



The Forum

June 2019

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PEACE RIVER FEDERATED REPUBLICAN WOMEN'S FORUM

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

June Speaker: Horatio Mihet, Esq., Vice President of Legal Affairs and Chief Litigation Counsel with Liberty Counsel



Horatio (Harry) Mihet is Vice President of Legal Affairs and Chief Litigation Counsel with Liberty Counsel, an international nonprofit litigation, education, and policy organization dedicated to advancing religious freedom, the sanctity of life, and the family. With offices in Florida, Virginia, Washington, D.C., and a presence in Israel, Liberty Counsel has hundreds of advocates around the world.

Harry grew up in communist Romania, where his father pastored seventeen, mostly underground churches. Harry and his entire family suffered great persecution. At the age of 12, Harry participated in the Christmas Revolution of 1989, when a spiritually starved nation rose up and overthrew the oppressive Communist regime. Shortly thereafter, through a series of miracles, God brought Harry's family to the United States.

Harry received his undergraduate degrees in Political Science and Criminology from the University of Florida. In 2002 he graduated *magna cum laude* from Duke University School of Law and spent the first 6 years of his legal career working for two of the largest law firms in the country, defending America's largest companies. Harry joined Liberty Counsel in 2008, after sensing God's call to defend our most cherished freedoms. Since then, Harry has participated in many critical issues, including the defense of pro-life Americans facing frivolous lawsuits by the Department of Justice; the defense of high school administrators charged with criminal contempt for the crime of "praying"; and the defense of Rowan County, Kentucky, clerk Kim Davis, who was jailed because of her conscience and religious beliefs regarding marriage.

Harry has appeared on countless national television outlets, including CNN, Fox News, CBS, NBC, ABC, as well as numerous radio programs. Harry and his wife, Tammie raise their two young boys in Florida.

2019 Peace River Forum Directory Changes

All members have received the new directories. However, mistakes happen and I apologize. If your addresses and/or phone number(s) is incorrect or has changed, please contact me and I will notify all members and the treasurer. Below is another change.

Cara Reynold's phone number is: **941-313-0998**

Sally Lightbourn

Forum Meeting

Wednesday, June 12, 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 Ranch Dressing

Chicken Cordon Bleu & Sauce

Oven-Roasted Potatoes

Fresh Vegetables

Bread & Butter

Cookies

Coffee • Iced Tea • Decaf

Members: \$20 • Guests: \$22

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR MAKING RESERVATIONS THIS MONTH

Betty Fernandez will be taking reservations for the June meeting.

- Please call her at 941-380-7447 or email her at: barcinobetty@centurylink.net
- Please pay **ONLY** by cash or check at the door.
- Please **do not use paypal** for the June meeting.

The Minutes

The May 8, 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 12:01 PM. President, Debbie Harrington provided the invocation and Parliamentarian Pat Ferrari led the group with the Pledge of Allegiance. The Treasurer's report was filed as approved. The March 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: Amira Fox, Florida State Attorney; Michael Grant, State Representative, Dist. 75; Jae Williams, Legislative Assistant; Paul Stamolis, CC Supervisor of Elections; Vickie Potts, CC Tax Collector; Paul Polk, CC Property Appraiser; Kathleen Coppola, CC Airport Authority, Dist. 4; Lynne Matthews, Punta Gorda City Council, Dist. 4; Nancy Prafke, Punta Gorda, City Council, Dist. 5 and City Mayor.

Guests Present: Jennifer Coppola, Rachel Keesling, Pattie Allen, Jennifer Monger-Gogal. *Guests Missed from April Forum minutes:* David Lane, Dan Ravallo, Stacy Minnensone, Michelle, DiBerardino, Lisa O'Connor.

New Member: Joan Ryan

Business: Membership directories have been distributed. If you have renewed your membership and have not received your directory, please see Christine Lee. Debbie Harrington thanked all of sponsors and those who contributed toward the expense of publishing the directory.

Announcements: Per our monthly newsletter, we are emphasizing the need for making and cancelling reservations promptly according to stated deadlines. Please be considerate of our Reservations Chair and call in/email your RSVP prior to the final deadline, which is the Friday at noon prior to the meeting. Consider making a "standing reservation," which eliminates the need to RSVP unless you will not be attending.

Program: Shaune Freeland introduced of speaker, Michael Grant, State Representative, to provide us with a legislative update.

June 12, 2019 is our next meeting and the program will be provided by speaker Harry Mihet, Attorney from the Liberty Council. Don't miss this one because Harry is an amazing speaker, and his last visit here was 10 years ago.

Respectfully submitted,
Monica Woodmansee, *Secretary*

New Members

(since the printing of the 2019 Directory)

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Treasurer's Report

PRFRWF Check Register Balance (03/31/19) **\$6,778.11**

Receipts:

Luncheon income 852.41
Membership 135.00
Directory sponsor 150.00

Total receipts \$1,137.41

Disbursements:

Luncheon -900.11
FFRW -285.00
Directory printing -192.60
Phone -28.15

Total disbursements -1,405.86

PRFRWF Check Register Balance (04/30/19) **\$6,509.66**

Petty cash on hand 100.00

PRFRWF Balance (04/30/19) **\$6,609.66**



*Past and Present Florida House Representatives:
Ken Roberson, Lindsay Harrington and
May's speaker Mike Grant.*

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