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## RANDOLPH G. RUSSELL

Author, "American History in No Time"

Randolph G. Russell will speak about the state of American history and civics literacy in the country. He is the author of American History in No Time, a quick and easy way for anyone to learn the basics – in just one sitting. It is also the perfect refresher and a great way for parents and grandparents to ensure that their families have a solid foundation. The book is geared to a general audience, but has been used at a number of colleges, including the University of Central Florida, Eastern Florida State College, and Palm Beach State College.

In addition to his expertise in American history, Mr. Russell is an accomplished musician who has played in Europe, toured the U.S. with a Broadway musical, appeared at the New York Jazz Festival, and performed with Tony Bennett, Burt Bacharach, Lou Rawls, and Billy Crystal. He concludes his presentation by playing "America the Beautiful" on the saxophone. In business, he held a number of financial management positions with companies in Florida and Georgia. A native Floridian, Russell holds degrees from the University of Miami and the University of Florida.

# THE MAHOUT

## The Keeper and Driver of the Elephant

SEPTEMBER 2016

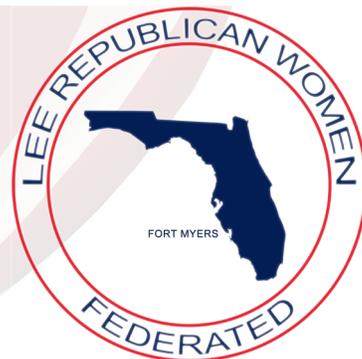
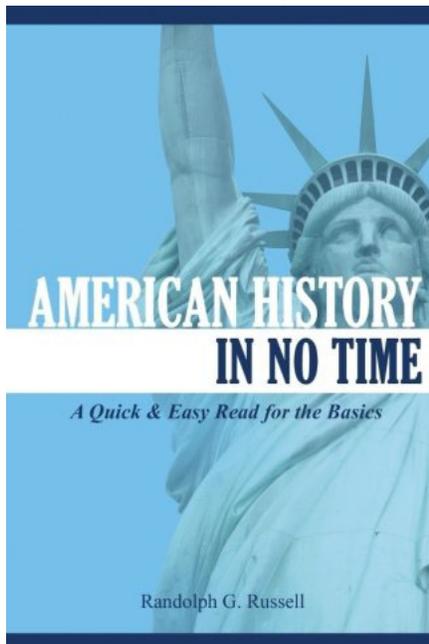
*Strong Women  
for a Strong America*

**VICTORY OFFICE  
IS NOW OPEN**

Monday - Saturday 9:00 AM - 9:00 PM.  
Sunday 12:00 PM - 6:00 PM  
7910 Summerlin Lakes Dr.



Randolph Russell  
Author, "American History in No Time"



## QUOTE OF THE MONTH

*"A liberal's paradise would be a place where everybody has guaranteed employment, free comprehensive healthcare, free education, free food, free housing, free clothing, free utilities, and only law enforcement has guns. And, believe it or not, such a place does indeed already exist: It's called Prison." Sheriff Joe Arpaio*

## LRWF MONTHLY MEETING

Meet with us on Monday, September 12th, at the beautiful Pincher's Restaurant, The Marina at EdC Ford, 2360 W. 1st St., Fort Myers. At this meeting we The speaker will be Randolph Russell, author of "American History in no time" speaking on American Heritage. While we are eating Heather Fitzenhagen will speak to us on four ballot initiatives.

There are three menu choices: **Greek salad with Grilled Chicken** (Mixed greens, cucumber, tomatoes, olives, red onion, feta cheese with Greek dressing) and rolls, **Turkey Club Wrap** (Turkey, Bacon, Avocado, Lettuce, Tomato and Mayo) with chips and **Plain Caesar Salad** with dressings and toppings on the side. There will be a cookie for dessert.

This month, your lunch will be free if you donate \$22 or more to the candidate of your choice. Even though you may eat for free...you will still need to make a reservation.

