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GLO SMITH

*Campaigns & Elections Chair,
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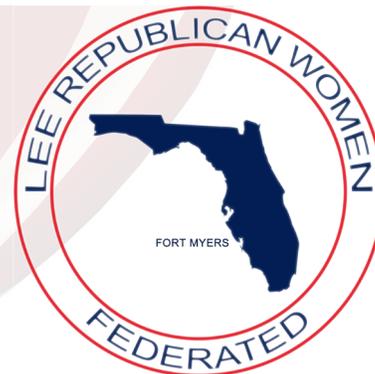
Glo Smith is a life long Republican because she knows first-hand that the conservative values and principals of the Republican Party work! Growing up in the poorest part of Jacksonville, Glo was no stranger to poverty as a child. For years, Glo's mother relied on government provisions and commodities to care for and feed her children. Regardless of the social and financial hardship, Glo was determined to succeed with the moral support of her family, friends and faith. She obtained a Master's of Business Administration degree from the University of Phoenix.

She is a former Florida Congressional candidate with over 30 years of public, social and entrepreneurship experience. Glo is a business and political consultant that speaks and trains nationally. Before running for office, she worked for Florida's Governor Rick Scott and Lieutenant Governor Jennifer Carroll. Prior to joining Lt. Governor Carroll's staff, Glo served as a supervisor for a Community Base Care Agency in Clay county where she led in developing the agency's policies and procedures for Florida's Child Welfare Prepaid Mental Health Program, and served as the project manager for the agency's resource and referral center in Green Cove Springs, Florida.

Glo works as an independent contractor with the Douglass Leadership Institute (DLInstitute.org), a national education and public policy non-profit organization. Glo serves as the 2016 Campaign and Election Chair for the Florida Federation of Republican Women, and as Florida's Spearhead Campaign Chair, for the National Federation of Republican Women. She is on the Board of Directors for The Black Republican Caucus of Florida. and founder of Minorities In Motion, a conservative alliance in N.E. Florida, and serves as the Clay county Coordinator for the Black Republican Council of Florida. She also serves on the Board of Directors for the Jacksonville Black Chamber of Commerce's (JBCC).

Previously, Glo owned and operated the first accredited family child care home in Jacksonville, Florida. She developed and taught the "How to Start a Child Care Business" curriculum in conjunction with the University of North Florida Small Business Resource Network. Other professional accomplishments include being a Mentor and Accreditation Observer for the National Association for Family Child Care, and a previous member and Family Child Care Coordinator for the Child Development Education Alliance.

Glo and Michael, her husband of 31 years have four children who are all very accomplished in their own lives and chosen careers. The family attends First Baptist Church in Jacksonville where they are involved in the Middle School ministry.



QUOTE OF THE MONTH

"My reading of history convinces me that most bad government results from too much government."

Thomas Jefferson

LRWF MONTHLY MEETING

Meet with us on Monday, May 9th, at the beautiful Pincher's Restaurant, The Marina at Edison Ford, 2360 W. 1st St., Fort Myers.

May's keynote speaker will be Glo Smith, Campaigns & Elections Chair of the Florida Federation of Republican Women. Glo will be talking about bringing new people into the voting process and her work with the Florida Federation.

The menu choices are Homemade Crab Salad on a Croissant with Chips or a Garden Salad with Grilled Chicken, Mixed Greens, and Candied Macadamia Nuts served with Banana Bread Croutons with House Dressing, Rolls and Chocolate Brownies. Please remember the **deadline for reservations is Thursday May 5th at noon**. This is also the deadline for making a cancellation.

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June's speaker will be Todd Wilcox, Candidate for the US Senate.

NEWSLETTER OF LEE REPUBLICAN WOMEN FEDERATED

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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT



*Doris Cortese
LRWF President*

Happy Spring!

For those of you that are going north, we will most certainly miss you and look forward to seeing you again in the fall. For those of us that are staying here in paradise, we will need to do double duty from now until the elections. We have a lot of Republican women that are seeking offices, and it is important that we do our part to help them become elected.

