



# The Forum

## December 2018

Happy Holidays



### PEACE RIVER FEDERATED REPUBLICAN WOMEN'S FORUM

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#### President's Message of December 2018

As President of the Peace River Federated Republican Women's Forum, I'd like to convey my heartfelt thanks to all of our members for your support this year. I also am extremely grateful and thank the Officers and Executive Committee for a job "well done." As we head rapidly into 2019, I implore everyone to consider their preferences to offer their skills and talents in order to prepare *now* for the 2020 Elections. We saw many Republican candidates win by sliver-thin margins, and we saw many Republican candidates lose by sliver-thin margins. Florida came fearfully close to electing a progressive Democrat as Governor. Imagine what Florida would become had that happened. *But* never lose sight that it still could happen. We must be vigilant. We gained another Republican Senator, and now we must work hard to keep them both.

Debbie Harrington, *President*

I encourage you to continue to attend our monthly meetings, ask questions of our speakers, and hold elected officials accountable to their campaign promises. Invite your friends, neighbors, and new residents you meet to attend our meetings. We must continue to increase our membership. Volunteer to work on behalf of Republican candidates when they file to run for office; apply to become an elected Precinct Committeewoman or Committeeman. Opportunities abound for volunteers who will be desperately needed for the heavy lifting in 2020. Understand and educate others of the importance of continuing the Trump Presidency!

Most of all, pray daily for our country, our elected officials, and for our military and their families. Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays, Happy Hanukkah, Happy New Year and May God Bless America!

#### Forum Meeting

Wednesday, December 12, 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

Tomato, Bacon and  
Bibb Lettuce with  
Balsamic Vinaigrette

Grilled Salmon with  
Lemon Butter

Rice

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)**

**or call: 941-916-7224**

#### Voting for the 2019 Board of Directors

The slate of 2019 officers presented by the Nominating Committee — Pam Seay, Martha Martin, Jae Williams and Nancy Prafke — will stand for election by active members in attendance at the December 12, 2018 Forum meeting. As always, nominations from the floor will be accepted.

*President* ..... Debbie Harrington  
*Vice President* ..... Shaune Freeland  
*Treasurer* ..... Joette Maynard  
*Assistant Treasurer* ..... Vickie Potts  
*Secretary* ..... Monica Woodmansee

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#### LUNCHEON CANCELLATIONS

Please email [peacriverforum@gmail.com](mailto:peacriverforum@gmail.com) or call 941-916-7224 no later than Friday 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](mailto:joettemaynard@comcast.net)

## The Minutes

The November 14, 2018 meeting of the Peace River Federated Republican Women's Forum was held at the Isles Yacht Club in Punta Gorda. The meeting was called to order by the President Debbie Harrington at 12:00 noon. Debbie Harrington, President provided the invocation and Stephanie Kissinger led the group with the Pledge of Allegiance. The Treasurer's Report was filed and approved. The October meeting minutes were approved as presented.

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

**Dignitaries Present:** Michael Grant, State Representative District 75; Cynthia Beckett, District Aide; Jae Williams, Legislative Assistant; Cara

Reynolds, Charlotte County School Board, District 1 (sworn in November 20, 2018); Roger Eaton, Charlotte County Clerk of Court; Vickie Potts, Charlotte County Tax Collector; Paul Polk, Charlotte County Property Appraiser; Lynne Matthews, Punta Gorda City Council, District 4; Nancy Prafke, Punta Gorda City Council, District 5; Lindsay Harrington, Chairman of the Republican Executive Committee.

**Guests Present:** Pam Biggs and Chris Freeland.

**New Business:** The current members of the Nomination Committee are Martha Martin, Pam Seay, Nancy Prafke and Jae Williams. The forum is looking to fill the positions for Vice President and Assistant Treasurer. If anyone is interested, please let the Nominations Committee know as soon as possible as elections for the coming year will take place at

the December 12, 2018 Forum meeting.

**Announcements:** Lindsay Harrington spoke about all the hard work that the election volunteers made such as door knockers, callers, and attending Trump's visits to name a few.

**Program:** The Forum's guest speaker for November was Roger Eaton, Charlotte County Clerk of Court. Roger spoke of the promises he made during his campaign and of those promises what he has accomplished. He also spoke of up-coming changes and improvements that he and his staff would like to continue working on.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:00 p.m. by Debbie Harrington. The next meeting will be December 12, 2018.

Respectfully submitted,  
Monica Woodmansee  
*Secretary*

### Treasurer's Report

PRFRWF Check Register Balance (09/30/18) .....	<b>\$5,121.15</b>
 Receipts:	
Luncheon income .....	904.25
Membership .....	<u>60.00</u>
Total receipts .....	964.25
 Disbursements:	
Luncheon .....	-940.12
Phone .....	<u>-28.15</u>
Total disbursements .....	-968.27
PRFRWF Check Register Balance (10/31/18) .....	<b>5,117.13</b>
\$Petty cash on hand .....	<u>100.00</u>
PRFRWF Balance (10/31/18) .....	<b>\$5,217.13</b>



**Paul Polk**, Charlotte County Property Appraiser; **Cara Reynolds**, Charlotte County School Board; and **Roger Eaton**, Charlotte County Clerk of Court.

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