Please remember the **deadline for reservations is Thursday September 8th at NOON. This is also the deadline for making a cancellation.**

- \$22 Inclusive or free with a donation to your favorite candidate
- 11:15 AM Social Time /Dinner and Program following
- **Reservation Deadline 9/8/16 by noon**

For reservations: Call Wren Morefield 270-210-1284 or email [wrenspet@hotmail.com](mailto:wrenspet@hotmail.com).

**To make a reservation online go to <https://squareup.com/store/lee-republican-women-federated-2>**

**Remember, a reservation made is a reservation paid!**  
**Everyone MUST check in at the**

**NEWSLETTER OF LEE REPUBLICAN WOMEN FEDERATED**

*Associated with the Florida Federation of Republican Women and the National Federation of Republican Women.*

## LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT



*Doris Cortese  
LRWF President*

Congratulations to the winners of the August 30th primary:  
Marco Rubio - running against a Democrat in November  
Francis Rooney - running against a Democrat in November  
Lizbeth Benacquisto - unopposed in November  
Larry Kiker - unopposed in November  
Frank Mann - unopposed in November  
Sharon Harrington and Tommy Doyle - will runoff in November  
Chris Quackenbush and Kathleen Morgan - will runoff in November  
Jeanne Dozier and Melissa Giavonelli will runoff in November  
Don Armstrong - running against a Democrat in November

We are now into the main event and it is imperative that we bring Lee County in for Donald Trump, Marco Rubio and Francis Rooney along with our local candidates!

It is up to all of you to do your part or we will be looking at Hillary in the White House and Patrick Murphy in the Senate. The future of our country depends on you. The Victory office at 7910 Summerlin Lake is open 7 days a week from now until November 8th.

You can work from the office or from your home contacting voters to ensure that they get out to vote. You are a vital part of what is happening in Lee County and I am counting on all of you to do your part.

WE MUST TAKE LEE COUNTY, THE STATE OF FLORIDA AND THE COUNTRY. THE FUTURE OF OUR COUNTRY IS AT STAKE. EITHER WE GO BACK TO THE CONSTITUTIONAL VALUES THAT OUR NATION WAS FOUNDED ON OR WE BECOME A SOCIALIST COUNTRY. THE CHOICE IS UP TO YOU!

Doris Cortese  
President,  
Lee Republican Women Federated  
Member at Large, Florida Federation of Republican Women

## MEMBER OF THE MONTH

Wren Morefield was born in Oklahoma, but lived in several states through her lifetime. She worked many different jobs through the years as a secretary, bookkeeper and business owner. Wren and her husband owned a boarding kennel and pet grooming business the last eleven years before she retired in 2009.

Wren has two daughters, one step son and four grandchildren.

Wren and her husband started visiting Florida in 2003. Each year they stayed longer and longer until three years ago when they purchased their home in Lehigh Acres.

Two of the things dear to Wren's heart are church and LRWF and she feels that we need to work together.

Wren joined LRWF three years ago and helped with Governor Scott's campaign. One year ago she was asked to help with reservations for our meetings. She is very honored and happy to be here.

Our thanks goes out to Wren for helping us to *"Paint the State Red!"*



*Wren Morefield  
LRWF Reservations Chairwoman  
Member of the Month*

## A MESSAGE FROM YOUR CAMPAIGN CHAIR

*By Kerri Tonkin*

Ladies and Gentlemen, this is the campaign chair, reminding you that our lunch meeting on September 12th at 11:30 AM will be a little different in the options given for payment. For the September meeting only, when you come in to pay for your lunch, instead of paying the club the \$22 dollars for your lunch, should you choose to, you will be able to write a check in the amount of lunch to a Republican candidate of your choice who is a member of our club. The LRWF will pay for your lunch and you will contribute to your chosen candidate. This is optional as you can simply pay for your lunch and not contribute to any candidate. I will have envelopes at the front desk with candidates names on them along with a list of who is running and for what office. If you eat for free, you will still need to make a reservation.