Now for the highlight of the year...the Lincoln Reagan Dinner, hosted by the Republican Executive Committee. This year it will be held at the Hyatt Coconut Point on Saturday, May 14th, and the keynote speaker will be Lieutenant Colonel and former House Member, Allen West. Please contact me as soon as possible for more information.

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

MEMBER CANDIDATE OF THE MONTH

Carmen Salomé has an MS degree in Management and over 15 years of experience working in various aspects of local government in Rochester, New York and Lee County Florida. Her experience includes Community Affairs, Human Resources, and Budget Analyst for the City of Rochester. For the past 10 years, Carmen has worked as an executive assistant for two Lee County Commissioners. Carmen has a thorough understanding of the inner workings of local government and is well known and respected by several local and state elected officials.

As a private citizen, Carmen has been involved in the community in several community initiatives. She serves as a citizen member of the Community Development Block Grant Committee and has served on Cape Coral Charter Review, Minority Affairs, Budget Review, and Police and Citizen Review board. Carmen was also on the News Press Editorial Board in 2015. As a volunteer with the Hispanic community, Carmen continually informs community leaders of important local government issues, opportunities, and events, engaging a segment of the community that may not otherwise be reached. Carmen was instrumental in beginning the GED tutoring ministry at her church in 2007 and was the GED Ministry team leader until December 2014.

Carmen has been involved in the local Republican party for over five years. She is a member of Lee Republican Executive Committee serving on the Strategic Planning Committee and in Outreach.

She was a member of Lee Republican Women Federated serving as Hospitality, Outreach, and then 2nd VP. Carmen is also the Florida Federation of Republican Women District Representative for Southwest Florida covering Hendry, Glades, Charlotte, Lee and Collier Counties.

Carmen is running for Lee County Supervisor of Elections because she wants to help make the voting experience better for our residents. "I love my community and want to help take our Elections operation to the next level. I bring strong leadership, new energy, and an unparalleled passion to serve."



*Carmen Salomé
Candidate, Supervisor of Elections*

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Lee County Commissioner District 3*



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MEMBERSHIP 2016

As of April 15th, we had 115 full members, 29 associate members, and 2 student members for a grand total of 146 membership. No applications were received since our last board meeting.

Today we are mailing into FFRW our roster of new/renewed full members since the January payment of dues. We are sending in 14 names of full members (\$210 in dues). The roster has also been emailed to Suzie Loving, state treasurer.

Due to my absence at the May general meeting (I will be in Ireland), Barbara Koeplinger has agreed to manage any prospective members in attendance by providing applications or brochures, answering questions.

At the April meeting, our membership committee members all wore pinwheel corsages so they could be recognized with membership questions or concerns.

We have a new email for Nona Nychyk. It is nona.nychyk@gmail.com.

Sharon Gibson
Membership Chair 2016

WANNA BE A DELEGATE?

By Jeanne Dozier

Unlike most years, the delegates to the national conventions may play a bigger role in the presidential nominations this year. In this article we will look at the nuts and bolts of the process.

Here's how it will unfold in the Sunshine State.

Florida will send 99 delegates to the Republican convention and 246 to the Democratic gathering in July. Beyond the three party leader delegates on the GOP side and 32 super delegates on the Democratic side, voters, candidates and the party all have a say in who will represent the state.

Following the March primary, Republican presidential candidates submitted lists of supporters to be considered for delegate slots. Aspiring GOP delegates can also file a form with the state party.

Between March 22 and June 3, Republicans in each of Florida's 27 congressional districts will caucus to choose three delegates a piece.

Tampa Bay's 12th, 13th and 14th district elections all take place April 16 in Clearwater. Miami-Dade's 23rd, 24th, 25th and 26th district elections all take place April 16 in Hialeah. Broward's 20th, 21st, and 22nd district elections take place April 9 in Boca Raton. The state's executive board will meet to elect the 10 at-large delegates.

All of the 99 delegates will be bound to Donald Trump, victor in the winner-take-all primary, through the third ballot. Aspiring Democratic delegates, meanwhile, must file with the state party before April 7. A month later, Democrats will caucus in all the congressional districts to elect district-level delegates. These delegates then elect the other members of their slate at the state convention in late May.

