



The Forum

April 2019

PEACE RIVER FEDERATED REPUBLICAN WOMEN'S FORUM

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

April Speaker: The Honorable Paul A. Stamoulis, Charlotte County Supervisor of Elections



Like many of his staff, our Supervisor of Elections migrated from North to South, where he now calls Charlotte County home. The Hon. Paul A. Stamoulis was born in New York City, NY in 1952. He moved to New Jersey at the age of ten. In 1975 he graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree from Rutgers University, New Brunswick, NJ. Paul attended Drake University School of Law, in Des Moines, Iowa. Upon graduation in 1983, he took and passed the bar exam in three states, Iowa, New Jersey and Florida. He practiced law for 22 years in New Jersey including appointment as a Municipal Court Judge in Hazlet, NJ for two 3-year terms. The Judge's in-laws moved to Port Charlotte in 1975. In 1976 they purchased The Bay Vista restaurant in Englewood. It was during this time that he developed a passion for Charlotte County.

Among his accomplishments, Paul is a former Director of the Punta Gorda Historical Society, Charlotte County Historical Society, Cultural Center of Charlotte County, and the Englewood Gardens Homeowner's Association. Other endeavors include being a "Proud Supporter" event coordinator for the Wounded Warrior Project, a Sunday School Teacher, and a "Big Brother" in the Suncoast Big Brothers/Big Sisters program. He is a member of the Chambers of Commerce of Charlotte County, Punta Gorda and Englewood, the Charlotte County, Punta Gorda and Lemon Bay Historical Societies, the South Manasota Key Association, the East Englewood Homeowner's Association, the Lemon Bay Conservancy, and the Veterans Motor Car Club of America. He is a graduate of the Charlotte County Sheriff's Department Citizen's Police Academy.

Our Supervisor is a member of the Florida State Association of Supervisors of Elections (FSASE) and has served on its Bylaws and Advertising Committees, State Legislative Committee and the Voting Center Task Force which is studying their implementation as a means of saving money. On February 22, 2011 our Supervisor received "Special Qualifications" status through certification by the Division of Elections, after attending 12 regional certification classes, passing a written exam, and conducting two successful elections. He has been granted Level I, Level II, & Level III certification by the Florida State Association of Supervisors of Elections and in 2013 was recognized as a "Master Florida Certified Election Professional" (MFCEP), the highest certification bestowed by that organization. In 2018, the Charlotte SOE website was recognized as one of the "Top Five" in Florida by the MFCEP program of FSASE. Paul has also been involved in the Ad Hoc Committee to Incorporate Englewood. He has served as a guest speaker on the subject of municipal incorporation before the "Leadership Englewood" program in 2008 and 2009. Also in 2009, he was awarded the Charlotte County Public School's "Outstanding Mentoring" award for his creation of the "Great American Comeback" School Outreach Program.

Forum Meeting

Wednesday, April 10, 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

Spring Salad Mix with
Ranch Dressing

Baked Ham

Mashed Sweet Potatoes

Fresh Vegetables

Bread & Butter

Cookies

Coffee • Iced Tea • Decaf

Members: \$20 • Guests: \$22

For reservations, please contact:

Trish Rusca

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

email:

peacerverforum@gmail.com

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LUNCHEON CANCELLATIONS

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INFORMATION CHANGES

If you have a change of name, address, telephone or email address, please call: 941-916-7224 or email:

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The Minutes

The March 13, 2019 meeting of the Peace River Federated Republican Women's Forum was held at The Isles Yacht Club in Punta Gorda, Fl. The meeting was called to order by President, Debbie Harrington at 12:03 p.m. Debbie Harrington provided the invocation and Shaune Freeland, Vice President led the group with the Pledge of Allegiance. The Treasurer's Report was filed as approved. The February minutes were approved as presented.

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

Dignitaries Present: Jae Williams, Legislative Assistant; Cynthia Beckett, District Aide; Kim Amontree, Charlotte County School Board, District 2; Nancy Prafke, Punta Gorda City Council, District 5 and City Mayor; Deborah McMullen, Republican State

Committeewoman; Kathleen Coppola, Charlotte County Airport Authority, District 4; Ken Doherty, Charlotte County Commission, District 1; Gene Murtha, President of The Charlotte County Republican Club; Jaha Cummings, Punta Gorda City Council, District 1.

Guests Present: Harry and Jodi Goldstein, John and Jan Doner, Adaline Stacyk, and Laurette Russell Grant.

New Members: Peg Love and Jaha Cummings

Announcements: Please be considerate of our reservation deadlines and call in or email your RSVP prior to the final deadline, which is Friday at noon prior to our meeting. Consider making a standing reservation, which eliminates the need to RSVP unless you will not be able to attend. The Forum Directory is in pre-production. Businesses and individuals can buy ads for our directory online through PayPal. They are \$50 for a half-

page or \$10 for a name listing. Please support the Forum with this project.

Annual dues are due today. If you pay at a later time, there is no guarantee of being in the membership directory. Payments can be made online or by check. See our Membership Chair Christine Lee or any officer or Executive Committee Member if you need a membership form. They are also on our website: www.peacriverforum.com.

Program: Our February speaker was Eric Golub who is a conservative Jewish comedian, speaker, author and columnist. Eric gave us an enthusiastic program on how to handle "the other side."

The meeting was adjourned at 1:00 p.m. March 13, 2019 is our next meeting; the speaker will be Paul Stamoulis.

Respectfully submitted,
Monica Woodmansee
Secretary

Treasurer's Report

PRFRWF Check Register Balance (01/31/19) **\$6,492.50**

Receipts:

Luncheon income 722.02
Membership 385.00
Directory ads 220.00

Total receipts \$1,327.02

Disbursements:

Luncheon (with \$75 projector charge) -860.35
FFRW -655.00

Total disbursements -1,515.35

PRFRWF Check Register Balance (02/28/19) **\$6,304.17**

Petty cash on hand 100.00

PRFRWF Balance (02/28/19) **\$6,404.17**



President **Debbie Harrington** and March's speaker **Eric Golub**.

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