I would also like to remind candidates and volunteers alike to keep track of your hours worked on the various campaigns. There are forms on LRWF's web site under campaigns to help you with this or you can always see me after a meeting and I do have some already printed. **Thanks for all you are doing to help keep Florida RED!**

## MEMBERSHIP

*By Sharon Gibson, Membership Chair*

LRWF has 121 Full Members, 33 Associate Members, and 2 Student Members for a grand total of 156 Memberships!

### MEMBERSHIP ORIENTATION MEETING

*For all New Members since the October 2015 orientation or who may have missed that function...you are invited to attend.*

Monday, October 17, 2016 at 7 PM  
Home of Sharon Gibson, 14805 Calusa Palms Drive, Fort Myers

### THE THEME IS LRWF – WHO ARE THESE WOMEN & WHY ARE THEY INVOLVED

*(We will enjoy light refreshments, have a chance to socialize and hear from some of our LRWF Leaders.)*

#### NEW MEMBERS

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*Caroline Harrison  
1832-1892*

*Wife of President Benjamin Harrison*



"Let there be lights", said Mrs. Harrison when she came into the White House in 1888. And so there was. The new First Lady, with her own sparkling personality, had the mansion electrified. She was more than willing to bring the White House up to modern standards but within reason: she was not touching this new fad invention. She put a steward in charge of the on and off switches thereby keeping her and her family safe.

That solved, she put in new floors, new plumbing, and added more bathrooms. In 1889, she hosted the White House Christmas party featuring music and dancing with John Philip Sousa. Caroline loved to dance but dancing had not been part of the White House scene since 1845. Two years later, she introduced the first White House Christmas tree.

Her desire to add wings to the mansion was trounced by Congress so she settled on adding a gallery for the display of the First Ladies' china. She had an affinity for china especially those designed by her predecessors which she found discarded in a White House attic. She designed her own to include wheat and goldenrod signifying the abundance of America.

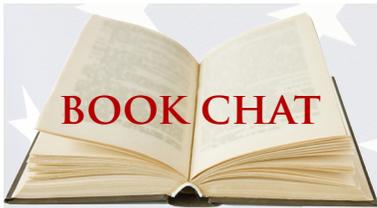
Mrs. Harrison was the second of five children born to John Witherspoon Scott, a Presbyterian minister and University of Miami, Ohio, professor and his wife, Mary Potts Neal, who taught home economics. An active abolitionist suspected of helping runaway slaves, Professor Scott left after a dispute with the University's president who was pro-slavery. He started his own girls' school, the Oxford Female Institute, from which Caroline was graduated in 1853 with a degree in music which she later taught along with painting and home economics.

Caroline met Benjamin Harrison at college where he was a law student. He was five feet six and she was five feet one. The two wed in 1883 when she was 21 and had two children, Russell and Mary. Harrison was the great grandson of Benjamin Harrison V, signer of the Declaration of Independence, and grandson of William Henry Harrison, aka "Old Tippecanoe", the ninth President of the United States. Harrison served in the Civil War as a colonel of the 70th Volunteer Indiana Infantry rising to the rank of Brigadier General having recruited over 1000 men. Like many during the war years, the Harrison's saw little of each other. Caroline returned to her parents' home to raise her children. She joined the Ladies Patriotic Society focusing on the nursing of wounded soldiers and participated in church activities for the cause.

Caroline's two outstanding accomplishments while First Lady included being elected in 1890 as the first president general of the newly formed Daughters of the American Revolution. Her interest in equal rights for women is clearly exhibited when she negotiated a speaking engagement with John Hopkins University. She responded to its invitation with an affirmative provided that it admit women. It did.

Caroline suffered from TB. She died in the White House in October of 1892 at the age of 60. Her service was held in the East Room. In 1896, the former President wed Mrs. Mary Scott Lord Dimmick, a widow who was his wife's niece and White House personal secretary. The couple had one child, Elizabeth, who was born in 1897. President Harrison died in 1901 and his second wife in 1947. Both are buried alongside Caroline in Crown Hill Cemetery, Indianapolis, Indiana.

