



The Forum

May 2018

PEACE RIVER FEDERATED REPUBLICAN WOMEN'S FORUM

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

May Speaker: Ashley Moody, **Candidate for State Attorney General**



Ashley Moody, a fifth-generation Floridian, was born and raised in Hillsborough County. She attended the University of Florida where she earned her bachelors and masters degrees in accounting and juris doctor. She later attended Stetson University College of Law earning a Masters of Law in International Law.

Ashley began her legal career with the law firm of Holland & Knight where she practiced commercial litigation. While at Holland & Knight, she was recognized as one of Tampa Bay's "40 under 40" distinguished lawyers for her professional and civic contributions. While in private practice, she volunteered assisting domestic violence victims complete injunction petitions and served on a Victims of Crime Act Grant Review Committee.

Ashley subsequently joined the United States Attorney's Office prosecuting drug, firearm, and fraud offenses. While a federal prosecutor, Ashley was commended by the DEA for prosecutorial excellence and outstanding initiative in drug law enforcement. She was also recognized by the Florida Department of Law Enforcement for her lead of "Operation Round-Up," a targeted prosecution of violent and repeat offenders.

In 2006, at the age of 31, Ashley became the youngest judge in Florida when she was elected Circuit Court Judge of the Thirteenth Judicial Circuit in Hillsborough County. As a judge, she founded the Attorney Ad Litem program recruiting volunteer attorneys to stand in the place of parents who did not appear in court with their children. She also developed a mentoring program for at-risk children within the juvenile delinquency system. Ashley previously served as the President of two American Inns of Court and Chairperson of both the Pro Bono and Professionalism Committees for Hillsborough County.

Ashley served as an adjunct professor at Stetson University College of Law and on the judicial faculty for Florida's New Judges College, Advanced Judicial Studies, and the Circuit Judges Conference. She is a frequent lecturer on crime and justice as well as best practices for Florida attorneys. In 2015, Judge Moody was recognized by the national Legal Services Corporation for her significant contributions to pro bono legal service and was awarded the Florida Supreme Court's Distinguished Judicial Service Award.

Ashley lives with her husband, Justin, a federal law enforcement agent, in Tampa, Florida with their two sons, Brandon and Connor.

Forum Meeting

Wednesday, May 9, 2018

Isles Yacht Club

1780 W. Marion Ave. • Punta Gorda, FL

Social: 11:30 A.M.-Noon

Lunch & Meeting: Noon-1:00 P.M.

Menu

Mixed Salad Greens, Tomato,
Cucumber & Onion with
Balsamic Dressing

Grilled Salmon with
Lemon Beurre Blanc

Roasted Potatoes

Chef's Choice of
Fresh Vegetables

Bread & Butter

Cookie

Coffee • Iced Tea • Decaf

Members: \$20 • Guests: \$22

For reservations, please contact:

Dora Smith

**by noon on the Friday preceding
the meeting**

email:

peacriverforum@gmail.com

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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:
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The Minutes

The April 11, 2018 meeting of The Peace River Federated Women's Forum was held at the Isles Yacht Club in Punta Gorda. The meeting was called to order by Assistant Treasurer Christine Lee at 12:05 p.m. Barbara Anderson gave an invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance. The Treasurer's report was presented and approved. The March minutes were approved as presented. The speakers were introduced by Monica Woodmansee.

Officers Present: Joette Maynard, Treasurer; Christine Lee, Assistant Treasurer; Monica Woodmansee, Secretary.

Dignitaries Present: Michael Grant, Florida State Representative District #75; Cynthia Beckett, District Aide for Rep. Mike Grant; Dr. Julio Gonzalez, Florida State Representative District #74; Vickie Brill, District Aide; Vickie Potts, Charlotte County Tax Collector; Jae Williams, Legislative Aide for Sen. Grimsley; Lynne Matthews, Punta Gorda City Council District #4; and Deborah McMullen, Republican State Committeewoman.

Announcements: The 2018 membership directory was available. Thank you to Sally Lightbourn for the work on preparing the directory. Thank you also to all sponsors that make the directory possible. The Trump-Reagan Dinner was Saturday April 7, 2018, with 171 in attendance. It is strongly recommended that you make a standing reservation for Peace River Forum meetings, so you do not have to worry about calling in each month.

Program: Our guest speakers were Michael Grant, Florida State Representative District #75 and Dr. Julio Gonzalez, State Representative District #74. The program consisted of both speakers giving us a legislative update. They both opened up time for questions and answers.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:07 p.m. Our next meeting will be held at the Isles Yacht Club on May 9, 2018.

Respectively Submitted,
Monica Woodmansee
Secretary

From the April Meeting . . .



April's speaker Rep. Julio Gonzalez



Treasurer's Report

PRFRWF Check Register Balance (02/28/18) **\$5,905.50**

Receipts:

Luncheon income 952.00
Membership Dues 110.00
Directory ad payment 100.00

Total receipts 1,162.00

Disbursements:

Luncheon -1,020.13
Monarch Printing for business cards -191.53
Supplies -6.36
FFRW Conference - 195.00

Total disbursements -1,413.02

PRFRWF Check Register Balance (03/31/18) **\$5,654.48**

Petty cash on hand 100.00

PRFRWF Balance (03/31/18) **\$5,754.48**



Monica Woodmansee, April's speaker Rep. Mike Grant and Christine Lee.

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