Based on the results of the primary, 141 delegates are pledged to Clinton compared with 73 for Sanders. So far Clinton has earned the backing of 23 superdelegates while just two, U.S. Rep. Alan Grayson and DNC Committeewoman Nancy Jacobson, are pledged to Sanders. Seven superdelegates remain uncommitted.

And there you have it. According to the Politicos newspaper.



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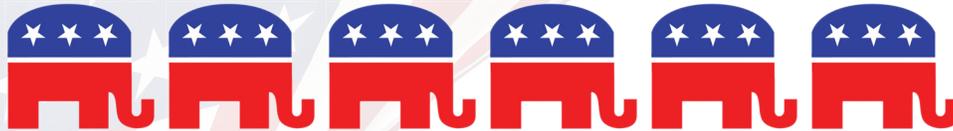
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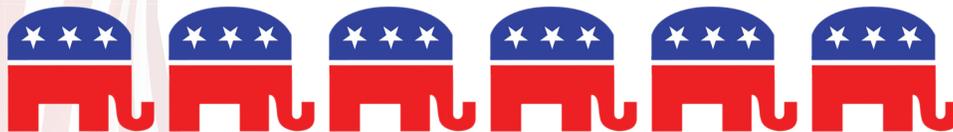
LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

By Jeanne Dozier

The session is over and now it is time that the work done by the Legislature goes to the Governor for his signature. Please click on the link below to view the current executive bill action report that notes every bill passed during the 2016 session and its current status.

<http://leerepublicanwomen.com/wp-content/uploads/2016/04/Current-Executive-Action-on-Passed-Bills-2016Session.docx>

There are a handful of bills that the Governor has not yet acted upon, however the education bill, which was waiting for the governor, was just recently acted on by the governor and was passed into law. Next month we will have an article on how that entire bill will affect public education. Also, an alimony bill was recently vetoed by the governor and will be brought back for consideration again next year. Currently, the Governor has signed every bill and only vetoed a handful of line items from the budget. Essentially, the Governor has declared victory and staked ownership to the results of the 2016 session even though his top three priorities (\$1 billion in mostly corporate tax cuts, \$250 million in economic development funds and the Seminole Compact) were all destroyed by the Legislature.



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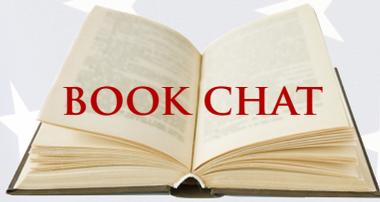
*Donna Clarke
Lee Memorial Hospital Board*



*Heather Fitzhagen
Florida House of Representatives*



*Mike Scott
Lee County Sheriff*



Come and join us on Wednesday, May 4th, to enjoy discussion with like-minded thinkers. We will meet at the home of Cheryl Harris from 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM. We will discuss Mark Levin's book, Plunder and Deceit.

In his book, Levin calls for a new civil rights movement that will foster liberty and prosperity and cease the exploitation of young people. He challenges young Americans to awaken to the cause of their own salvation, asking: will you succumb to a government that overwhelmingly acts without constitutional foundation - or will you stand in your own defense so that yours and future generations can live in freedom? This would be a great source of information to guide your children and grandchildren.

We will suspend Book Chat for the months of June, July and August. Our next meeting place and book will be named in August.

Please call or email Cheryl to confirm your attendance and get directions for this month's meeting. See you on May 4th.

Cheryl Harris, Book Chat Chair
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Mayor, Sanibel Island*

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Florida House of Representatives*



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Florida House of Representatives*



Americanism

By Pat Baldwin

MARY TODD LINCOLN, the first of the 18 Republican First Ladies, was born on December 13, 1818 in Lexington, Kentucky. She was the fourth child of Robert and Elizabeth Todd. Robert was a wealthy merchant and politician. The family was Presbyterian of Irish, Scottish and English heritage.

At eight, her mother died. Shortly after her death, her father remarried and added nine more children to his first seven.