Their son, Russell Benjamin Harrison, became inspector general of Santiago Territory, and provost martial of Puerto Rico. Their daughter, Mary, wed J. Robert McKee, founder and vice president of the General Electric Company.



Our next Book Chat will be on Wednesday, September 7. We will meet at the home of Mindy Moran from 2:00-4:00 PM. Our discussion will be about the movie, *Hillary's America* based on Dinesh D'Souza's book, *Stealing America*. The movie was released in mid July.

D'Souza ended up in prison for eight months for donating money to a friend's Senate campaign. The time he spent in prison, fundamentally transformed his view of his adopted country. He had seen America through the eyes of a grateful immigrant who became successful by applying and defending conservative principles. He argued against liberalism as though it were a genuine movement of ideas capable of being engaged and refuted. His exposure to the criminal underclass provided an eye-opening education in American realities. He learned that America is anything but fair and just. American liberalism is not a movement of ideas at all, but a series of scams and cons aimed at nothing less than stealing the entire wealth of the nation. This idea has built up over more than two centuries. Who are the leading figures in this ambitious scheme? They are none other than Barack Obama and Hillary Clinton. This pair of smooth-talking con artists, trained in the methods of Saul Alinsky, have taken his crude but effective political shakedown techniques to a level even he never dreamed of.

See the movie and come for a spirited discussion. It is a great opportunity to have conversation with like minded ladies. Please call Cheryl Harris or Mindy Moran for directions.

We will see you September 7th.

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### FIVE OUTRAGEOUS STATEMENTS CLINTON MADE TO THE FBI

1. She cited her 2012 concussion as the reason that she cannot remember details of briefings during her "transition out of office."
2. She said she never even thought whether emails she exchanged on a future U.S. drone attack should be classified.
3. She said she thought the "C" before a paragraph indicated alphabetical order. The C actually stands for "classified."
4. She said no one ever raised concerns to her about her use of a private email server.
5. She said she could not recall any training on how to handle classified information.



Do you know Edward "Ed" Mezvinsky, born January 17, 1937? If not, you should! Beginning in the early 1990s, Mezvinsky used a wide variety of **419 scams** to take money from ordinary people. According to a federal prosecutor, Mezvinsky coned people using "just about every different kind of African-based scam we've ever seen." The scams promised that the victims would receive large profits, but first a small down payment was required. To enable him to con his victims to raise the funds needed to front the money for the fraudulent investment schemes, Mezvinsky tapped his network of former political contacts, **dropping the name of the Clinton family** to convince unwitting victims.

In March 2001, Mezvinsky was indicted and later **pleaded guilty to 31 of 69 felony charges of bank fraud, mail fraud, and wire fraud**. Nearly **\$10 million was involved in the crimes**. Shortly after his indictment, he was diagnosed with bipolar disorder, but the judge at his trial disallowed a mental illness defense. He entered prison in February 2003, and served his time at the Federal Prison Camp, Eglin. Mezvinsky was released in April 2008, after 5 years. He remained on federal probation until 2011, and as of 2010 **still owed \$9.4 million in restitution to his victims.**

You say...so what? There are lots of crooks in the world and many would love to drop the name of Clinton. What does that mean? Well, it means a lot in this case. Ed's son, Marc Mezvinsky married Chelsea Clinton in 2010. They are now one big happy family...the Clintons and the Mezvinskys.

I'm not sure how anyone in this country can think that all of the Clinton scandals along with this breeding of a whole new generation of criminals can possibly produce anything but a corrupt presidency. For some reason though, people are falling for all of this. Marc and Chelsea are going to raise their children up in the same way that they were raised up...witnessing corruption as a way of life and normal.

