentation he was joined at the podium by Pinellas County Board of Commissioners Chairman Brian Scott who presented him with a key to the County in recognition of the aid he provided Pinellas after last year's hurricanes.

"Wow, would you look at that!" the obviously pleased Gov. DeSantis exclaimed as he showed the audience the ceremonial key.

The same could have been said by everyone present in reference to this truly special event in BWRC history.



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



Veterans Day Observances

When: November 8,
11 am—4:30 pm

Where: Crest Lake Park
450 South Lake Drive
Clearwater

What: Ceremony, vendors,
live music, family activities,
speeches & more

When: November 11
9:30 am

Where: Curlew Hills
1750 Curlew Road
Palm Harbor

What: Speakers, honor
guard, live patriotic music



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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BWRC membership dues for 2026 are now being collected

Pay \$30 by cash, check or Zelle

The Belleair Women's Republican Executive Committee has voted to set membership dues for 2026 at \$30, a modest \$5 increase over the amount paid for 2025. Club dues have not been raised in several years. With the cost of goods and services continuing to rise, Executive Committee members felt the dues increase is necessary to insure the club can continue to function at a high level, meet its goals and objectives and provide members with a quality experience.

2026 dues are to be paid on or before January 1, 2026. Members can either send a check for \$30 or process a \$30 payment through Zelle. With the 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 busy coming months.

With the 2026 elections in sight, the club needs all of its members to stay active and connected. There is work to do! Failure to pay on time can lead to a member being dropped from the club's membership roster and contact lists. This means communication from the club will cease and opportunities to participate in certain club activities will no longer be possible.

The fiscal year of Belleair Women's Republican Club runs January 1 through December 31. The BWRC Bylaws stipulate membership dues must be paid for the coming year on or before January 1.

WELCOME TO THE NEWEST BWRC MEMBERS AND RETURNING MEMBERS

Angela Barber
Cari Bowers
Mary Carlock
Mary Farnham
Fadia Holzmacher
Jodi Howard
Elise Kay
Debra Kloots
Frances Martin
Natalie Matheny
Lisa Mitchels
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Note your occupation for any donations of
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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 OCTOBER BWRC LUNCHEON



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