



The Forum

August 2018

This month the meeting is at the Twin Isles Country Club and reservations must be made or cancelled no later than Wednesday, August 1

PEACE RIVER FEDERATED REPUBLICAN WOMEN'S FORUM

P.O. Box 511985 • Punta Gorda, FL • 33951-1985

August Speakers: Candidates for the Charlotte County Airport Authority



Kathleen Coppola is running for one more term on the Airport Authority District 4 to see the north side of the Airport developed. After Hurricane Charley destroyed the airport in 2004, she has been involved in the planning. The new terminal offers state-of-the-art baggage handling systems, modest but functional office complex, free 2-hour parking to drop off and pick up passengers and a restaurant. They are redoing the runways, updating the ILS landing systems, and enlarging the long-term parking area with trams to bring people to the terminal. The north side of the Airport, when developed, will house Western Michigan University, which will teach pilot training and mechanics to work on aircraft.



- **Rob Hancik** (running for CCAA District 2) qualified as the only Commissioner with extensive aviation experience.
- 32 years Director of Aviation, Springfield/Branson National Airport
- Accredited Airport Executive by American Association Airport Executives.
- Recipient AAAE 1998 Distinguished Service Award
- President Great Lakes Chapter American Association Airport Executives & Missouri Airport Managers Association
- Airport Council International-N.A. Board Member
- 2017 Missouri Airport Managers Association Lifetime Achievement Award



Julie Price's career brought her to Charlotte County in 2006 when she began working for Medtronic, a global medical device company, representing their spine and biologics division. She quickly became involved in the community just to meet people and fell in love with the lifestyle and generosity of the residents. She is running for Charlotte County Airport Authority District 2 because she believes we can grow responsibly, while preserving the best parts of our community. The Airport Authority needs a fresh perspective, it needs a business perspective, and it needs a community perspective. The Punta Gorda Airport is a significant economic driver that can benefit us all.



Stan Smith retired in 2016 after 32 years as Captain with United Airlines. He is running for CCAA District 4. His aviation experience also includes establishing and owning two air charter operations and being Director of Training for a regional airline. Stan is currently President of the Experimental Aircraft Association (EAA); has multiple FAA Pilot Ratings, including Airline Transport; is a Certified Flight and Advanced Ground Instructor; and is on the Advisory Committee for the Punta Gorda Airport 20-Year Master Plan. Stan's wife of 41 years, Linda Smith, is also a retired Captain with Continental Airlines. They are also actively involved in the planning of the 2018 Florida International Airshow.

Forum Meeting Wednesday, August 8, 2018

Twin Isles Country Club
301 Madrid Blvd. • Punta Gorda, FL
Social: 11:30 A.M.-Noon
Lunch & Meeting: Noon-1:00 P.M.

Menu

- House Salad with Balsamic Vinaigrette
- Sliced London Broil with Oven-Dried Tomatoes, Portobello Mushrooms and Merlot Sauce
- Mashed Potatoes
- Fresh Green Beans
- Bread & Butter
- Chocolate Silk Pie
- Coffee • Iced Tea • Decaf

Members: \$20 • Guests: \$22

For reservations, please contact:

Dora Smith

by noon on the Wednesday preceding the meeting

email:

peacriverforum@gmail.com

or call: 941-916-7224

Use PayPal for advance reservations and memberships here:
www.charlottetgop.com/peace_river_forum (Payment Services).

LUNCHEON CANCELLATIONS
Please email peacriverforum@gmail.com or call 941-916-7224 no later than Wednesday noon prior to the meeting. Late cancellations may be charged to the Member, and invoices may be issued for payment for all no-shows and late cancellations.

INFORMATION CHANGES
If you have a change of name, address, telephone or email address, please contact Joette Maynard (941-457-0271) or email her on: joettemaynard@comcast.net

The Minutes

The July 11, 2018 meeting for the Peace River Federated Women's Forum was held at the Isles Yacht Club in Punta Gorda. The meeting was called to order by President Debbie Harrington at 12:03 pm. President Harrington gave the invocation and also led the group in The Pledge of Allegiance. The June minutes were approved as they were presented. The Treasurer's report was approved as presented to be filed.

President Harrington opened the floor for any unfinished business at which time there was a discussion about who the nominees for the Nomination Committee should be. The persons named as nominees were Pam Seay, Jae Williams, Martha Martin, and as an alternate Nancy Prafke. The nominations were then closed. It was also asked of the group for any assistance that could be provided to Jane Sturges with reaching out for new members.

Officers Present: Debbie Harrington, President; Vanessa Oliver, Vice President; Joette Maynard, Treasurer; Christine Lee, Assistant Treasurer, Monica Woodmansee, Secretary.

Dignitaries Present: Steve Russell, Florida State Attorney; Amira Fox, Assistant State Attorney; Jae Williams, Legislative Assistant; Cynthia Beckett, District Aide; Vickie Potts, Charlotte County Tax Collector; Rachel Keesling, Punta Gorda City Mayor, District 2; Nancy Prafke, Punta Gorda City Council, District 5.

Candidates for Elected Office Present: Cathy Janiak, Cara Reynolds, and Geri Waksler, all for School Board District 1.

New Members and Guests: Kristine Lawson (new member), Patricia Rusca (new member), Carol Hyatt, Bobbie Waksler, Rich Janiak, Stacy Mininsolm, Michelle DiBerardino, Sandra Cheek, Betty Barriga, Chad McCrory, Jim Druyor.

Announcements: A reminder that the August and September Forum will be held at the Twin Isles Country Club located at 301 Madrid Blvd. in Punta Gorda. They do require a week in advance notice for lunches so please make a note of this and be sure to call your reservation in by Monday July 30th to allow time to make sure everyone is

accounted for. Some members were able to attend the Sunshine Summit that took place recently. The speakers for the August Forum will be from the Airport Authority. It was also recommended that anyone interested in utilizing an absentee ballot make sure that they have a current request on file with the Charlotte County Supervisor of Elections as they do expire.

Program: We had the pleasure of having three speakers, all which are running for Charlotte County School Board District 1. The speakers consisted of Cathy Janiak, Cara Reynolds, and Geri Waksler (named alphabetically) and each speaker was allowed 10 minutes to tell the attendees about their background, what they stand for and what they plan to do if elected. The floor was then opened up for questions and each candidate was given the opportunity to answer each question. The program proved to be very informative and we appreciate their time.

Respectfully submitted,
Monica Woodmansee,
Secretary

Treasurer's Report

PRFRWF Check Register Balance (05/31/18)	\$4,803.18
Receipts:	
Luncheon income	1,120.13
Membership	75.00
Total receipts	1,195.13
Disbursements:	
Luncheon	-1,080.14
Deposit for Twin Isles	-200.00
Total disbursements	-1,280.14
PRFRWF Check Register Balance (06/30/18)	4,718.17
\$Petty cash on hand	100.00
PRFRWF Balance (06/30/18)	\$4,818.17



July's speakers running for Charlotte County School Board Dist. 1 (standing, L-R): **Cara Reynolds, Geri Waksler and Cathy Janiak.**

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