When things don't make sense in this world, I can't help but go back to my Christian roots while pondering on these non-sensical happenings. Why are so many being fooled? It makes me wonder...WHAT ARE WE FIGHTING?

The Christian answer is in Ephesians 6 where it says "For we are not fighting against people made of flesh and blood, but against the evil rulers and authorities of the unseen world, against those mighty powers of darkness who rule this world, and against wicked spirits in the heavenly realms." What this means is that it doesn't make sense, because we are fighting something bigger than we are. It is a spiritual battle that can only be conquered through faith, knowledge of God's Word and fervent prayer.

I am not going to pretend that everyone that reads this is a Christian, *but this is my opinion*. You can bet against the scriptures if you wish, but I wouldn't recommend it. We, as a nation, need to humble ourselves and pray. Pray as though the whole world is depending on our prayers being heard.

# Legislative UPDATE

By Jeanne Dosier

Many of you asked me to provide some information about the amendment that was on the August 30th primary ballot. So let's talk about the constitutional amendment that would give commercial property owners a tax break on renewable-energy devices similar to one given to residential property owners.

Sen. Jeff Brandes, R-St. Petersburg, said having the proposal on the Aug. 30 primary ballot would have given voters more time to review it, as the November general-election ballot also will include other state amendments and local issues.

Senator Brandes, Rep. Ray Rodrigues, R-Estero, and Rep. Lori Berman, D-Lantana, announced that they would launch an effort to travel the state to build support for the proposal (HJR 193), which was approved without opposition by the Legislature. Gov. Rick Scott on March 25 signed an accompanying measure (HB 195) that was needed to put the proposal on the primary ballot.

Since it was approved by voters, the proposal will exempt the assessed value of solar and renewable energy devices installed on commercial and industrial property. The proposal will expand for 20 years an exemption that is already provided to residential property owners.

On the other hand, people will not start paying attention to the November ballot until the fall. And the utility backed initiative (Consumers for Smart Solar) will have to compete with the intense noise of the presidential campaign."

The Consumers for Smart Solar proposal, backed by major utilities, would generally maintain the status quo in allowing Floridians with solar equipment on their property to sell energy to power. This amendment allows businesses property taxes to be reduced if they invest in sources to reduce energy. A yes vote will allow this reduction.

Regards,  
Jeanne S. Dosier



## CALLING ALL BUSINESSES

*The Lee Republican Women Federated Club is seeking vendors who would like to advertise their business in our monthly newsletter and be listed on our website. The benefit is that your ad will be distributed monthly to 500 people in our network. The cost of a yearly ad is \$125.00. If interested please contact Rosemary Lewis at 239-284-6477.*



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### FROM FFRW DISTRICT 7S REPRESENTATIVE CARMEN SALOMÉ

Great job on getting our Republicans through the August elections. Republican women made phone calls, walked neighborhoods, distributed candidate material, organized forums to inform voters and also gave financially to see our candidates through. The work is not over. We now need your **RED** shoes to help win the Whitehouse! Do you know there are women in your community that do not know about your club yet? Consider organizing a coffee hour in your precinct to get to know the other Republican women



*Carmen Salomé,  
FFRW District 7S  
Representative*

voters in your area. Collect their names and volunteer as a precinct team to make phone calls at the Victory Office or to walk the precinct to get the vote out! Consider also sponsoring the coffee and cookies at the next school PTA meeting, school team event or neighborhood community meeting. This is a great way to get your club noticed in the community and meet potential new members. If your club is organizing an event for October, please let me know. The NFRW bus "Rosie" is scheduled for Florida! Let get that bus here in SWF at your October event! Let me know the details.

Keep the energy up and let's win in November! **Paint the State Red!**

### THE INSIDE SCOOP ON MR. KHAN By Mary Snyder

Do you remember Mr. Khan? He's the Muslim that Trump supposedly insulted. You know... the one whose son gave his life for our country. His son is truly a hero. However, his father is not.

