



The Forum

February 2019

PEACE RIVER FEDERATED REPUBLICAN WOMEN'S FORUM

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

Speaker: Nancy Prafke, Mayor of Punta Gorda

Originally from Springfield, Ohio, Nancy moved to Punta Gorda in 2005 from Evergreen, Colorado. She began volunteering in Burnt Store Isles where she and her husband John live. Nancy was drawn to helping our community get back on its feet after Hurricane Charley and began volunteering with TEAM Punta Gorda, a grass-roots civic organization, in 2006. She became the volunteer CEO at the end of 2007 and provided leadership that resulted in the completion of many collaborative solutions for our community. During her tenure, Nancy worked with many government and civic leaders throughout Punta Gorda and Charlotte County. She resigned her CEO position in April 2013, to run for City Council.



Nancy also served as Ride Director of the annual Punta Gorda Pedal and Play in Paradise Bicycle Tour from 2011 to 2013 that brought riders to our community from all over Florida and beyond; was a recipient of the 2012 Joanie Award for her exceptional commitment to volunteerism and leadership; serves on the Board of Directors of the Punta Gorda History Center; is a member of the Punta Gorda and Charlotte County Chambers of Commerce; is a graduate of Leadership Charlotte Class of 2009; and is an active University of Florida Master Gardener.

With experience in education and retailing, Nancy spent most of her career in telecommunications with AT&T and subsequent spin-offs Lucent Technologies and Avaya. She is a graduate of Bowling Green State University, BS; The Ohio State University, MS; and Colorado State University, MBA.

Nancy believes "We need to support existing businesses and attract new ones to create more jobs. Attracting a diverse population of young and old year-round residents will help sustain our business community. We must move forward while maintaining our city's unique charm and personality. There's a quality of life here you can't find elsewhere."

Forum Meeting

Wednesday, February 13, 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

Tomato, Bacon and Bib
Lettuce with Balsamic Dressing

Beef Tips over Noodles

Fresh Vegetables

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:

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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 January 9, 2019 meeting of the Peace River Federated Republican Women's Forum was held at the Isles Yacht Club in Punta Gorda, Florida. The meeting was called to order by the President, Debbie Harrington at 12:03 p.m. Debbie Harrington provided the invocation and Joy Kiser led the group with the Pledge of Allegiance. The Treasurer's Report was filed as approved. The December minutes were approved as presented.

Officers Present: President, Debbie Harrington; Vice President, Shaune Freeland; Treasurer, Joette Maynard; Assistant Treasurer, Vickie Potts; and Secretary, Monica Woodmansee.

Dignitaries Present: Jae Williams, Legislative Assistant; Cynthia Beckett, District Aide; Stephen Deutsch, Charlotte County Commissioner, District 4; Vickie Potts, Charlotte County Tax Collector; Pam Seay, Charlotte County Airport Authority, District 1; Kathleen Coppola, Charlotte County Airport Authority, District 4; Nancy Prafke, Punta Gorda City

Council, District 5 and City of Punta Gorda Mayor; Deborah McMullen, Republican State Committeewoman.

Guests Present: Nina Stamoulis, West Charlotte County Republican Club, Secretary; Lisa Edy, West Charlotte County Republican Club, Treasurer; Chris Freeland; Brittany Williamson; Jamie Duke.

Announcements: Please be considerate of our reservation deadlines and the work of our Reservations Chair by calling or emailing your RSVP prior to the final deadline, which is the Friday prior to our meeting. Consider making a standing reservation which eliminates the need to RSVP, unless you will not be attending. The Forum Directory is in production. Businesses and individuals can buy ads for our directory online through PayPal. They are \$50 for 1/2 page or \$10 for a name listing. Please support The Forum with this project. Our February speaker will be Nancy Prafke, City of Punta Gorda Mayor. Membership dues are now due. Payments can be made online or by

check. See any officer or Executive Committee Member if you need a New Member Form. You can also visit our website at www.peaceriverforum.com. In order to be listed in The Forum Directory your dues must be paid no later than February 28, 2019.

Program: Our guest speaker for January was Stephen R. Deutsch, Charlotte County Commissioner, District 4. Commissioner Deutsch spoke about his several accomplishments and his history as commissioner. Mr. Deutsch spoke about the William R. Gaines Veteran's Memorial Park. For more information about the park and foundation you can go to www.wrgainesjr.org. Mr. Deutsch also spoke of a fundraiser that will be held February 16, 2019 at 3:00pm at American Legion Post #103 located at 2101 Taylor Road Punta Gorda.

The meeting adjourned at 1:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Monica Woodmansee
Secretary

Treasurer's Report

PRFRWF Check Register Balance (11/30/18)	\$5,110.99
Receipts:	
Luncheon income	764.00
Membership	<u>800.00</u>
Total receipts	\$1,564.00
Disbursements:	
Luncheon	-760.10
Total disbursements	<u>-760.10</u>
PRFRWF Check Register Balance (12/31/18)	5,914.89
\$Petty cash on hand	<u>100.00</u>
PRFRWF Balance (12/31/18)	\$6,014.89



2019 PEACE RIVER FORUM BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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

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