Although Mary did not have a cordial relationship with her step-mother, she did benefit from an extensive education. She mastered French, and studied dance, drama, music, and deportment.

At 17, she moved to her sister's home in Springfield, Illinois, where she was courted by Stephen Douglas. That ended when a young lawyer, Abraham Lincoln, got her attention. She was a petite five-foot belle and he a six-foot-four tall drink of water. They both loved politics and literature and both were Whigs. (Lincoln would soon abandon this party because of its pro-slavery stand and join the newly founded Republican Party).

Lincoln had been seriously involved twice before. He and Mary also broke-up and then, a year later, resumed their relationship and became engaged. At the time of their nuptials, he was asked where he was going and he, reportedly, stated, "To hell, I suppose."

She was 21 and he was 29 when they wed on November 4, 1842. Nine months later, the couple had their first of four sons: Robert Todd Lincoln. Only Robert would outlive her.

In 1860, the Lincolns entered the White House. Although some of her siblings served in the Confederacy, and her father had been a slave holder, Mary was a staunch abolitionist. Like many families, she and her husband became estranged from many family members because of their politics.

She was wrongly criticized for lack of culture because she came from what was then considered the unruly West. She took her job as White House hostess seriously, and successfully incorporated the French coffee soirees into the Foggy Bottom scene. She was committed to visiting the hospitalized soldiers from both sides of the war.

Like many women, Mrs. Lincoln loved beautiful things especially clothes. Amazingly, high-end dresses of that era were marketed at a pricey \$2,000, and Mrs. Lincoln had many.

Mrs. Lincoln was a difficult woman. She took offense at Julia Grant for sitting next to her on a couch without first asking permission.

She was possessive of her husband and jealous of any attention he may have received from other women. She verbally abused a general's wife after Mr. Lincoln invited the general's wife to ride with him to view the troops. Mrs. Grant was present and tried to calm Mrs. Lincoln but to no avail.

Mrs. Lincoln's outrageous behavior may have been a reason why the Grants declined a theater invitation to see "Our American Cousin" at the Ford Theater. They were on their way to their home in Burlington, New Jersey, when they received word that Lincoln had been shot. Lincoln's death occurred just five days after Lee surrendered to Grant on April 9, 1865.

Following the death of Lincoln, Mary petitioned and won a pension from Congress which would, by today's standard, be \$56,000 per year.

Mrs. Lincoln suffered from migraines most of her life. Some think she may have been bi-polar. Certainly the tragedies she suffered would have caused severe depression. She lived in fear of poverty and once sewed her yearly pension money into the hems of her dresses. Robert, her son, committed her to an asylum because of her bizarre behavior, dependence on over-the-counter drugs containing alcohol and opium and a suicide attempt.

Released, she moved to France for four years. Her eyesight was hindered by cataracts. In 1879, she fell off a step ladder suffering a spinal injury. She later moved back to her sister's home in Springfield. She died at age 63 on July 16, 1882. She is buried alongside her husband in Springfield, Illinois.



Mary Todd Lincoln
First Republican First Lady

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WHY DOES OBAMA CALL ISIS 'ISIL'?

By Amil Imani (Taken from The American Thinker, December 10, 2015)

Many who closely follow the dueling Islamic terror narratives emanating from the White House are mystified by Mr. Obama's inability (or deliberate unwillingness) to utter the phrase "Islamic terrorists." Many are curious, too, about why he refuses to call ISIS "ISIS," steadfastly insisting instead that everybody in his administration call the terror group "ISIL." What's the difference, and why is it important? The agendas behind each diverge widely. In fact, the variance between the two is elephantine in scale.

ISIS stands for the "Islamic State in Iraq and Syria," a terror group controlling a large swath of both Iraq and Syria in which the terrorists claim to have established a "caliphate," a state in which Islamic sharia law is imposed upon all living in the area, anyone who fails to adhere to strict Muslim guidelines has his head removed. Obama's contrary assertions aside, ISIS is by no means contained. In fact, the savage group (which prefers to be called the "Islamic State" or "IS") has metastasized on maps like immense pools of blood covering the ancient borders that once divided parts of Syria and Iraq.