Information has now started coming out about Khan's background. Mr. Khan is an attorney. Do you know what he does in his law business? He earns a living by literally selling U.S. citizenships. He brings muslim immigrants to the United States through "a 'citizenship for sale' program in which a visa for a whole family can be bought for as little \$500,000," as is told by Jessica Vaughan, policy director for the Center for Immigration Studies, to the Washington Examiner.

Khan used to work for the law firm Hogan & Hartson in Washington, DC from 1998 to 2007. Hogan & Hartson became Hogan Lovells in 2010. Matthew Boyle from Breitbart says, "That firm did Hillary Clinton's taxes for years, starting when Khan still worked there." The law firm, as Breitbart News has demonstrated, is highly connected with the Clinton apparatus and with the Saudi government."

Now you know...the rest of the story!



### HELP TAKE BACK THE WHITEHOUSE!

*Call Kerri Tonkin at 907-321-0419  
or email [Kerri.tonkin@gmail.com](mailto:Kerri.tonkin@gmail.com)  
and ask her how you can get involved!*

*A VOTE FOR TRUMP = A Right for Life*

*A VOTE FOR TRUMP = A Right to Bear Arms*

*A VOTE FOR TRUMP = Secure Borders*

*A VOTE FOR TRUMP = More Jobs*

*A VOTE FOR TRUMP = Less Taxes*

*A VOTE FOR TRUMP = Less Big Government*

*A VOTE FOR TRUMP = Law & Order*

*A VOTE FOR TRUMP = Respect for Israel*

*A VOTE FOR TRUMP = Agressive attacks on Isis*

*A VOTE FOR TRUMP = A Conservative Supreme Court*

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THE PAST MONTH IN PICTURES  
AUGUST 2016



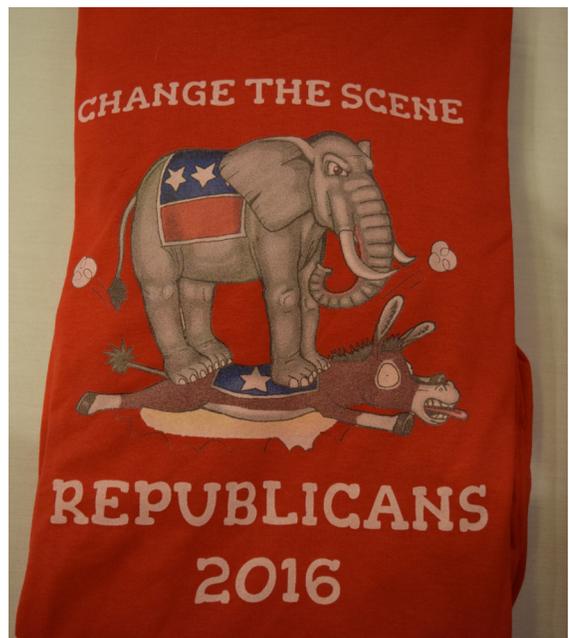
*Doris Cortese, our LRWF President calls the meeting to order!*



*Ken Dobson, candidate for Lee County Commissioner, District 5 talks to us about why he will make a good commissioner.*



*Kerri Tonkin, our 2nd Vice President and Campaign Chair introduces the School Board Candidates!*



*By the way, don't forget to buy your "Change the Scene" T-shirt and help support our Republican party!*



*Lori Fayhee, School Board Candidate, District 3*



*Chris Quackenbush, School Board Candidate, District 7*



*Jeanie Dozier, School Board Candidate, District 2*



*Kimberly Hurley, School Board Candidate, District 2*



*Cathleen Morgan, School Board Candidate,  
District 7*



*Melissa Giovannelli, School Board  
Candidate, District 2*



*Chris Patricca, School Board Candidate,  
District 3*



*Chris Quackenbush, left and Gina Petraglia Stoll right award our very first LRWF Scholarship  
to a very bright, engaging and wonderful Sophia Studer.  
Congratulations Sophie!*