



BALLOT BOX

JANUARY 2026

Florida Chief Financial Officer Blaise Ingoglia to speak at BWRC luncheon on January 9



To start what will be an exciting and important year for Belleair Women's Republican Club, another very special guest speaker will be featured at its January 9 luncheon. Blaise Ingoglia, Florida's Chief Financial Officer (CFO), will share information about the state's finances and ways in which he and other Republican office holders are working to enact measures to reduce the financial burdens of their constituents. Note the January luncheon will take place one week later than usual, on January 9 instead of January 2 due to the New Year holiday.

Blaise Ingoglia is a small business owner and conservative warrior taking on the establishment to keep Florida free. He was appointed CFO by Governor Ron DeSantis following the resignation of Jimmy Patronis who resigned to run for Congress. Blaise immediately began a statewide speaking tour for the Florida Department of Government Efficiency and, as CFO, he has worked diligently to lower insurance rates, protect Florida residents' investments and support first responders.

Prior to becoming CFO, Blaise served in the Florida Senate, representing District 11 from 2022 to 2025. Before that, he was a member of the Florida House of Representatives, representing District 35,

from 2014 to 2022. Known as a "conservative pit bull," Blaise led the fight in the Florida Senate to cut taxes, defend parental rights, stand up to the Woke Mob and stop illegal immigration.

Elected Vice Chairman of the Republican Party of Florida (RPOF) in 2011, a few years later Blaise became RPOF Chairman in 2016 and 2018, leading statewide efforts to elect President Donald Trump and Governor DeSantis.

Today, Blaise remains as committed as ever in his fight to tackle government waste and over-reach. He remains dedicated to grassroots conservatives and never backs down from the Radical Left. In his personal life, Blaise is a devoted husband, father and grandfather. He lives in Spring Hill with his wife Julie and their dogs.

The January 9 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 \$40 per person. (Please note price change.) Reservations and payment due to arrive no later than noon on Friday, January 2. Mail checks to BWRC at 1350 County Road 1 #57, Dunedin, FL 34697, or send payment using Zelle.

JANUARY MEETING INFORMATION

Friday, January 9

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 \$38 check made payable to
BWRC or electronic payment
is due by January 2.

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.

JANUARY MENU INFORMATION

Caesar Salad

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Sliced London Broil w/
Mushroom Sauce

Truffle Mashed Potatoes &
Green Beans Almondine

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Rolls & Butter

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Apple Pie w/ Caramel Sauce

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ALTERNATE VEGETARIAN PLATE

Butternut Squash Ravioli w/
Creamy Sage Sauce &
Broccoli/Cauliflower Mix

ALTERNATE VEGAN PLATE:

Chef's Choice

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,

As we welcome a new year, I want to wish you all the best of health and happiness for 2026. The Belleair Women’s Republican Club is going to be very busy supporting many Republican candidates and then electing Republican officials who are anticipating a new term.

The news in December brought highs and lows. There was a Republican win in Pasco County with Dr. Ralph Massullo defeating Democrat Ash Marah in a special election to fill the Florida Senate seat vacated last July when Blaise Ingoglia was appointed Florida’s Chief Financial Officer. But there was a Republican loss when the people of the City of Miami voted a Democrat in as their new mayor for the first time in nearly 30 years.

In all elections, every vote is important, and our club has to make sure to exercise our sphere of influence with family, neighbors and friends. Let them know how important it is to vote and share with them the credentials of the Republicans who are running for office.

What else can we do? There is much to do, such as phone calling at phone banks, sign waving, brochure distributions and registering more Republicans to vote. We can also support candidates at their rallies and fundraisers. There is a need for us to also step up and work at voting precincts. It is a paid position, and they will train you. (We will have registration information for you in the spring.) And just telling five people a day facts you learned from the speakers at BWRC meetings puts us ahead in the game. And finally , donations. If you support a special candidate send them a donation. Every dollar counts.

Enjoy the season. Spend time with family and friends and we look forward to seeing you all in 2026.

Corinne Steinhardt
BWRC President



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Donation to Hero to a Child brings joy to kids



Hero to a Child Executive Director Erin Authier-Lohr, left, accepts a packet of checks, cash and gift cards from BWRC President Corinne Steinhart at the charity's Pinellas County Holiday Magic toy distribution event.

Each holiday season, Belleair Women's Republican Club conducts a collection of donations from members to benefit a local charity. For many years, that charity has been Hero to a Child, which was previously known as Guardian ad Litem. Many thousands of dollars have been contributed by generous BWRC donors over the years, making the club one of the organization's largest financial supporters.