ISIL, Obama's preference, stands for the "Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant." According to glaphyridae.com, "[t]he Levant in its geographical sense comprises the following political entities: the west part of Syria, Lebanon, west part of Jordan, Palestine (West Bank and Gaza Strip), Israel and Sinai (Egypt)." Other sources claim that it also encompasses parts of Turkey. All of these states embrace Islam, with one very notable exception: Israel, our only "blood brother" ally in the region that all Islamic terrorists want gone, violently and forever.

That Obama uses ISIL in discussing the terrorists is extremely telling and chilling. To those of us who keep our fingers on the pulse of Middle Eastern geopolitics, the distinctions separating ISIS and ISIL are by no means meager. It's readily apparent that Obama considers both Israel and its prime minister, Benjamin Netanyahu, thorns in each of his sides. Since 2009, his atrociously dismissive treatment of Netanyahu has been highly embarrassing, shocking, and outrageous, especially to those of us who cherish our relationship with the Jewish state.

Israel has proven itself a tried and true friend since its return to its ancient homeland in 1948. Despite some disagreements between the U.S. and the Jewish state, no previous president has shown such a hideous and blatant disregard for Israel's head of state as has Obama. Nor has any previous president ever considered (to our knowledge) or suggested in a way bordering on insistence that Israel relinquish the land it now controls by contracting to its pre-1967 borders. Obama wants just that. Why? For Israel, a return to those boundaries would be suicidal, shrinking the country to a width of a very svelte nine miles and making it essentially indefensible.

Besides Israel, Jordan and the Kurds in Northern Iraq have been stalwart friends and allies. Jordan is one of the 65 countries Obama claims are actively "engaged" in taking ISIS/ISIL out. In reality, roughly 60 nations in that vaporous coalition are contributing little or nothing to the cause but allowing their country's names to appear on a meaningless list.

One exception, Jordan's King Abdullah II, is an eager participant in the war on ISIS. He traveled to Washington to ask Obama for more weapons so Jordan could better defend itself and play a larger role in the regional fight. In like manner, the Kurds, who constitute one of the fiercest fighting forces in the region, have been enormously supportive of the U.S., but they are fighting ISIS with guns from WWII. They too have requested contemporary weaponry. The plaintive requests from both have been ignored. Why were they rebuffed?

Some very suggestive hints can be snipped from the speeches Obama has given, especially in Muslim countries during his humiliating "Apology (we prefer 'Apostasy') Tour." This was where Obama fondly reminisced about his Muslim roots in Indonesia, where he and his mother moved with the latter's second husband, Lolo Soetero, who adopted Obama and renamed him "Barry Soetero." An examination of Barry's Indonesian school record (a form ubiquitous on the web) lists his "Citizenship" as "Indonesian," a country that did not allow dual citizenship when Soetero (Obama) lived in Indonesia, which means Barry had to have relinquished his U.S. passport. Finally, and significantly, his "Religion" is listed as "Islam."

When he became president, as he traveled through Muslim lands, he spoke wistfully of Islam. During multiple speeches he said "the holy Quran teaches" so many times we lost count, and he claimed that the Muslim call to prayer at dawn was "the prettiest sound on earth."

He was amazingly quick to support the Muslim Brotherhood-inspired Arab Spring by encouraging the overthrow of Hosni Mubarak in Egypt and endorsing Mohamed Morsi as the new Egyptian leader. Morsi was a high-ranking member of the Brotherhood, an insidious, duplicitous organization seeking to foment widespread adoption of sharia law and surreptitiously funnel funds to Islamic terror groups.

Taken together, all of this gets us closer to understanding why Obama refuses to call Islamic terrorists what they are. His use of ISIL could be a strong indication that he supports re-establishing Muslim rule and sharia law throughout the Levant, and good riddance to Israel.

The somewhat murky and contradictory understanding of which religious tenets Obama truly follows has caused some thorny questions to arise.

If he was a Muslim, when did he turn his back on Islam (his biological father's and stepfather's faith) and become a Christian? The answer may lie in a story appearing at the Washington Times website and at the Daily Caller.

