

MINUTES OF MEETING
ST JOHNS COUNTY CIVIC ASSOCIATION ROUNDTABLE
May 13, 2013

Meeting was called to order by President Rick Lofgren at 9:00 am.
The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted.
The Treasurer reported a balance of \$2464.67.

There was a motion to donate \$350 on behalf of Kathy Brown to Council on Aging. Motion made by by Jim McLane 2nd by Doug Worth.

Speaker Congressman Ron DeSantis, Florida 6th Congressional District, U.S. House of representatives.

The following biography of the Congressman was read.

On January 3, 2013, Ron DeSantis was sworn in as a member of the U.S. House of Representatives as the federal representative for Florida's sixth congressional district, which encompasses St. Johns and Flagler counties, as well as large portions of Volusia and Putnam counties.

A native Floridian with blue collar roots, Ron worked his way through Yale University, where he earned a bachelor of arts, magna cum laude, and was the captain of the varsity baseball team. He also graduated with honors from Harvard Law School.

While at Harvard, Ron earned a commission in the United States Navy as a JAG officer. During his active duty service, he served as a military prosecutor, supported operations at the terrorist detention center in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba and deployed to Iraq during the 2007 troop surge as an advisor to a U.S. Navy SEAL commander in support of the SEAL mission in Iraq. His military awards include the Bronze Star Medal (meritorious service) and the Iraq Campaign Medal.

He has also served as a federal prosecutor, prosecuting a wide range of cases involving offenses such as child exploitation, fraud, and interference with military air navigation. He has written on constitutional first principles in various outlets and in his book, Dreams From Our Founding Fathers: First Principles in the Age of Obama.

Ron lives in Ponte Vedra Beach, FL with his wife, Casey Black DeSantis, an Emmy award-winning television host. He is currently an officer in the U.S. Navy reserve.

The Congressman spoke on a variety of subjects, ie. the current issue of the IRS targeting conservative groups during the 2012 elections; the Healthcare Act, 2500 pages a great deal of which has nothing to do with health care; Internet Sales Tax issues; accountability of the executive branch; the issue that Congress shall not exempt themselves from the laws of the land, yet they have done so repeatedly, especially as regards health care; discussed Resolution 615 which would end Pensions for Congress; immigration; foreign aide. Questions followed, The Congressman was asked why he voted against hurricane Sandy relief? He pointed out that almost \$60 million dollars of tat bill was just "pork" having nothing to do with relief.

The Congressman encouraged those present to contact him on issues of concern. He wants to be connected to his constituents.

Other Business;

Linda Arnold asked for some assistance with attending County Budget hearings.

No other business

Meeting adjourned at 11:00 AM

Minutes prepared by Tony Bosco

