



# The Forum

June 2018

PEACE RIVER FEDERATED REPUBLICAN WOMEN'S FORUM

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

## June Speakers: Candidates for U.S. House of Representatives District 17



**Bill Atkins** was born in Arizona in 1949, joined the Army in 1966 and was honorably discharged in May 1976. He worked in retail management and insurance in the Dallas, TX area until moving to Florida. In 2010 Bill retired and became involved with Veterans causes. He became the Fundraising Director for the Vietnam Memorial Wall of Southwest Florida, which was dedicated on November 5, 2016 in Laishley Park in Punta Gorda.

Bill has never been as motivated to make a change as now — not only for veterans, but for the farmers, ranchers and the great people of Southwest Florida.



Dr. **Julio Gonzalez** was born in Miami after his parents fled Cuba's communist regime in 1961. He is an Orthopedic Surgeon practicing in Venice, FL, and is a veteran of the U.S. Navy, State Representative, attorney, and a conservative author and constitutionalist.

Dr. Gonzalez has written two books on the United States Constitution and on federal health care policy, *Health Care Reform: The Truth* and *The Federalist Pages*. His passion for the Constitution has resulted in his website — [TheFederalistPages.com](http://TheFederalistPages.com) — housing more than 40 podcasts on the issues of the day. He is also a co-host of a conservative radio show, *Right Talk America* with Julio and Rod.



Senator **Greg Steube** proudly serves Senate District 23 in the Florida Senate. He was elected to the Florida Senate in 2016. Currently, he is the Chairman of the Judiciary Committee, and the Vice Chairman of Banking and Insurance Committee. He also serves on the Agriculture Committee, Appropriations Subcommittee on Finance and Tax, Appropriations Subcommittee on Pre-K-12 Education, the Regulated Industries Committee, the Children's, and Elder Affairs Committee and the Joint Public Council Oversight Committee. Previously, Senator Steube served in the Florida House of Representatives for 6 years.

## Forum Meeting

Wednesday, June 13, 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

Spinach Salad with Chopped  
Egg, Mushrooms and  
Hot Bacon Dressing

Grilled Flank Steak w/ Pan Jus  
Whipped 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](mailto:peacriverforum@gmail.com)**

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### 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](mailto:joettemaynard@comcast.net)

## The Minutes

The May 9, 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 President Deb Harrington at 12:05 p.m. President Harrington gave an invocation and Sally Lightbourn led the Pledge of Allegiance. The April minutes were approved as presented. The Treasurer's report was presented and approved. The speaker Ashley Moody, candidate for Attorney General was introduced by Christine Lee.

**Officers Present:** Debbie Harrington, President; Joette Maynard, Treasurer; and Christine Lee, Assistant Treasurer.

**Dignitaries Present:** Michael Grant, District 75 State Rep; Steve Russell, Florida State Attorney; Cynthia Beckett, District Aide for Michael Grant; Jae Williams, Legislative Assistant to Senator Grimsley; Kim Amontree, CC School Board, Dist. 2; Vickie Potts, Tax Collector; Kathleen Coppola, CC Airport Auth Dist 4; Deborah McMullan, State Rep Committeewoman; Guest Speaker, Ashley Moody, Candidate for AG State of Florida; Guests: Erica Geiger, Aide to Ashley Moody; Kathie Green; David Lane; new associate member Deborah Hanick; and new member Carole Bayne.

**Announcements:** Pres. Harrington acknowledged Dora Smith reservation chair on the new name tags she created

for us. She also acknowledged Sally Lightbourn for her work with the Directory and said Jane Sturges, membership chair has directories to those who have not received any. President Harrington noted that the business cards we had printed are being used and if any members would like more please see Jane. These business cards have given us the opportunity we need to bring new members into the club. If you would like standing reservation, please see Dora Smith. Next month speakers will be State Representative District #74 Julio Gonzales and State Senator Greg Steube and Bill Atkins candidates for U.S. Congress District 17.

**The Program:** Ashley Moody spoke on her education and work experience as attorney and judge. Ashley wants to be our next Attorney General. Mike Grant took the stand and endorsed and recommended Ashley Moody. Ashley will be having a fundraiser in Charlotte County May 24 and we are all invited. We will send out more information as we get it.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:00 p.m. Our next meeting will be held at the Isles Yacht Club on June 13, 2018.

Respectfully submitted,  
Christine Lee  
*Acting Secretary*

## From the May Meeting . . .



## Treasurer's Report

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

### Receipts:

Luncheon income ..... 981.06  
Membership Dues ..... 225.00  
Directory ad payment ..... 10.00

Total receipts ..... 1,216.06

### Disbursements:

Luncheon ..... -940.12  
Monarch Printing for the Directory ..... -192.60  
Reimbursement for supplies ..... - 62.62

Total disbursements ..... -1,195.24

PRFRWF Check Register Balance (04/30/18) ..... **5,675.30**

\$Petty cash on hand ..... 100.00

PRFRWF Balance (04/30/18) ..... **\$5,775.30**



Pres. **Debbie Harrington** and May's speaker **Ashley Moody**

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