The Washington Times reports, "Several people who know Barack Obama well perceive him as Muslim. Most remarkably, his half-sister, Maya Soetoro-Ng, has stated: 'My whole family was Muslim.' Her whole family, obviously includes her half-brother, Barack." The same article highlights some doubts about Obama's "Christian" conversion. His spiritual adviser, the Reverend Jeremiah Wright, was asked about how he helped Obama renounce Islam. Stunningly, however, Wright claims he's not sure Obama actually did convert from Islam. That, of course, is not proof he isn't a Christian, but it certainly raises eyebrows.

Edward Klein, who authored The Amateur, a book about Obama, told the Daily Caller that he interviewed Wright (and has him quoted on tape), who told Klein that he (Wright) "made it comfortable" for Obama to accept Christianity without having to renounce his "Islamic background."

We believe it's time to stop whispering about what much of the nation is thinking, but we leave it up to you to decide why Obama calls ISIS ISIL, why he can't bring himself to call Islamic terrorists what they are, and why he acts in a manner that supports Islam over Christianity at every opportunity.

OUR NEW BADGES

by Barbara Koeplinger
L.R.W.F. Hospitality Chair

We now have our new badges. These will not only have the person's name, but the person's title if they are board members or chair persons. (ie: President, Photographer, etc.) This will allow board members to be more easily identified by all members. The Hospitality Chair will print the names and insert them into the badges, so they can be different colors and fonts.

These new badges will be a step above what we previously had and will identify us clearly as LEE REPUBLICAN WOMEN FEDERATED. We haven't changed our badges since the beginning of our club over 30 years ago. The board voted on the badge pictured above and decided a 21st century look was in order.

Any new members will be able to order these badges. Any current members that have badges can order the new ones but are not required to do this. The price remains the same at \$11.

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CELEBRATING OUR 100 YEARS OF HISTORY

Lee Memorial Health System has begun celebrating 100 years of history! The Florida Senate and House issued proclamations recognizing the LMHS 100 year anniversary! At the April 28th board meeting they thanked our delegation and had a lovely reception attended by (pictured) Rep. Matt Caldwell, Rep. Heather Fitzenhagan, Rep. Kathleen Passidomo, Sen. Lizbeth Benaquisto and Retiring Sen. Garrett Richter. Accepting the framed proclamations are CEO Jim Nathan and Board Chair Sandy Cohen. Also in attendance was Rep Matt Hudson, Commissioner Cecil Pendergrast and staff from the offices of US Senator Marco Rubio, US Rep. Curt Clawson, US Sen. Bill Nelson and Rep. Ray Rodrigues. LMHS is another area where LRWF members have had an influence in our community. Donna Clarke and Therese Everly, both LRWF full members reside on the Lee Memorial Health System Board of Directors.

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**THE PAST MONTH IN PICTURES
APRIL 2016**



*Barb Koeplinger shows her loyalty to the Republican elephant while wearing her US flag sak purse!
Barb is "always" patriotically stylish!*



*Doris Cortese, LRWF President and many of our ladies are working together to help the new Republican Women of Cape Coral Federated to grow our Republican party and to reach out to women everywhere! How do we win in November?
Grow our party and "Paint the State Red!!!"*



Missi Lastra, former LRWF Board Member becomes the new President of RWCCF...reaching out to fulfill the goal of the state federation to form new clubs state wide to expand our influence throughout the state so that we can "Paint the State Red!"



Wally and Doris Cortese help Lizbeth Benacquisto "Paint the State Red" while attending Lizbeth's campaign fundraiser!



Doris Cortese sits in the front row at the LCREC meeting along with other LRWF members who participate in LCREC meetings ...all done to help "Paint the State Red!"



Dan Sinclair, Carmen Salomé and Tommy Doyle...all candidates for the Lee County Supervisor of Elections having a serious debate at our last LRWF meeting.



Our FFRW district rep and candidate for Lee County Supervisor of elections, Carmen Salomé with businessman Carlos Beruff...candidate for US Senate. Carlos briefly introduced himself and his platform.

