



The Forum

January 2019



PEACE RIVER FEDERATED REPUBLICAN WOMEN'S FORUM

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

Speaker: Stephen R. Deutsch, Charlotte County Commissioner, District 4

Stephen R. Deutsch enlisted in the United States Coast Guard and went on active duty after graduating high school in New York City. Following his honorable discharge he completed under graduate studies at Wagner College in N.Y.C. earning a B.S. degree in economics and business.

Accepting a YMCA Youth Director position in N.J. in just 3 years Stephen R.'s extemporaneous performance led him to a Y Directorship in R.I. He went on to earn graduate degrees in MA. and R.I. Professionally he has served as city and town planner, Economic Development, Adult Education, Housing Authority and Community Development Directors. He successfully ran his own real estate and development business for 30 years. Elected Town Councilman, State Representative and State Senator in Rhode Island he "retired" to Port Charlotte 15 years ago.

Elected County Commissioner Stephen has demonstrated that his unmatched educational and experiential background is only amplified by his impressive work ethic and dedication to serving the people of Charlotte County.

In 18 years of elected service Stephen R. Deutsch has never missed a session or a vote. His only goal is to make Charlotte County better for our children and grandchildren. Commissioner Deutsch has a long history of involvement in our community. He has been active at his church, the Homeless Coalition, Habitat for Humanity, YMCA, several veterans groups and numerous other organizations. Deutsch is a faith driven man who believes it is important to "give back". He has demonstrated his leadership and ability to work well with others by building bridges of co-operation with all segments of our community. His accessibility and dedication to the people of Charlotte County is unmatched. Stephen R. has served as Vice Chairman of the Commission, as Chairman of the West Coast Inland Navigation District (WCIND) and is presently Chairman of the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO).



Forum Meeting

Wednesday, January 9, 2019

Isles Yacht Club

1780 W. Marion Ave. • Punta Gorda, FL

Social: 11:30 A.M.-Noon

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

Menu

House Salad with
Pomegranate Vinaigrette

Chicken Stir Fry over Rice Pilaf

Bread & Butter

Cookie

Coffee • Iced Tea • Decaf

Members: \$20 • Guests: \$22

For reservations, please contact:

Trish Ruska

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

email:

peacriverforum@gmail.com

or call: 941-916-7224

2019 Dues are Due

no later than

February 28, 2019

for you to be included in the

2019 Peace River Forum Directory

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

LUNCHEON CANCELLATIONS

Please email 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

The Minutes

The December 12, 2018 meeting of the Peace River Federated Republican's Forum was held at the Isles Yacht Club in Punta Gorda. The meeting was called to order by the President Debbie Harrington at 12:01 p.m. Debbie Harrington, President provided the invocation and Pam Seay led the group with the Pledge of Allegiance. The Treasurer's Report was filed and approved. The November minutes were approved as presented.

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

Dignitaries Present: Steve Russell, Florida State Attorney; Amira Fox, Assistant State Attorney; Vickie Potts, Charlotte County Tax Collector; Pam Seay, Charlotte County Airport Authority, District 1; Deborah McMullen, Republican State

Committeewoman; Lindsay Harrington, Chairman of Charlotte County Republican Party.

Guests Present: Lilly Canfield

New Business: The membership dues have not increased over the last year. We encourage you to renew your membership for 2019. Check out our Facebook under Peace River Federated Republican Women's Forum or our website at www.peaceriverforum.com.

We heard from Steve Russell as this is his last forum before leaving office as Florida State Attorney. Lindsay Harrington thanked all those who volunteered with the REC.

Nominations for the 2019 Board were led and held by Pam Seay as the Forum's Nomination Chair. All slated nominees were approved and accepted on the board for 2019. The slated and approved nominees are Debbie Harrington, President; Shaune Freeland,

Vice President; Joette Maynard, Treasurer; Vickie Potts, Assistant Treasurer; and Monica Woodmansee, Secretary. Debbie Harrington recognized all current board members and the variety of chairs that help make the Forum a success.

Debbie thanked the wait staff and presented them with the money collected over the past few weeks. There was a total of \$600 collected and they were very appreciative.

The January 9, 2019 meeting will be held at the Isles Yacht Club. The guest speaker for the January forum will be Stephen Deutsch, Charlotte County Commission, District 4. The meeting was adjourned at 1:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Monica Woodmansee
Secretary

Treasurer's Report

PRFRWF Check Register Balance (10/31/18) **\$5,117.13**

Receipts:

Luncheon income 823.97
Membership 30.00

Total receipts 853.97

Disbursements:

Luncheon -860.11

Total disbursements -860.11

PRFRWF Check Register Balance (11/30/18) **5,110.99**

\$Petty cash on hand 100.00

PRFRWF Balance (11/30/18) **\$5,210.99**



2019 PEACE RIVER FORUM BOARD OF DIRECTORS

(L-R): **Vickie Potts**, Assistant Treasurer; **Joette Maynard**, Treasurer; **Monica Woodmansee**, Secretary; and **Debbie Harrington**, President. *Absent: Shaune Freeland*, Vice President.

2019 Peace River Forum Board of Directors

President Deborah L. Harrington
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