In 2025, more money was contributed to the effort than ever before. Donations collected at the December luncheon, along with monies sent in by other members and by members' participating foundations, totaled over \$10,000. Needless to say, Hero to a Child staff members were thrilled and very grateful to receive these funds.

President Corinne Steinhart visited the Hero to a Child Holiday Magic toy distribution event held at Raymond Jame offices to hand over the club's donation. The four-day event provides gifts for 1500 foster children, with foster parents allowed to select three items, all of which are new, for each child. The event has a budget of \$250,000. More money is then needed to provide presents for "late shelter" children who come into the foster program after the Holiday Magic event is over. Other initiatives in support of area foster children continue throughout the year, and more funds are always needed. Anyone who missed the opportunity to donate in December may still do so. Mail a check made out to Hero to a Child Foundation to the club's address, and it will be brought to them. Thank you to everyone who participated in this worthy and important effort to bring joy and support to area children.

Newsletter Ads

\$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.

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



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.

Contributions are not deductible for federal income tax purposes. Paid political advertisement paid for by Belleair Republican PC, P.O. Box 20252, St. Petersburg, FL 33742.

BWRC membership dues for 2026 were due by January 1

Pay \$30 by cash, check or Zelle

The fiscal year of Belleair Women's Republican Club runs January 1 through December 31, and, per BWRC Bylaws, 2026 dues are to be paid on or before January 1. Members can either send a check for \$30 or process a \$30 payment through Zelle. (Please send separate checks and Zelle payments for dues and luncheons.) The club's ability to provide quality events, speakers and programs to its members depends on the financial support provided by member dues, and with the 2026 elections in sight, the club needs all of its members to stay active and connected.

Failure to pay dues 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.

WELCOME TO THE NEWEST BWRC MEMBERS

Peri Craven
Kathleen Deegan
Karen DeSantis
Colleen Fairbanks
Mary Louise Galea
Kathryn Garcia
Rhonda Holthaus
Susan Kuehn
Josephine Mangiarelli
Susan Still
Chrissie Waddell



BWRC LUNCHEONS

- **Q—If I make a reservation for a luncheon but find I cannot come, can I get a refund or forward my payment to a future luncheon?**

A—If you notify the club's reservation treasurer prior to the final count being given to Belleair Country Club, probably yes. If that deadline has passed, sorry no. The club is obligated to pay for the number of reservations made with the country club each month whether or not all attend.

- **Q—Is there a way to expedite check-in at the luncheon?**
A—Yes! Please look for the designated alphabetical check-in signs and go straight to the line for your last name.

TAKE NOTE



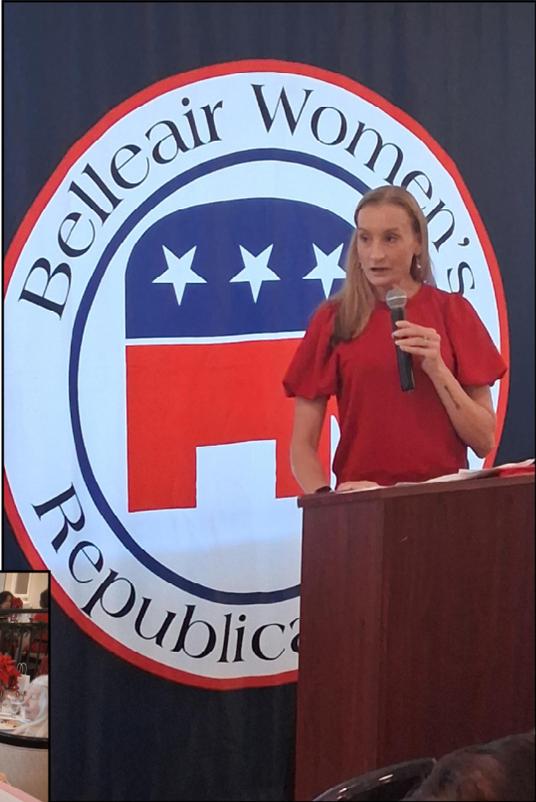
Important Information

- ♦ 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.



Nominations are now being accepted for the 2026 BWRC Outstanding Member Award. Please see the award criteria sheet and nomination form on pages 8 and 9 of this newsletter and make a nomination.

PICTURES FROM THE DECEMBER BWRC LUNCHEON



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



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Thursdays, Jan 29 & Feb 5

6:30 pm to 9:30 pm

— OR —

Saturday, January 31

10:00 am to 3:00 pm

— OR —

Saturday, February 7

10:00 am to 3:00 pm

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727.871.1717 (option 3)

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